

## **ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting**

### **December 13, 2012**

Attended by Jane Moore, Barbara Skinner, Ernie Bay, Brianna Charbonnel, Shawn Phelps, Kimberly Freeman, Chris Beale, Bob Myrick, Kendall Reid, Kate Whiting, Transportation Choices Coalition Field Director

Minutes taken by Kendall Reid

Vice President Barbara Skinner called the meeting to order at 12:07.

Minutes of the November 9 meeting were approved.

**New Business** Presentation – Transportation Choices Coalition, Transportation for Washington – Kate Whiting, Field Director. Transportation Choices is involved in advocacy for using 20% of the motor excise tax to fund transit and to add “health” to the current six transportation goals, in order to decrease health care costs through support of active transportation. Transportation for Washington is the umbrella group for pedestrian, bicycling and public transit. Kate invited us to the Transportation Advocacy Day, Tuesday February 12 in Olympia. She also provided copies of the Transportation Choices Coalition Annual Report. Barbara suggested we consider membership in Transportation for Washington.

**Financial Report** We are still able to use The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to receive funds for us with a 501 C3 status. They will reimburse all operating costs for us from funds received, but will not do payroll. Kirk recommended an accountant, A.B. Till Accounting and Tax Services, to do quarterly payroll and taxes for us for an approximate yearly cost of \$360. The Board approved working with A.B. Till Accounting and Tax Services (motion Reid, second Myrick, approved unanimously).

U.S. Bank offers the best (free) checking account for small businesses and non-profits. The U.S. Bank checking account will be used for payroll expenses. The Board approved establishing an account at U.S. Bank with members of the executive committee designated to sign checks, with only one signature required (motion Reid, second Myrick, approved unanimously). Barbara Skinner, President, Terry Lee, vice president and Kendall Reid, secretary will be designated signers. The treasurer, Tim Payne, will monitor the account and serve as auditor.

Skinner, Lee and Reid will serve as the Finance Committee, reviewing the budget and forwarding information to Payne and reporting to the Board.

Jane will take care of business licenses and related forms and activities.

**Executive Director Report** – Jane has been gathering ideas for the retreat. The retreat will examine mission, vision, long term goals, short term goals and will generate action plans. The Wednesday Jan. 9 retreat will start with lunch at 11:30.

Kirk is taking a one year leave from FG He is working as development director at Audubon. Jane will pick up FG web site communication. Chris will handle social media.

Jane reported on Prescription Trails, a concept used in Albuquerque and else where, that has doctors writing prescriptions for outdoor activity including trail walking. The doctors schedule themselves for time to be on the trails and answer questions about trail use and health.

**Government Relations** Kimberly reports that the Pierce County Parks Leadership Task Force is looking for financial support for parks in a difficult funding environment. Pierce County and Puyallup are moving forward with the River Walk Trail connector. Acquisition of parcels in Buckley and South Prairie is moving forward.

Bob reported that Surface Water Management will accommodate Pierce County's interest in a trail as part of their project. Surface Water Management has about half the money they will need to accomplish their 20 year project.

There is discussion that the Tacoma Bike Pedestrian Advisory Committee be moved from ad hoc to a permanent basis. The city has established a transportation benefit district and passed a \$20 tag fee; BPAC would like 20% of those funds to go to bike and pedestrian projects. Diane Wiatr is continuing as mobility officer but is now with the city manager's Sustainability Office.

Shawn noted that the retreat would be a good place to discuss the design of a brochure to go with the Pierce County trail map.

Sumner has a new bridge which will provide important connections. There are plans to connect to Stewart Road.

Cushman Trail will be extended to Borgen Blvd.

**Other News** Foothills Trails had a float in the Santa Parade. Foothills Trails is looking for three new board members.

The City of University Place, the City of Lakewood, and Pierce County will host an open house about Chambers Creek Trails on 1/29/13, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Pierce County Environmental Services Building.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36.

## **Connecting People, Trails and Communities in Pierce County**

Approved January 9, 2013

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Barbara Skinner, President

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Kendall Reid, Secretary