

Forever Green Council Board Monthly Meeting

October 9, 2013

Metropolitan Parks District Building

Attended by: Barbara Skinner, David Boe, Brianna Charbonnel, Ernie Bay, Bob Myrick, Shawn Phelps, Tony Tipton, Terry Lee, Diane Wiatr, George Walk, Gary Cooper, Kendall Reid, and Jane Moore.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 by President Barbara Skinner. Minutes of the July Board meeting were approved.

Financial update. Current balance is \$10,172. The Tacoma Wheelmen made a \$2500 donation. An individual made a \$500 donation and there is \$100 in sponsorship donations for the conference with additional donations expected from Pierce County Parks, MetroParks Tacoma, and the City of Tacoma.

Old business Barbara reviewed information provided by Robert Warren of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Jennifer Arnold and Brenda LeMay of the Puyallup Watershed Initiative.

The intent of the initiative is to bring together a broad, diverse, inclusive group within each Community of Interest and for the Russell Family Foundation to provide focused financial investment over at least a ten year period toward the Value recognized by that community. The Puyallup Watershed Initiative would provide an example of ways to improve the economic, social and environmental conditions in a particular area.

Jane pointed out that the Russell Family Foundation is willing to pay for staff time to develop the December 15 grant proposal.

Brianna talked about the working on the environmental education Community of Interest. Both she and Terry Lee expressed their enthusiasm about the grant opportunity.

Barbara asked for a sense of the group in relation to support for the application as a community of interest.

Kendall proposed that we commit to the December deadline Puyallup Watershed Initiative proposal and that we provide financial support for grant writing as necessary Shawn seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Election of officers Bryan Bowden was nominated to become an official board member and to serve as president by Ernie, Terry seconded. Motion passed and was amended to set a Jan.1 date to match Bryan's retirement from the Park Service. Shawn was nominated as vice present by Kendall and seconded by Ernie. The motion passed.

Kendall was nominated for secretary by David, Diane seconded. Motioned passed. Tim was nominated for treasurer by George, Gary seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements Gary reported that Colgate Park is in the design phase, with trails, including bike trails, as a priority.

Tony reported the extension of the trail between Shaw Road and the Puyallup trailhead, north of Pioneer.

Terry said that 8,000 people attended the Scarecrow Festival. There is a new indoor farmer's market. There were 40 vendors at the first Saturday. A new off leash dog park should be done by the end of the year.

The Cushman Trail will have two new segments going west, a connection to Harborview, funded by the Waterfront Alliance and the Rotary and an extension of the trail to the Tacoma Narrow's Bridge.

Jane was part of a group making recommendations to the PSRC for \$17 million worth of projects. The Prairie Line Trail looks to be the number 1 project.

Meeting adjourned 1:35 pm.