

**ForeverGreen Trails Board Meeting
Tacoma Nature Center
Meeting Notes for May 10, 2017**

In Attendance: Chris Beale (President), Bryan Bowden, Gary Cooper, Alan Carter Mortimer (Secretary), Bob Myrick, Shawn Phelps, Kurt Reuter, George Walk, Scott Hall – Interim Parks Director for Pierce County

Excused: Mary Dodsworth, Terry Reid (Vice President), Buzz Grant, Brianna Charbonnel, Jane Moore (Executive Director)

Guests: Heather Rawley,

President Chris Beale called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Introductions

Review and Approve Minutes -quorum not attained at beginning of meeting

Financial Update Executive Director Jane Moore – no report given – Jane on vacation

Executive Director Report no report given – Jane on vacation

Reports & Discussion

501c3 status – Delayed submittal – sent in 2nd week in May to allow for Jane to be able to address possible questions when she returns from vacation

Trails and Ales – May 17 at the Hub – Speakers are Tracey Swartout – Mt Rainier National Park, Kimberly Freeman – Pierce County Parks, and Alan Carter Mortimer – WTA.

Newsletter – Projected to go out May 31. Ideas for newsletter included a local trail of interest, Pierce County Trails Day (July 22), Chambers Creek Canyon trail project, and capital projects within the county.

Quarterly presentations to elected officials – Fixed message development.

Who we are – vision for regional trail network

Cover programs that are supported/sponsored/run by ForeverGreen

Regional trail maps for presentation

Present concept of Certified Trails Community (Arbor Day – Tree City model)

Local trail benefits including health, community and quality of life – highlight a trail in their community

Possible targets for first presentations Tacoma, Puyallup, Lakewood and Pierce County

Subcommittees – review who participated in each area at the January board meeting. Contact for further participation in subcommittees.

Education and Advocacy – Bryan

Communication and Outreach – Mary

Stewardship – Chris and Alan

Organizational – Terry

Certified Trails Community program –

New program for ForeverGreen. Similar to Arbor Day – Tree City USA

Five components for a community to become a certified trails community

- 1)Parks agency or local government adopts a resolution in support of Pierce County trails and regional trail system. We can help craft language
- 2)Pierce County trails day event – could be a sponsored walk or trail work party (Chambers Creek Canyon July 22 is a good example)
- 3)Adopt-a-trail program implemented in community. Increase in trail stewardship. Give them tools to implement program
- 4) Adopt and maintain local trail master plan. Often occurs as part of PROS plan.
- 5)Funding to trails annually.

Initial targets could be Puyallup, Lakewood, MetroParks Tacoma, or Pierce County

News, Updates, and Announcements

Terry, George and Buzz are participating in the Plateau Trails coalition. Includes the communities of Bonney Lake, Enumclaw and Lake Tapps.

Bike month is in full swing. Information available at BIKE253.com. Bike to work day May 18.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.