

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
April 13, 2011
Tacoma Metro Parks
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attended: Ernie Bay, Katrina Bloemsma, Davie Boe, Bryan Bowden, Brianna Charbonnel, Scott Gallacher, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, Lyle Quasim, Kendall Reid, David Seago, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introduction: ForeverGreen President David Seago called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

March Board Meeting Minutes:

- *Lyle motioned to approve the March board meeting minutes as presented. Kirk seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Budget and Finances:

- To date, the 2011 income is \$3435; 2011 expenses are \$73.02. The current balance is \$12310.68.
- The fundraising goal of \$3000 has been met. An additional \$3000 in match has also been provided, for a total amount of \$6000 raised from this effort.

Special Presentation:

- Bryan provided an update on the progress of the Open Space Task Force. The task force has been meeting monthly for over a year and is in the process of finalizing its report and recommendations to the Pierce County Executive and Pierce County Council (scheduled for May or June 2011).
- One of the priorities in the report is to create a permanent “Open Space Council” supported by an Open Space Coordinator at the Executive Office level.
- There are also recommendations from the various sub-committees, 10-Year Acquisition committee, and a strategy for putting an Open Space ballot measure before Pierce County voters.
- Discussion followed Bryan’s presentation.
- A copy of Bryan’s presentation will be included with the minutes.
- A copy of the prioritized trail list drafted last year with members of ForeverGreen, Tacoma Wheelmen, and the Foothills Trail Coalition will also be included with the minutes.

Director of Government Relations Report:

- Options are being developed for additional and/or improved park funding for Pierce County. The formation of a non-profit Pierce County Parks Foundation (PCPF) is being explored.
- The PCPF would be responsible for conducting a public opinion poll to assist with moving forward on placing a park funding option on a public ballot measure.
- The PCPF would also be responsible for raising the funds needed to include this issue on the ballot.
- The public opinion poll would ask questions about preferred funding mechanisms, and gauge the level of support for funding for parks, trails, and maintenance and operations.

Old Business

- The Schedule of Work Plan Activities was reviewed and updated. Kirk has made a presentation to the BPAC (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee). Ernie is pursuing news regarding extension of the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail to the Melroy Bridge and the Foothills-Riverwalk trail connection at 134th Ave. E.
- Kirk has also updated the Powerpoint presentation that has been developed for meetings with various groups. A paper copy was passed around for review and edits.

New Business

- The 2011 Pierce County Trails Conference Planning Committee met just prior to the start of the board meeting. November 9 was set as the tentative conference date; November 16 or 17 were selected as alternate dates. A number of possible venues were discussed; more follow up is needed before making a decision. Potential sponsors and keynote speakers were discussed. The format used for the last 2-3 conferences was desired for this year as well: opening presentation, breakout sessions, keynote presentation and trail awards with dinner. Ernie offered to investigate the Puyallup Activity Center as a possible conference venue. Board members were asked to think about people/businesses/organizations they know who could be approached for sponsorships. The Conference Planning Committee will meet again just prior to the May 11 board meeting (11 a.m.-12 p.m., downstairs boardroom, Metro Parks Tacoma).
- The Foothills Trail Coalition will put on their annual Rainier to Ruston relay event June 4, 2011. They are in need of volunteers to help with event logistics (e.g. water and hand-off stations, shuttles, etc.). Please contact John Downs if you can help: (360) 897-2617 or johndowns@juno.com.

News, Updates, and Announcements:

- Please send an email to Jayme with an accounting of your ForeverGreen time for the month of March. If possible, also include date and brief description of activity.

Information Sharing:

- Dave S. – Dave staffed a ForeverGreen table at the REI Cyclefest event on April 9 and gathered a list of names/contact info of people who are interested in trails throughout Pierce County. This would be a good contact list for invitations to the Trails Conference. Dave also reported that the Daffodil Classic was held on April 10. The turnout for this was decent, but not great. They didn't raise much money, but the good news was that they didn't lose money on the event.
- Ernie – Ernie and Jane passed out flyers for the April 30 Riverwalk event in Puyallup. Barbara has already volunteered to staff a ForeverGreen table at the event. Ernie has volunteered to help her.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.