

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
March 14, 2007
Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Bryan Bowden, Jayme Gordon, Grant Griffin, Kirk Kirkland, Terry Lee, John Olson, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introduction: 12:15 p.m. The meeting began with round table introductions and sharing of information.

- Kirk: Kirk has drafted a trail plan at the request of county councilman Tim Farrell showing the estimated costs of building out the countywide trail system as currently shown on the books. Kirk also presented a draft of the ForeverGreen newsletter. He would like someone to volunteer to help him edit it. Barbara said she'd help with this issue. He wants to have a final draft ready to go out before the TAC meeting.
- Bryan: Initial figures out of the Tacoma-Elbe rail-with-trail feasibility study put the costs at \$100 million plus. Parametrix has been asked to look at alternatives that would revise the costs down to the \$60-\$70 million range.
- Grant: Working with FEMA to secure \$3-\$3.5 million to repair damage to the Gale Creek canyon section of trail. He's continuing to verify property ownership along the Foothills Trail and three landowners will soon be receiving a "last chance before condemnation" letter. An alternate route over the stream at the South Prairie fire station is being investigated. MIG Consultants have been hired to begin the comprehensive Pierce County Parks and Recreation plan.
- John: Handed out requests for ballots for the Pierce Conservation District's board member election. In response to questions at the February board meeting, John also handed out information about the Cascade Land Conservancy's legislation for the transfer of development rights (SB 5656/HB 1636) and rural village demonstration projects (SB 5852/HB 1998). John presented the CLC's organizational chart, which had color head shots for each employee.
- Terry: Terry shared that Strategies 360 is already lobbying Sen. Murray's office on our behalf for trail funding. Money to pay Strategies 360 will be included in an upcoming supplemental budget request. Terry will be going to D.C. in May and will try to work trails into his meetings when he can. He has had a meeting with Tacoma Power regarding a waterfront component of the Cushman Trail at the Narrows Bridge end, as well as conversations with WADOT regarding the 10-acre staging area they will surplus out after the bridge is built and which the county would like to acquire for a Cushman Trail trailhead.
- Jayme: Confirmation via Ernie that Bob Carlson does not want to be on the board any more, but Jan Wolcott does.

Approval of Minutes

- There were no changes to the February board meeting minutes. Grant motioned to approve the minutes as is, and Kirk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finances:

- An update on the Pierce Conservation District's legislation to raise their assessment ability was postponed because Monty was unable to attend the meeting.
- Grant reported that development of the business plan is on-going and the next meeting of the budget and finance committee is March 20, 3-4:30 p.m. at the downtown Tacoma Tully's.
- Kirk made a motion to divide the \$15,000 ForeverGreen is to receive from the Pierce County Council into two pots. The first \$10,000 will go towards the hiring of a grant writer to share with Pierce County Parks; the remaining \$5,000 will be used to fund Jayme's time to coordinate meetings between cities to plan missing links, facilitate interlocal agreements, etc. Discussion followed. Clarification was given that the grant writer will be under the supervision of Pierce County Parks. Also, the question was asked whether the grant writer's time will be divided proportionally based on how much funding is provided by ForeverGreen. The answer was that no, the time won't be divided on that basis. Rather, the use of the grant writer's time is project and/or outcome based. After the discussion, Terry seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Sales Tax Legislation:

- Kirk will provide an update at the next board meeting.

Annual Operating Cycle:

- A draft of the 2007 Annual Operating Cycle was reviewed. Suggestions were made to include the county, as well as the cities', budget schedule in our budget process (June). Another suggestion was to begin planning for board orientation in the month of November.
- Kirk motioned to adopt the 2007 Annual Operating Cycle with the changes described above. Terry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- The final 2007 Annual Operating Cycle is attached. Please review it to familiarize yourself with our year's schedule.

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting:

- The date for the TAC meeting is *Tuesday, April 3, 6-8 p.m. at the Puyallup library*. Board members are requested to attend.
- A draft agenda was discussed. The final, revised version will be sent out soon.

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- This discussion was tabled due to a lack of time to adequately address it.

Events:

- There are three upcoming events that ForeverGreen may be participating in: grand opening of the Chambers Bay golf course trail (May 5); grand opening of the Scott Pierson Trail (May 12); and National Trails Day/Rainier to Ruston relay race (June 2).
- Terry said that since he is already scheduled to speak at the May 5 event, he would use his time to also say some things about ForeverGreen. The organizers of the May 12 event will be approached about letting ForeverGreen have time for a short speech. There was concern about accepting the city of Tacoma's request to staff a

booth along the trail for the bike ride, because we don't have much of a display or any handouts to give away.

- Discussion centered around what the role of ForeverGreen could or should be at each of these events. Should we have a booth or try to get mike time to give a speech? If we have a booth, what kind of information or handouts can we have to draw people in?
- It was determined that the Events & Outreach Committee needs to reform to address these questions and plan ForeverGreen's participation in upcoming events. The first meeting of the E & O committee will be tagged onto the upcoming budget and finance committee meeting on March 20.
- ***Board members are needed for the Events & Outreach Committee!*** Please let Jayme know if you are interested in helping with this.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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