

## **ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting**

### **May 14, 2014**

Attended by Jane Moore, Barbara Skinner, Brianna Charbonnel, Chris Beale, Shawn Phelps, Kendall Reid, David Boe, Bryan Bowden, Ernie Bay, George Walk, Terry Lee, Tony Tipton

President Brian Bowden called the meeting to order at 12:07. George moved approval of minutes of the March meeting. Shawn seconded. Minutes approved.

**Financial Report** Current balance at Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is \$13,381 with \$3,899 in the US Bank checking account. Seven fundraising contributions have been made so far for a total of \$1175.

**Executive Director Report** Jane reported that the Washington Trails Conference will be Oct.16-18 in Bellingham. Jane and Bryan will lead a panel discussion of the Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation collaboration on Saturday Oct.18. Other panel members are likely to be Diane Wiatr and Noah Struthers.

Next year the International Trails Organization's National Symposium be held in May 2015 in Portland. Awards nominations are due by Sept.15. Discussion centered on FG making nominations in possible categories of the Prairie Line Trails and the Puyallup Watershed Initiative.

**Short Term Goals:** The Bike Swap was well attended. Jane and Shawn interacted with lots of folks and answered trail questions at the FG booth. Jane mentioned that a 2 x 6 foot banner would give us better recognition. A feather flag was also suggested. Barbara moved that we buy a banner. Ernie seconded. David will assist with banner design.

**Puyallup Watershed Initiative:** Brian talked about managing three big ideas for the proposal. The first is to engage political officials. The second, to engage the larger culture to eventually elicit political support. The third is to understand how existing planning for trails and related issues can be leveraged to move toward political action.

All the Communities of Interest that comprise the Puyallup Watershed Initiative will meet for a celebration of accomplishments so far, on June 25 in Puyallup.

**Website:** Brianna anticipates that website design could cost between \$500 and \$1000. She will see what options are available from website builders. EventBrite is the service that interests her most at the moment. She expects that the design chosen will have the ability to link to other pages, to load maps and have YouTube links.

**Pierce County Regional Trails Update:** Tony expects to present detailed information at a future meeting. The 2015 Pierce County Comprehensive Plan will discuss trails, parks and active transportation. FG will need to show support for all three. The new plan will be presented to Council in early 2015.

Tony thanked FG for a letter of support for a Foothills Trail grant request.

**General Announcements:** PSRC has awarded Puyallup funds to work on a comprehensive plan. Puyallup plans to include active transportation.

Sumner and Puyallup are interested in a bridge feasibility study. Current estimated cost for the bridge is \$5 million.

The Puyallup Parks and Recreation Department will have a ribbon cutting celebration for the completion of the Riverwalk Trail Phase IV – JEB III Link on Saturday, May 31st at 11:00 am. This section of trail will complete the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail from the corner of Shaw Road and Pioneer Avenue East to the western trailhead of the existing Foothills Trail.

There are plans to extend the Cushman Trail to the Narrows Bridge to make a connection with the Scott Pierson Trail. The Rotary is interested in linking the Cushman Trail to the walk along the harbor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29.

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