



ForeverGreen Trails

Connecting Pierce County Communities with Trails

Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 3:00-4:30 PM

Online Zoom meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 3:05 PM. All present introduced themselves.

Attending: Larry Leveen ED, ForeverGreen Trails; Fred Wert, Chair of Palouse to Cascades Trail Coalition & Principal at Rail Trail Planning Services; Will Leslie, Tahoma Audubon Society; Jennifer Dvorak, Individual Member; Roxanne Miles, Pierce County Parks; Kim Oman, Chambers Creek Foundation; Shayla Miles, ED of Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition; Chris Beale, City of Puyallup; Mary Dodsworth, City of Lakewood; Alan Carter Mortimer, WA Trails Association; Shawn Phelps, Individual Member; Eric Sachs, alternate for Metro Parks Tacoma; Shawn Jensen, Bruce Dees & Assoc.; Rob Buck, Individual Member; Dick Hayek, Individual Member; Bob Myrick, Tacoma WA Bicycle Club; Terry Reid, Individual Member; Brianne Blackburn, Pierce County Parks.

Agenda Approval

Bob Myrick: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roxanne Miles: Seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

2023-2024 Work Plan Feedback

Goal 1: None

Goal 2: Align WSDOT work with the South Pierce Multimodal Connectivity Study for a measurable product. Expand scope to include connections to adjacent counties and connect the Palouse to Cascades Trail to the Willapa Hills Trail.

Goal 3: None

Goal 4: None

Goal 5: Is there a tool or method to determine what mobility justice (e.g. access) is in terms of trails?

Goal 6: None

Workplan Feedback from Chat:

Lighting on the Tacoma to Puyallup trail is an important issue.

Region-wide trails development standards.

ForeverGreen Vision Statement:

All of Pierce County's communities are connected by a system of trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, and local pathways that provides for safe, convenient, non-motorized travel and recreation for all ages and abilities. Residents and visitors use, value, and care for this network because it contributes to their health, wellbeing, livability, and local economies.

ForeverGreen Mission Statement:

ForeverGreen Trails supports a system of trails throughout Pierce County, WA, via education, advocacy, promotion, collaboration, and stewardship.

Trails & Ales Topic Suggestions:

- SR 167 Corridor Study
- Trail maintenance (e.g. root damage, cleaning) best practices
- Standards for lighting, art, signage, benches (for our region)
- Use of mobility devices on trails

Jurisdiction Trail Projects & Plan Updates: None

Review Draft Budget

- No member feedback

Board Elections

FGT's membership structure was reviewed and the nominee slate was presented. Candidates on the slate were given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Bob Myrick: Nominated Will Leslie of Tahoma Audubon Society for a Nonprofit seat on the board.

Jennifer Dvorak: Self nominated for an Individual Member seat on the board.

Roxanne Miles moved adding Will and Jennifer to the slate of candidates.

Mary Dodsworth seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mary expressed excitement at seeing some new faces and with representation from across the county.

The slate was approved unanimously.

Membership Recruitment & Involvement

- Help us grow our membership: Larry asked everyone to help promote FGT and grow its membership. He is available to follow up on emails asking individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and jurisdictions to join.
- Volunteer on Conference and Development Committees: All members are welcome to serve on our two committees, not just board members.

Membership Q&A

- Any questions about FGT, what we do and how we do it?

Jennifer Dvorak asked when Board meetings are: Every other month (even months), with the Executive Committee meeting every month and empowered to act on behalf of the board. Orientation to follow.

Fred Wert promoted involvement in asking for full funding of WWRP this legislative session. Folks should get involved even if their jurisdiction/area is not slated to receive grant funds this cycle because it sets a good precedent for future biennia.

Other/Adjourn

- Larry reminded members to make sure you are subscribed to our newsletter & follow us on social media
- Our Giving Tuesday fund drive was promoted, and mention of membership renewals was mentioned.

Chris Beale moved to adjourn the meeting.

Bob Myrick seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 PM.