

Forever Green Council Board Monthly Meeting

October 11, 2012

Metropolitan Parks District Building

Attended by: Barbara Skinner, Jane Moore, Kirk Kirkland, Brianna Charbonnel, Ernie Bay, Bob Myrick, Shawn Phelps, Tony Tipton, Kendall Reid

Minutes taken by Kendall Reid

Meeting called to order at 12:12 by Vice President Barbara Skinner. The minutes of the September 13 Board meeting were approved with amendments.

Tony moved approval of disbursements to pay Executive Director for the quarter, 52.25 hours, \$2612.50. Shawn seconded. Motion approved. Tony moved we accept 2012 Statement of Activities, dated 10/9/2012. Kendall seconded. Motion approved.

The trails conference brought in significant funds. Both the keynote speaker and the panels were successful. PayPal registration wasn't dependable. An October date for the conference would avoid scheduling conflicts. Tony suggested that co-hosting the conference with another organization, such as the UW-T Urban Studies Dept. might work well.

The retreat will be Jan.9, room 103 in the Lakewood Center and will be an opportunity to consider FG's future. Jane will interview board members individually before the retreat on their ideas for FG's future.

Kirk believes either an individual or a committee should take on government relations. Kirk had the skills for the previous legislative work, but does not feel qualified to work skillfully with municipal governments.

The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation strongly suggests that we treat Jane as an employee to meet tax regulations.

Shawn discussed future opportunities for funding possible because of the Federal Transportation Funding Act. The emphasis is changing from recreation to commuting with an emphasis on non-motorized transportation as an alternative form of transportation.

The Parks Leadership Task Force has asked Councilman Talbert to respond to diminished funding. Assessment valuations have dropped and could possibly drop again next year. Parks and hospital districts are under a huge squeeze.

Tony reported that the interim Puyallup city manager is working on the River Walk/Foothills Trails connector. Puyallup has capital funds and grant money set aside for the project. The PSE route is preferred since it can be executed quickly. PSE will design pole placement to allow for a trail. Pierce County will encourage Puyallup to go forward with the project.

The Coalition for Active Transportation is meeting with public officials in support of Complete Streets. The City of Tacoma has created an Environment & Sustainability Department. The Mobility Officer will move to the new department.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.