

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
October 12, 2011
Tacoma Metro Parks
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attended: Ernie Bay, David Boe, Bryan Bowden, Brianna Charbonnel, Kirk Kirkland, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, Shawn Phelps, Dave Seago.

Minutes Taken by: Jane Moore

Open and Introduction: ForeverGreen President Dave Seago called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

May Board Meeting Minutes:

- Shawn noted that there was not a vote to approve his board appointment last month. The vote was to be taken this month. That sentence will be removed from the minutes.
- *Kirk moved to approve the September board meeting minutes as amended. David seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Budget and Finances:

- Two conference sponsorship checks of \$500 each have been received and sent to GTCF for deposit. That brings the current balance to about \$15,300.
- Jane presented an invoice for her time as executive director in August & September; 13.42 hours at \$50 for a total of \$670.83. Kirk moved to approve payment of the invoice; David seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director of Government Relations Report:

- Kirk met with Shawn and the Local Agency Active Transportation Workgroup (LAATW) in Gig Harbor on September 23. He presented the Puyallup to Tacoma trails connection work done by Parametrix. Originally, the plan was a trail on the south side of the Puyallup River. The Puyallup tribe did not approve this plan so Parametrix revised the plan with options for a trail through Fife. This will probably require a new bridge for bicycles and pedestrians only. The next step will be to meet with the Fife planner. There are some potential problems involving wetlands, narrow roads, and use of the levee. After Kirk meets with the Fife planner, he will invite the planner to attend a board meeting and they will present the plans together.

Old Business

- Brianna reviewed responses to the meeting day and time survey. Eight responses were received and she consulted with one additional board member today. All who responded are able to attend a meeting between noon and 3 pm on the second Thursday of the month. Nearly everyone could meet on the second Thursday between 2 and 4 pm or the first Wednesday between noon and 2 pm. Bryan asked if board members would be able to meet in the evening. Several are not able to do so. David Boe moved to change the meeting to the second Thursday of the month at noon if a meeting room is available; Terry seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brianna will check on room availability here or at other Metro Parks Tacoma facilities if this room is not available.
- Trails Conference: The planned keynote speaker will be unable to attend due to changes in work plans. He suggested two co-workers who could replace him. The planning committee will discuss how to proceed at their meeting later today. There is concern about not accepting registrations at the door. We should be able to accept them; if there are 100 preregistered, walk-in registrants may not be able to have dinner. Kirk suggested offering to bill walk-in registrants.

- Ernie attended the Washington State Trails Coalition conference planning meeting yesterday. He and Dixie Gatchel will be serving on the program committee. The conference will be held in Vancouver, WA October 26, 2012.
- Schedule of Work Plan Action Items – Jane will bring an updated work plan to the next meeting.

New Business

- Dave presented a slate of officers: he is willing to continue as president for another year; Brianna for vice president (pending approval by Jack Wilson); Tim Payne will continue as treasurer. Kirk will continue as government relations director; Kendall Reid will serve as recording secretary. Kirk moved to approve this slate of officers; Ernie seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- Kirk moved and Terry seconded approval of Shawn Phelps to the board. Motion approved unanimously. Jane read letters of resignation from Debbie Regala and Van Collins. She also reported that Barbara Skinner spoke with County Councilmember Rick Talbert and he is interested in joining the board. Bryan noted that Dave Uberaga is no longer in Washington and should be removed from the board. The new superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park should be announced soon. That person should be invited to join the board.
- Forever Green hosted a Tacoma Green Drinks event last year. We have been invited to host again in November or December of this year. Jane will contact the organizer and offer to host on November 3 at The Hub (if available). This will allow last minute promotion of the trails conference.

News, Updates, and Announcements:

- Terry reported the Pen Met Parks has received two grants. One will allow connection of the Cushman Trail to the Scott Pierson Trail. The second will allow completion of Phase 2 of the Cushman Trail, extending the trail to Burnham Drive. Two popular dirt/gravel trail systems exist in Sehmel Homestead Park and McCormick Forest. Pen Met Parks is about to sign an agreement with Peninsula School District to use 100 acres of school property to create connecting trails. There will also be an off-leash dog park.
- Kirk, Bryan, and Shawn met regarding production of an updated county-wide trail map. LAATW would like to update the map and include more local detail such as major bike routes. Bryan will check with the national parks GIS specialist to see if he is willing to re-do the original map. Shawn could share GIS data from the Pierce County Bike Map.
- Bryan discussed the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program Government Performance Results Act (GPRA). The report shows the 24.1 miles of trails have been constructed in Pierce County as a result of the RTCA project completed in 2006. (Copy of report filed with minutes).

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be in December date and place to be determined.

Due to the Trails Conference, there is no board meeting scheduled for November.

The Trails Conference Planning Committee will meet today immediately after this meeting.