

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting**  
**March 12, 2008**  
**Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Attended:** Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Skip Ferrucci, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, John Olson, and Barbara Skinner.

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon. President Ernie Bay opened the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- There were no changes or corrections to the February board meeting minutes.
- *Kirk motioned to approve the February board meeting minutes as written. Terry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

**Finances:**

- There was no treasurer's report.
- *Sales Tax Legislation* – Being granted the hearing in February was the goal for this year, and the bill will be reintroduced next year. After the current legislative session is over, Kirk will meet with Jim Kastama to formulate the next part of the strategy.

**Old Business:**

- *Membership* – Bob Carlson has given his resignation from the board. The meeting Kirk and Barbara had scheduled with the Lakewood city manager has been postponed. There were no other suggestions for new board members at this time.

**New Business:**

- *Pacific-Auburn-Sumner Trail Meeting Report* – Bryan recapped the meeting he and Jayme had on February 12 with Kurt Reuter (Fife Parks and Recreation Director), Ralph Dannenburg (Puyallup Parks and Recreation Director), and Dana Brown (Tacoma Non-Motorized Transportation Planner) to discuss trail connections between the three cities. He then reported on the February 25 meeting they had with Pacific, Sumner, and Auburn about the same thing. Pacific has acquired right-of-way along the original Interurban line to 8<sup>th</sup>/Stewart St. They will also be improving Stewart to the White River with sidewalks and bike lanes. Once over the White River, a separated trail will be built by Sumner, and will eventually link with the trailhead at Mama Stortini's. Both Pacific and Sumner need help writing grants for design, engineering, and construction of their trail sections. *Barbara moved that ForeverGreen should use its \$9,000 in grant money to assist Fife with trail route finding, and direct the grant writer at Pierce County Parks (who is partly funded by ForeverGreen) to work with Pacific and Sumner to write their grants. Terry seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.*
- *New Brochure* – Because the original ForeverGreen brochure is both out of print and in need of being updated, Kirk presented several drafts for comments. Changes to the brochure included going from a 4-fold 8.5 x 14 piece of paper to a 8.5 x 11 3-fold piece of paper. There were some new pictures, the new logo, and the updated trail map. Discussion, comments, and suggestions for the new brochure followed.

Kirk will make some edits, and provide a new draft and printing cost estimates at next month's board meeting.

- *Trails Advisory Committee Meeting* – The next TAC meeting is scheduled for April 30. A new chair will be elected. Other ideas for agenda items were solicited, including the following: update on the countywide trail plan underway at Pierce County Parks; ForeverGreen assistance to Fife, Sumner, and Pacific; update on sales tax legislation; planning for National Trails Day; feedback and suggestions for trails conference; trail recognition awards; and information sharing. Skip will see if the Lakewood Community Center is available for the meeting.
- *Other* – Jayme presented the interlocal agreement between the Valley Cities and ForeverGreen pledging to work together on the development of a coordinated regional trail system "...to connect from Lake Washington to the foothills of Mt. Rainier." Mayors and city managers of all the cities had signed the document; Ernie signed it on behalf of ForeverGreen. The board requested that copies of the signed agreement be sent to all the board members, and also submit an article about it to the next issue of the Foothills Coalition newsletter.

### **News, Updates, and Announcements:**

- *Ernie* – Announced that the Tacoma-Pierce Board of Health recently passed a "Complete the Streets" resolution. This was the first Board of Health in the country to pass such a resolution. Complete the Streets calls for new and retrofit road improvements to include accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists, not just motor vehicles.
- *Jane* – The Healthy Communities of Pierce County's (HC-PC) Policy and Environment committee is now supporting more trails in Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula. The group would like to hear a ForeverGreen presentation (Kirk) and a Cushman Trail presentation (Terry). HC-PC is also looking forward to planning a second community health summit, this time in eastern Pierce County.
- *Kirk* – Working now on updating the website and taking new photos of trails and trail users. He has been spending time recently in DuPont, which has a great example of a trail network in its planned community. He'd like to find a way to highlight the city's community trail system.
- *John* – The Cascade Land Conservancy is working on a P/TDR pilot program in Pierce County. He also wanted to discuss the parcel purchased in downtown Tacoma with Conservation Futures funds which is now in the middle of a tug-of-war between the Children's Museum who wants to use it for the new building, and recreationists and conservationists who object to it being used for anything other than open space. The issue has since become moot, since the Museum withdrew their proposal. Terry added that the P.C. Council was meeting to establish their position on matters like this should something similar arise in the future.
- *Skip* – He is reviewing a Scope of Work for the P.C. Regional Trail Plan, which will be done by MIG Consultants. A new wrinkle has come up with the South Prairie-Buckley section of the Foothills Trail. The bridges are a few feet short (in width) of the federal standards, and because this section is partially funded with federal dollars, the county needs to get a deviation before they can move forward. He is dedicating time to the Freighthouse Square trail hub study, the Cross Park and Rim Rock Park connections to the Tacoma-to-Mountain trail, and the Buckley-Enumclaw bridge over the White River.

- *Terry* – Working with Key Peninsula Metro Parks to support trail development. For example, he is objecting to the vacation of a public right-of-way on the Key Peninsula so that it can be reserved for a future trail corridor. He has upcoming meetings scheduled with Tacoma Public Utilities and Pierce County Parks regarding the Cushman Trail, and with the Dept. of Transportation and Peninsula Metro Parks regarding the Narrows Gate trailhead property. He is working on a proposal for trails to be included at the Tacoma Narrows Airport property. He is also participating in the Pierce County “Biggest Winner” weight loss challenge, and will bring ForeverGreen into the mix as a component to a healthy community.
- *Bryan* – The Historic Walking Tour map/guide for the five gateway communities of east Pierce County is done. Guides for all five cities are set to be printed soon. Boeing offered to print 10,000 each for all five cities, and Pierce County has contributed funds as well.
- *Barbara* – Wanted to know if anyone has heard from their local Rotary Club about the local community service project the clubs are gearing up for in April.

**Closing Comments:**

- There were no official closing comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.**