

**ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting
Metro Parks Tacoma
October 8, 2014**

Brianna Charbonnel, Bryan Bowden, David Boe, Diane Wiatr, George Walk, Jane Moore, Kendall Reid, Shawn Phelps, Tony Tipton, Terry Lee, Buzz Grant

President Bryan Bowden called the meeting to order. George Walk moved approval of minutes, Tony seconded. After a request to incorporate the addendum from the special meeting and the addition that Pierce Country's recent grant request mentioned at the last meeting was for extending the Foothills Trail, the motion passed.

Financial Report Executive Director Jane Moore reported that there is \$10,092 in the bank account and all payments are current.

Executive Director's Report Jane reported she has provided testimony in favor of walking, bicycling and public transportation being taken into account in the design of the built environment at a Board of Health meeting, and that she attended a county council meeting in support of condemnation of land for the Foothills Trail. She noted that work on the new website is proceeding; she will be asking each board member to provide a picture and a short bio to be posted; we will not include contact information for board members. Diane feels we should use only Pierce County pictures; anyone with photos that might be used should send them to Jane.

She reported that the executive committee has suggested eliminating one meeting at the end of this year because the Trails Conference is upcoming. The Nov.12 meeting will provide an opportunity to get feedback on the Trails Conference and will be the last meeting of the year. The annual board retreat will be January 14 from noon until four. Brianna will see if Snake Lake is available for the retreat.

Election of officers Jane listed the approved slate: Bryan Bowden for president, Chis Beale as vice president, Shawn Phelps as secretary and Tim Payne as treasurer. David Boe moved the election of those listed, as new officers. Terry Lee seconded. The motion passed.

Trails Conference Oct. 29 conference starts at 4:30 with an agency panel. Bryan provided a preliminary list of panel speakers for the agency panel: Tony for Pierce Co., Doug Frazer for Metro Parks and Mike Dahlem from City of Sumner. In discussion the City of Tacoma was added, with either David or Diane as a speaker.

A question and answer session will be followed at 5:30 by a stewardship panel consisting of Bill Hilton from Friends of the Riverwalk, Ernie Bay from the Foothills Trail Courtesy Patrol and Kevin Bacher, volunteer coordinator at Mt. Rainier.

The second question and answer session will be followed by food and networking. At 8:00 Diane, Jane and Bryan will give a summary of their experience at the state trails conference. This will be followed by announcement of 2015 ForeverGreen officers, Brian's state of the trails presentation and the trails awards.

The categories for awards are event, place or project; lifetime achievement and achievement by a person, government or organization for this year. After discussion the following recipients were chosen:

Place or project: UWT's Tacoma Station portion of the Prairie Line Trail and City of Tacoma's 13 miles of bicycle and pedestrian improvements

Non-governmental organization Russell Family Foundation's Active Transportation COI.

Bryan reviewed the accomplishments and challenges that he will cover in his state of the trails presentation and solicited any addition projects to be mentioned.

Diane will look for a caterer. Bryan will send Buzz a request for trails conference sponsorship support from the Foothill Trails Coalition; Buzz will contact Foothills Coalition board members.

A meeting is planned for a follow-up of the discussion of the trail linkage between Tacoma and Puyallup. Andrew Stroebel, Transportation Planner for the Puyallup Tribal Council, believes that a significant increase in access to non-motorized transportation is of great interest to the Tribal Council and that the Council might take a leadership position in support of the Puyallup-Tacoma link trail. Andrew Stroebel, Tony, George, Bryan, Jane and Alisa O'Hanlon, City of Tacoma liaison with the Tribal Council, are expected to attend.

Jane, Bryan and Shawn will draft a letter to Kevin Dayton, Regional WSDOT administrator, requesting information about the River Road right of way and suggesting a conceptual road redesign that would use a Complete Streets approach.

The ForeverGreen Board should consider passing a resolution supporting a route along River Road. A draft will be presented for consideration next month.

Bryan adjourned the meeting at 1:29.