

Forever Green Council Board Monthly Meeting

September 13, 2012

Metropolitan Parks District Building

Attended by: David Seago, Kirk Kirkland, Brianna Charbonnel, Shawn Phelps, Mark Williams, David Boe, Rick Talbert, Kendall Reid, Ernie Bay, Terry Lee, and Tony Tipton

Minutes taken by Kendall Reid

Meeting called to order at 12:05 by President Dave Seago.

The minutes of the July 12 Board meeting were approved (motion Kirkland, second Lee.).

Finance: Kirk discussed anticipated sponsorships for the conference. Brianna suggested we have a ForeverGreen table at the trails conference to seek donations to complete funds for the \$3000 matching grant.

Old Business: Last week, Jane reported to the Executive Committee that the planning for the trails conference is set. Jane is on the Prairie Line Trail committee which is reviewing plans for the 21st Street crossing; the plans will continue to evolve, allowing for an easy and safe crossing preferably without diverting users from the path of the original rail line.

Finalized maps of the regional trails system will be available for the trails conference. At the October meeting there will be an opportunity to design a brochure to deliver the revised map.

Tony Tipton reported that the Parks Leadership Task Force meeting is coming in October. The availability of property tax revenues is currently a challenge. Terry Lee will meet with the legislature to design protected funding.

Foothills Trails will not be funded by the state legislature in RCO competition for trail development. There will be mitigation on South Prairie Creek around the bridge to protect the bridge abutment.

Planning is underway to extend the Cushman Trail to Burnham Drive. Support is being sought to connect the Harborview Trail to the Cushman Trail.

David Boe reports that Councilman Mello expects to be able to fund street improvements in Tacoma through car tabs. The Comprehensive Tacoma Transportation Plan will be used by Public Works to create new transportation designs.

The Coalition for Active Transportation will have a citizen advocacy arm and one that represents government entities.

New Business: There was unanimous approval for the Executive Committee's 2012 Trails Awards recommendations that Terry Lee receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and that the City of Sumner receive the government organization award. During the discussion Edgewood and Tacoma (for its Mobility Master Plan) were recognized as potential honorable mentions.

Nominations for next year's Forever Green officers should be discussed at the October meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.