

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting  
November 10, 2010  
Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters  
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Attended:** Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Kathy Kravit-Smith, Tim Payne, Kendall Reid, Dave Seago, Barbara Skinner, and Dave Uberuaga.

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon

**Open and Introductions:** ForeverGreen Vice-President Dave Seago opened the Annual Meeting at 12:06 p.m.

**Annual Meeting Minutes**

- *Kirk motioned to introduce the following slate of nominees for the 2011 Board Officers positions: President – Dave Seago, Vice-President – Kendall Reid, Secretary-Treasurer – Tim Payne, and Director of Government Relations – Kirk Kirkland. Dave U. seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Discussion.*
- *Barbara motioned to elect the slate of nominees as presented. Ernie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- *Tim gave an oral presentation of the proposed 2011 budget. Anticipated expenses for 2010 are \$8,965. Anticipated expenses for 2011 are \$3,216. The main reason 2011 expenses are less is because ForeverGreen will not be reimbursing the Pierce Conservation District for Jayme’s time as Executive Director. The most significant anticipated expenses are the trails conference and administrative fees to the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. Anticipated income streams for 2011 include the fundraising effort currently underway (goal of raising \$6,000 or more), and the desire to make the trails conference be self-sustaining.*
- *Barbara moved to adopt the 2011 budget as presented. Kathy seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.*
- *Note: Brianna will be leaving her position at REI shortly, and has accepted a job with Tacoma Metro Parks as an environmental educator. The board hopes she will be able to stay on with ForeverGreen in her new position.*

**The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.**

**Dave Seago opened the November board meeting at 12:26 p.m.**

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

- *A correction was made to the Finances report in the October board meeting minutes. The second sub-bullet of bullet item #2 was changed as follows: “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 ~~one year~~ two years.”*
- *Kathy moved to approve the October board meeting minutes as presented, with the noted correction. Barbara seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

## Finances

- Approximately 45 fundraising letters have been sent to board members, previous financial supporters, and other friends of ForeverGreen. Donations are tax-deductible and a thank you letter will be sent upon receipt. Donations up to \$3,000 will be matched dollar for dollar, for a total fundraising goal of \$6,000.
- Tim reported that the Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club (TWBC) passed their 2011 budget, which includes a \$1,000 contribution to ForeverGreen. Tim will revisit the TWBC in December to request additional gift money. Kathy suggested this might be more successful if the request was dedicated to something specific, such as the trails conference. Tim also reported that the TWBC's largest annual fundraising event, the Daffodil Classic bicycle ride, has been scheduled for April 10, 2011. Tim will be assisting the TWBC's treasurer in organizing this event.
- Jayme presented two invoices, both reimbursement requests for her time, mileage, and other expenses initially covered by the Pierce Conservation District (District). The first invoice was for the third quarter of 2010 in the amount of \$2,146.13. The second invoice was for October 2010 in the amount of \$1,578.92. These two invoices complete ForeverGreen's commitment to reimburse the District through the end of October 2010. There will be no reimbursement for the remainder of 2010 and all of 2011, as previously agreed upon by the board and District.
- *Dave S. moved to approve payment of both invoices as presented. Barbara seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- *Dave S. moved to appoint Ernie to the task of choosing ForeverGreen apparel, with Brianna to assist. Kathy seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.*

## Government Relations

- The elections earlier this month changed the legislative landscape a little bit. There is still support from Pierce County and Tacoma Metro Parks to push for the sales tax funding request. Kirk is looking forward to Lobby Day and is preparing information with the TWBC and Foothills Trail Coalition (Foothills) to present to state legislators.
- Kirk was recently informed that the Puyallup Tribal Council turned down a request to present the Puyallup-Tacoma trail plan. The primary objection has to do with tribal fishing areas on the Puyallup River, to which the Tribe does not want to increase public access. However, they do like the idea of connecting First Creek Middle School and Chief Leschi School. Discussion.
- *Barbara moved to meet with Parametrix to discuss closing out our current contract with them and discussing the possibility of continuing Parametrix support under different terms. Kathy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- Under Kirk's lead, ForeverGreen has been successfully working with both the TWBC and Foothills groups on trail priorities for the possible new Pierce County Park District and 2011 Lobby Day. These cooperative endeavors are helping to make great progress towards strengthening the relationship between the three groups, and building good support for the sales tax proposal.
- The Pierce Conservation District assessment renewal is in danger of not passing the Pierce County Council. The Council is concerned about liability of the fee due to the current Mason Conservation District assessment case pending before the state Supreme Court, and a similar case recently filed against the Pierce and King Conservation Districts.

## **Old Business**

- Jayme presented a certificate of appreciation from the Washington State Trails Coalition to the ForeverGreen Council for helping to host the 2010 conference in Tacoma. Feedback on the conference has been overwhelmingly positive, and the conference is considered to have been successful. Discussion.
- Jane presented Don Partington with his 2010 Trail Award at the Foothills Trail Coalition's annual meeting on October 28. Kirk is working with Terry Lee to arrange presentation of the Chambers Bay Trails award at an upcoming Pierce County Council meeting.

## **New Business**

- The annual board retreat was set for January 12, 2011, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Emphasis of the retreat will be to discuss ForeverGreen's mission and goals, and have a candid conversation about the organization's purpose. Suggestions were made for agenda topics and locations to hold the retreat. The Executive Committee will decide on the retreat location and finalize the agenda.

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

- Dave S. announced that he was recently nominated to the Foothills Trails Coalition board. Upon acceptance of that position, he clarified that he will also be assuming the role of ForeverGreen President at the beginning of 2011.
- Dave S. also mentioned that there is discussion to form a new bicycle coalition in Pierce County. The TWBC is supportive of expanding the breadth of Pierce County's bicycle community, but is taking this proposal slowly at the moment. Additionally, the City of Tacoma is trying to achieve designation as a "Bicycle Friendly" city, and they are interested in forming a trail/bicycle coalition to act as an information sharing and networking forum for all of the county.

## **Closing Comments**

- Dave U. was warmly welcomed back. This is his first ForeverGreen meeting since returning from assignment to Yosemite National Park.
- Kathy reminded everyone that the Fantasy Lights has a preview event on November 21 at Spanaway Lake Park, and is then open nightly Nov. 25-Jan. 2. She also said that the Pierce County Parks Dept. had additional budget cuts and that there will be a reduction in seasonal help and a continuance of deferred maintenance. However, she is still hopeful and optimistic in many ways.
- Dovetailing onto Kathy's comments, Tim reiterated that all park departments are under budget cuts, and suggested that ForeverGreen write op-ed pieces to the newspaper to help support parks and open space.

**Board Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.**

**The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters.**