

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
October 13, 2010
Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attended: Ernie Bay, David Boe, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Kathy Kravit-Smith, Jane Moore, Tim Payne, Kendall Reid, Dave Seago, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introductions: ForeverGreen President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- *Kirk moved to approve the September board meeting minutes as presented. Brianna seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Finances

- Jayme stated that she has paid the \$10 fee to cover the annual filing with the WA Secretary of State.
- Tim passed out two examples of the 2011 ForeverGreen budget.
 - One showed the 2011 budget without any additional fundraising efforts, but the Pierce County Trails Conference would be self-sustaining (e.g. raise ticket prices to cover costs). This proposed budget showed that ForeverGreen would be in the hole by the end of 2011.
 - The second budget example showed a goal of \$6,000 in fundraising, and a self-sustaining trails conference. This scenario would allow ForeverGreen to cover its expenses for at least two years.
- Underlying assumptions for the two budget examples above include the agreement of the Pierce Conservation District to provide Jayme's time for the 4th quarter of 2010 and all of 2011 without reimbursement, and Kathy's offer to hold the trails conference in a Pierce County Parks' facility to save on rental costs. These two budgets also carry the assumption that there will be a \$2,000 contribution from Tacoma Metro Parks in 2011, but it is not likely that we should expect any other local government support for several more years. In fact, allocations from non-profits are expected to be down for the next several years.
- Kirk then announced that an anonymous donor has offered to match funds of up to \$3,000, for a total of \$6,000. Achieving this goal would allow ForeverGreen to stay solvent for the next two years, and allow the board time to clarify and promote the mission of ForeverGreen. Discussion.
- *Kirk moved that the board authorize him to make two fundraising requests – an initial ask and a follow up – to explain the grant challenge to all members of the ForeverGreen board, as well as those who donated at the 2009 Pierce County Trails Conference and any additional prospects suggested by board members by the end of the year. Kathy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- On the sales tax legislation front, Kirk reported that the Pierce County Council and Tacoma Metro Parks are ready to pursue and support the proposal to fund parks, trails, and open space. In related news, Rep. Jeannie Darnielle is currently satisfied with the

progress made on her agenda so she is not likely to oppose ForeverGreen's proposal this year. Discussion.

Government Relations

- The Pierce County Council has asked a Citizens Advisory Board to review funding options and development of a new metropolitan park district in east Pierce County. The CAB will hold public hearings on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 (per Kathy) for input on funding, new district boundaries, and other details. Discussion.
- The Open Space Task Force continues to meet, is making progress, and will be reporting on their progress to the Pierce County Council on October 18.

Old Business

- The November 10 board meeting has been designated as the Annual Meeting. Tasks to accomplish include approving the 2011 budget and electing the 2011 officers.
- The state trails conference is just a week and a half away. Registration numbers are great, and WSTC has decided they will cap registration at 200. Jane will ask the vendor coordinator about having a table available for ForeverGreen information.

New Business

- Votes for the 2010 Pierce County Trail Awards were tallied. Results are as follows:
 - Don Partington - 2.00
 - Chambers Bay Trails - 2.167
 - Bryan Bowden - 3.00
 - Cushman Trail Phase 2 - 3.00
 - John Selby - 3.143
 - Diane Wiatr - 3.167
 - Buckley Mayor Pat Johnson - 3.556
 - WA State Backcountry Horseman - 4.00
 - Gary Leaf - 4.00

Many thanks to all who voted!

- *Tim moved to give Don Partington the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Chambers Bay Trails the second award. David B. seconded the motion. Discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.*
- The Executive Committee suggested that the two awards be presented at a Trails Advisory Committee meeting to be held before the end of 2010. Other ideas have been suggested to present Don Partington's award at the Foothills Coalition's annual meeting, and someone from Pierce Co. Public Works (e.g. Joe Scorcio, Brian Ziegler) be invited to accept the Chambers Bay Trails award at a Pierce County Council meeting. It was decided that the board would take the second suggestion and there would be no TAC meeting before the end of 2010; a TAC meeting will be scheduled for spring of 2011.
- Jayme will talk with the WSTC program committee to get the Pierce County Trail Awards announcement on the agenda for the state trails conference during their "3-Minute Presentations" part of the schedule.
- Tim brought up the idea that ForeverGreen could develop, publish, and deliver an updated Pierce County bicycle map, to be funded by grants, sponsorships, etc., and based on the examples developed in Jefferson and Thurston Counties. Pierce County has no plans to update or publish a bike map here anytime soon. Discussion.

News, Updates, and Announcements

- Tabled for lack of time.

Closing Comments

- No closing comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters.