

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting**  
**May 11, 2011**  
**Tacoma Metro Parks**  
**12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Attended:** Ernie Bay, Davie Boe, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Jane Moore, Tim Payne, Lyle Quasim, and Barbara Skinner.

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon

**Open and Introduction:** ForeverGreen Board Member Jane Moore called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

**April Board Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Budget and Finances:**

- There has been no substantial change to ForeverGreen's account balance since last month. There is approximately \$12,000 in the account.
- 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.
- No contributions from any other entities have been received, although an invoice has been submitted to Tacoma Metro Parks. Discussion about past practice of invoicing other jurisdictions.

**Director of Government Relations Report:**

- Kirk is on vacation and there has been little in the way of government relations development.
- The Open Space Task Force is still working to finalize their report and recommendations to the County Council.

**Old Business**

- The conference planning committee met prior to the board meeting and spent most of the time discussing the venue options. The committee recommends UW-Tacoma for the conference venue, with the Puyallup Activity Center as a back up. The other venues considered were either too expensive or did not meet the conference needs as well as the UW or Puyallup Activity Center.
- Jayme played a powerpoint presentation developed by Kirk to be used by board members when conducting outreach or meeting with various groups. It is coming together well and Jayme will work on sending a few remaining edits and refinements to Kirk to incorporate into the final version. Those who will be giving the presentation also need to become familiar with it and board members need to pursue getting on various meeting agendas.
- The Schedule of Work Plan Activities was reviewed and updated. Jane has contacted the TPCHD regarding the Walking/Bicycle Guide. Board membership has been revised; Monty Mahan and John Olson gave Dave Seago official notice of their resignation. Nomination and solicitation of new members is scheduled to begin as soon as possible and be on-going. ForeverGreen is on the agenda for the City of Tacoma's Environment and Public Works Committee study session in June (David Boe is coordinating and will confirm). The Fife Parks

Department has not been contacted about trail connections between Fife and Tacoma; awaiting final report from Parametrix.

### **New Business**

- Board membership was discussed (see item above per resignations). New members need to be solicited and met with by the board development committee.
- Pierce County Public Works sent out a draft of the updated Pierce County Bike Map for review and comments.
- Bill Hinton is the new editor of the Foothills Trail Coalition's newsletter. Suggestion was made for ForeverGreen to submit a regular column, but no one volunteered or was designated for this job. Anyone interested in receiving the FHTC newsletter (either electronically or hard copy) can visit the Foothills' website for more information.

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

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

### **Information Sharing:**

- Ernie – County Councilman Dan Roach is one of several people assisting in efforts to finalize the Foothills Trail route through the Partin property in South Prairie. In Ernie's opinion, the configuration currently proposed is the best one to date. He is also helping facilitate the trail connection between Shaw Road and 134<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. in Puyallup.
- Barbara – Reported that the April 30 Riverwalk Event in Puyallup was bigger and better than last year's inaugural event. She had good conversations with attendees about ForeverGreen and there was good enthusiasm for trails. She recommends that ForeverGreen continue to participate. Barbara also reported that the city of Sumner has received a \$900,000 grant to develop a trail at the north end of the city that will connect with the trail coming south from Auburn.
- Tim – Would like to use some of ForeverGreen's display materials for a "Complete Streets" event in Kitsap County in June. He can coordinate with Jayme to get what he needs.
- Jane – Reminded everyone about the Fife Trail Awareness Day on May 14. Is anyone interested in staffing a ForeverGreen booth at this event?
- Jayme has recently informed the Executive Committee that she will be taking maternity leave at the end of the summer, with tentative plans to return part-time to the Pierce Conservation District in January. The Executive Committee will meet to strategize about the future of an Executive Director/Administrative role.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.**

**The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.**