

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting
July 13, 2005
Tacoma Nature Center**

NOTE: An accompanying packet is being mailed that contains the attachments noted in the minutes below, as well as additional information related to recent ForeverGreen activities. If you do not receive the mailing, please contact Jayme Gordon (jaymeg@piercecountycd.org or 845-2973).

Attended: Bryan Bowden (Mt. Rainier National Park), Jayme Gordon (Pierce Conservation District), John Olson (Cascade Land Conservancy), Barbara Skinner (Mayor of Sumner)

Minutes Taken by: Cyndy Schultz

Open and Introduction: 12:15pm

501 (c) (3) Incorporation:

- The by laws and articles of incorporation are still waiting to be filed with the Secretary of State.

Finances:

- Finances were discussed in brief and a current statement provided by the Greater Tacoma Community Fund was handed out. The balance to date is \$7,096.24.

Metro Parks Resolution:

- A resolution supporting Tacoma Metro Parks' November bond initiative was presented for a vote. Barbara made a motion to approve; John seconded. The resolution was passed unanimously, and Jayme agreed to write a letter to Metro Parks on behalf of ForeverGreen. The resolution was passed as follows:

“The ForeverGreen council hereby resolves to endorse and support the Tacoma Metropolitan Park District’s November bond issue for improvements to the park and trail system.”

ForeverGreen Presentations:

- Brian updated the progress of the Power Point presentations. On June 29, Kirk and Bryan gave the presentation to the Pierce County Physical Health & Activity Coalition, and to the Tacoma Wheelman Bicycle Club on June 21. Both were commented to have gone real well. Upcoming presentations will be on August 8 at the Lakewood city council meeting, and August 9 at the Edgewood city council meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee:

- A sub-committee of the ForeverGreen board met on July 11 to begin defining ForeverGreen's policies, procedures, and rules of order, as well as develop a timeline of long term and short term goals. Bryan Bowden, John Olson, Barbara Skinner, and Jayme Gordon were in attendance. A summary of this meeting is attached.

Board Membership:

- It was mentioned again that members retired from the ForeverGreen board are: Brad Cheney, Judith Lorbeir, and Judith Nilan. Some names were discussed as possible replacements, including Pat Johnson (Buckley city council), Gary Geddes (Point Defiance Zoo) and Van Collins (AGC). **All board members are encouraged to submit nominations to fill board vacancies.**
- Barbara said that we should consider more versatility in regards to gender and minority representation as we decide who should fill the vacancies on the board. New board members may not necessarily be someone who uses the trails, but someone who the communities listen to and who would be able to help with different kinds of P.R.
- Bryan commented that even though he is not a board member, he still very much wants to remain involved and continue to support this board. It was decided that he and Jayme would be formally recognized as ForeverGreen staff.
- Terry Lee's position as President is due to be open. There was some discussion on possible nominees to fill this position. **All board members are encouraged to submit nominations for the next ForeverGreen president.**
- Jayme was charged with updating the board members contact list. See attached.

Trails Advisory Committee:

- Discussion was tabled until the next meeting on Sept. 14th.

Trails Progress Report:

- Progress continues on work to join the Foothills Trail in Puyallup, Alderton, McMillan, and Orting.
- Bryan mentioned he is doing some work with the Nisqually River Watershed Council, and the plan they've developed for the watershed includes a trail along the river from the mouth to Mt. Rainier.

Other Items:

Annual Meeting

- There was a suggestion that a date needs to be set for the annual meeting before the end of the year (granted that ForeverGreen has received official non-profit status by then). One possibility would be to combine the regular December board meeting with the annual meeting on December 14, 2005. There was also discussion as to whether the annual meeting should be a luncheon or a dinner. Possible locations for the meeting were mentioned:
 1. Landmark Conservation Center, or
 2. Puyallup Pavilion
- Jayme will look into availability of facilities and caterers.
- John volunteered the Cascade Agenda video to be presented for this annual meeting.
- Bryan suggested that we begin working on an invitation list.
- Barbara will begin drafting the agenda.

Miscellaneous

- Barbara requested that it should become standard operating procedure to mail handouts, notes, etc. from the board meeting to those who were absent.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

The next ForeverGreen board meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2005, 12-1:30 p.m., at the Snake Lake Nature Center in Tacoma.