

Forever Green Council Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2012

Metropolitan Parks District Building

Attended by: David Seago, Jane Moore, David Boe, Barbara Skinner, Bob Myrick, Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Tony Tipton, Terry Lee, Kendall Reid

Minutes taken by Kendall Reid

Meeting called to order at 12:10 by President David Seago.
The minutes of the March 8 Board meeting were approved.

Finance: Current balance is \$16,785. Invoice of \$2392 was approved for work done by the executive director.

Government Relations: Jane and Diane Wiatr will attend the Oregon Active Transportation Summit. The Puget Sound Regional Council draft map is online. There will be a related workshop April 20 in Puyallup.

Bryan is attending Regional Open Space Strategy meetings, a 4 county effort lead by UW Landscape Architecture Dept. They hope to develop a regional preliminary conservation strategy. One of the questions is how the strategy will work for the 7 watersheds. They will also do analysis of individual watersheds to reach a final strategy. The process is designed to reach a consensus on conservation strategy.

Bryan is also a member of the Pierce County Open Space Council. The U. S. Park Service plans to provide significant support to the Pierce County Open Space Council.

Bob has submitted comments on the Pierce County Surface Water Agency's \$300 million flood plan, designed to address flood control needs for 20 years. The existing levee will be increased in size and enhanced. Bob would like to see a trail placed along the top of the levee. Bryan commented that a through trail with no access to the river might be an answer to tribal resistance to trails that provide access to the river.

David Boe reported that UWT is reconsidering the design of the Prairie Line Trail that would place stronger emphasis on bicycle use of the trail.

The Parks Leadership Task Force is making changes to the survey to measure public interest in parks. Tony points out that the rewrites are a response to recent legal rulings.

A PSE project starting in 2014 will include a trail that is expected to connect the Puyallup Trail and the Foothills Trail. PSE is cooperating with Pierce County and the City of Puyallup. PSE will provide whatever is needed to match a Pierce County RCO grant, according to Tony.

Terry Lee announced that the legislature will provide \$1.2 to extend the Cushman Trail. Derek Kilmer played a large part in making that happen.

Upcoming Events The City of Tacoma and UPS will recognize Bike Month with a bike swap meet at UPS on April 28th. Kirk and Kendall will represent FG. Jane will participate in Families in Motion on the Riverwalk Trail, also on the 28th. Board members are invited to attend both.

Conference: The executive board has chosen 3-8 pm on Wednesday Sept. 19th for the conference at the Pierce County Environmental Services Building.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:33.