

**ForeverGreen Board Retreat**  
**February 10, 2010**  
**Tacoma Metro Parks**  
**12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Attended:** Ernie Bay, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, John Olson, David Seago, and Barbara Skinner. Guest: Kendall Reid.

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon

**Open and Introduction:** ForeverGreen President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

**January Board Retreat Minutes:**

- *Dave motioned to approve the January board retreat minutes as presented. Kirk seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

**Finances**

- There have been no significant changes to the 2010 budget that was approved at the January board retreat, other than the fact that the 2009 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter reimbursement from the Pierce County Council grant was received in the amount of \$2,127.59. An anticipated budget shortfall still remains for 2010.
- ForeverGreen board members have met with both the Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club and the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition regarding funding. Neither was forthcoming with immediate financial support. John suggested asking the Foothills Coalition for money specifically for the lobbyist/legislative effort, rather than asking for money to go towards general support of ForeverGreen operations. Discussion followed.
- The trails/parks/open space sales tax legislation is scheduled for a hearing with the House Financial Committee on Feb. 11. The biggest obstacle to this bill now is Rep. Darnielle's determination to put mental health funding before everything else. There is one month left in the 2010 session.

**Old Business**

- Transportation Advocacy Day (TAD) on January 28 went well. Approximately 120 people attended TAD; about 10-15 of the attendees were from Pierce County. There were presentations on various transit and active transportation issues. A proposal has been submitted to make the "Complete Streets" program statewide. This would require that a community have "Complete Streets" in order to receive funding from the WA Dept. of Transportation. A bill to this effect has gotten out of committee in the current legislation. The Pierce County folks met with Sen. Debbie Regala at the end of the day.
- The WA State Trails Coalition Host Committee held a meeting on Feb. 8. Ernie is seeking clarification for when conference officially ends: Saturday afternoon (Oct. 22) or Sunday (Oct. 23). The Foothills Trail Coalition has agreed to be the prime sponsor for the social mixer at the WA State History Museum, and has paid for the facility rental. Ernie also has already collected some money from additional sponsors. The Foothills Coalition will handle the sponsorship money.
- The Pierce County Open Space Task Force held their first meeting on January 27. There were a lot of participants there and a lot of enthusiasm. The meeting schedule and work plan was presented; there is a lot of work to be done in the short (1.5 year) time line

presented. A sub-committee was formed to address acquisition and funding. The next OSTF meeting is Feb. 25, 2-4 p.m.

- Kendall Reid was introduced as the newest board member to join ForeverGreen. Kendall is the Humanities Librarian at Tacoma Community College and a local bicycle enthusiast. Kirk is still in the process of assessing current board members' interest in remaining on the board. The list of possible new board members generated at previous meetings is still being followed up on. Dave volunteered to ask Pat Lantz about joining the board.

### **New Business:**

- *Barbara moved to adopt the 2010 Short Term Goals as presented. Ernie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Barbara motioned to accept the Long Term Goals as presented, with the addition of the word "system" to Goal #5. John seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- The following changes were discussed and suggested for the ForeverGreen bylaws. Article III, Items #7 and #9: Delete the section, "...provided, however, that service by e-mail shall be valid only if the director has previously delivered to the Secretary consent in writing to service by email." This would make it official that most communication takes place via e-mail. Also in Items # 7 and #9, correct the grammar in the last sentence from "personal" to "personally." Article III, Item #1: Change the maximum number of directors from 15 to 25. (The current number of board members is 20.). Also, delete the phrase, "at the annual meeting" from the second sentence. Also, delete the last sentence of this item, which sets term limits for board members. *Dave motioned to make this change to board member term limits; Barbara seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.* Article II, Item #1: Discussion clarified that ForeverGreen does not have members or a membership, nor does ForeverGreen collect any dues.
- Other notes about bylaw amendments: A copy of the revised bylaws showing the changes noted above will be sent to all board members. Three-fifths of the board members must be present to approve any bylaw changes. A vote on the bylaw changes is tentatively set for the April 14 board meeting. *Barbara motioned to present the above changes to the board for consideration; Ernie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*
- Jane, Barbara, Ernie, John, and Dave all attended the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition's annual meeting. They had the sense that some Coalition members are still wary or unsure of ForeverGreen, but that the relationship is slowly changing in a positive direction. The Coalition's board did approve funding facility rental for the WSTC's social mixer planned for the WA State History Museum. ForeverGreen will continue efforts to "cross pollinate" between the two groups.
- Kirk made a proposal for ForeverGreen to submit a response/comment on the Tacoma Mobility Plan, to be written by Kirk, reviewed by Dave, and signed by Jane, at the March 3 public hearing. *Barbara motioned for the above proposal; John seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.* The Tacoma Mobility Plan will be presented on Feb. 11 at UW-Tacoma (at noon), at UPS (7 p.m.), and at the Bicycle Community Fair at the Hub (7 p.m. on Feb. 24).

### **News, Updates, and Announcements:**

- In order to better capture the in-kind contributions made by board members, the following suggestion was made at the January board retreat: Each month, board

members should track and report the time they spend on ForeverGreen related activities. This time can then be shown as a financial contribution, which will illustrate the value and work that is not reflected in our bare bones budget and capture the work that board members do on a voluntary basis. Board members can report their time to Jayme via email, by submitting a hard copy, or verbally at the monthly board meetings.

**Closing Comments:**

- John – Former Seattle mayor Greg Nickels has joined the Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) board. CLC is working on legislation that will require investment in infrastructure when development happens. And federal legislation for the Community Forestry Bond program is moving forward; it has the potential to generate up to \$200 million a year. Also the Conservation Futures Tax has \$6 million currently in the bank. Some of this money may be spend on the Devil’s Head property acquisition.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.**

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