

**ForeverGreen Trails Board Meeting
Metro Parks Tacoma
March 11, 2015 Meeting Notes**

In Attendance: Barbara Skinner, Bryan Bowden, Buzz Grant, Chris Beale, David Boe, Diane Wiatr, George Walk, Jane Moore, Shawn Phelps, Terry Lee
Guest: Don Partington

President Bryan Bowden called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. The February minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report Executive Director Jane Moore reported US Bank and GTCF balances, which are \$34,523.82 and \$8,962.43 respectively. Bryan mentioned that a fundraising letter will be sent out soon to individuals. We are waiting to hear if an anonymous donor will be matching grants like last year.

Short Term Goals – Status Reports.

Puyallup to Tacoma trail link – Bryan said he felt that interagency meetings have resulted in agreement on the concept of the connection. Bryan presented the alignment proposal, stepping through each element. David wants a caveat about an option for using either the Milroy Bridge or new Canyon Bridge. Diane suggested that the Eells Street Bridge be relabeled to the Puyallup River Bridge. Diane informed the Board that the Tacoma BPAC is going on a field trip this weekend to look at alternative routes to the existing Puyallup River bridges, given the delay in replacing those bridges.

Other points of agreement included the following:

- Clarify that the 20th St/Frank Albert route will be bike lanes/sidewalks
- Change “the” trail to “a” trail in points 2 and 3
- Add “Pierce County” to Public Works point 4
- Add a statement promoting the health component of connecting to the existing trail system (David)
- Look at compatibility with recently adopted County Shorelines Plan. (Chris). Diane suggested that we qualify by stating “as existing shorelines regulations allow”
- Include the 70th Ave/Canyon bridge at end of point 2 (George)
- Shawn will work with Jane to add reference to the Pierce County Trails Plan
- On the map, Shawn will have the North Levee trail described in point go all the way to 70th Ave
- Shawn will add Milroy Bridge label to map
- Based on comment from Buzz, Shawn will make the map look less busy by taking some of the elements out, like the colored roadways and mute the City boundary color

Shawn commented that Pierce County is committed to including a trail on the future Canyon/70th Ave Bridge over the Puyallup River. Shawn will revise the map and Jane will revise the proposal then work with Bryan and Shawn to finalize it for the next Board meeting.

Brochure – Chris is working on the brochure. He will coordinate with Shawn to use the latest trails map from Pierce County Parks.

Bike Month – “Bike to a Better Pierce County” is a new event that has been added on May 21st in Sumner. The Anderson Island ride is May 31. Diane mentioned that 2015 has been proclaimed by Tacoma as the “Year of the Bike”. She told the Board that the full Bike Month calendar will be available at next month’s meeting. The

UPS Bike Swap is on May 2nd. Chris mentioned that a new ride call “Peddle the Puyallup” has been added on May 16, with a ride along the Riverwalk Trail.

Planning/implementation active transportation components in agency plans – Chris informed the Board that a draft of the Puyallup Transportation Element will be released in May. Jane said that a draft of the Tacoma Transportation Master Plan is available and on the Web. Shawn mentioned that the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan draft is available, which includes elements for Transportation and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. Pierce County is currently holding a series of public hearings across the County.

Maintain public presence through participation in events/dissemination of information – Jane talked about the Sustainability Expo in Tacoma, which had about 1500 attendees. There was lots of interest in the ForeverGreen booth.

Diane mentioned that Alta Planning will be creating a map that shows existing and proposed trails as part of the Puyallup Watershed economic analysis study for trails. The map will likely be useful to ForeverGreen.

Bryan pointed out that National Trails Day is on June 6th. He suggested that a full page ad appear in Tacoma News Tribune. The Board decided an ad would be too costly. David recommended an op/ed piece instead, since it’s free. Diane proposed that Craig Hill be engaged about writing a story. The Board agreed that both ideas are worth pursuing. Dave Seago will be contacted to see if he would like to get involved.

News, Updates, and Announcements Terry mentioned that two more sections of the Cushman Trail will be complete this spring, taking it north to Borgen Boulevard. He said that a trailhead has been established for the Cushman/Scott Pierson at the dog park by the Narrows. A survey has been completed for the connection between the Cushman and Harborview Trails.

David presented a sketch of the proposed design for the ForeverGreen banner. The Board gave him the go ahead on his design.

Bryan adjourned the meeting at 1:28 pm.