

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
November 14, 2007
Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, John Olson, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introduction: The meeting began at 12:12 p.m. Round table introductions and sharing of information followed the REI presentation.

- John: The Cascade Land Conservancy's "Cascade Agenda" is now available on c.d. There will be a meeting on Nov. 15 at the Snake Lake Nature Center regarding Tacoma's Open Space. He also handed out a fact sheet on the TDR/PDR proposal that will be going before the Pierce Co. Council on Nov. 27. John has agreed to present at one of the Trails Conference breakout sessions on "Wealth Through Conservation" (i.e. trails and real estate values).
- Kirk: Shared a little about the trails and park tour he went on while in Florida.
- Jane: The Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Health Summit held earlier in the month as successful and had about 60 people in attendance. She had an interesting exchange with at least one Key Peninsula resident who left being more educated about trails in Pierce County. There was also a good article titled "Exercise is Medicine" in the Nov. 2-4 USA Weekend insert.
- Jayme: During a recent meeting with Fife, she learned that the new parks plan has been completed for the city, the city council has allocated \$750k in the 2008 budget for trail development, and Kirk and Barbara will be giving a ForeverGreen presentation to the city council on Nov. 27. Fife has identified grant writing assistance, trail project management assistance, and help with regulations and standards for building trails in sensitive areas as their biggest trail related needs. Additionally, Fife is working with Strategies 360 on several different things, and would like to combine efforts with ForeverGreen to solicit trail funding.

Approval of Minutes:

- In Ernie's information sharing report from last month, the minutes should be corrected to read that the bridge in Buckley-Enumclaw will "overpass" the White River, a wetland, and the road, not "bypass" these obstacles. Kirk motioned to approve the October minutes with this correction. Jane seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Finances:

- At the end of September, there was \$15,520 in our account.
- Regarding the funding request to the cities, we have received \$1,000 from Auburn and \$2,500 from Tacoma. Eatonville is considering the request, and Fife may make a decision after the city council hears the ForeverGreen presentation on Nov. 27.
- John suggested that the ForeverGreen newsletter be sent to the same city officials that received the funding request.

- The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15, 3:00 p.m. at the downtown Tacoma Tully's.

Executive Committee Report:

See "Old Business below.

Old Business:

- TAC Meeting – The TAC meeting was held on Nov. 1 in Fife. A general discussion of the meeting followed. It was noted that at the meeting, several groups (including the Cascade Land Conservancy, Foothills Trail, Healthy Communities of Pierce Co., PALS, and REI) will donate \$50 to sponsor the printing of the new trail map. Their logos will be featured on the sidebar.
- Annual Meeting – Updates of how the preparations were coming along were discussed. The new officer positions were also discussed. Ernie will move from vice president to president; Jane will be vice president; and Kirk will remain as Secretary-Treasurer. John motioned to approve these nominations. Barbara seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Logo – Jayme presented an updated version of the logo for discussion. There was a letterhead design and two versions of the block logo. Comments included the fact that the silhouette of a woman holding a child looks like a two-headed person; the block logo in which "ForeverGreen" was presented as all one word was preferred over the other one, but the silhouette of the bird watcher should be deleted or replaced; and John suggested changing the motto on the logo to "Trails Connecting Across Pierce County." Further discussion was tabled until a later date.
- Membership – This discussion was postponed until a later date.
- Other – The Fall issue of the ForeverGreen newsletter has been completed. Kirk will post it on the website and have 200 hard copies printed. Barbara said that the newsletter should be included in each local city's newsletters to their citizens.

New Business:

- Sales Tax Legislation – Kirk will be setting up appointments with legislators during November and December.
- Goals for 2008 – There will be a half-day board retreat on the second Wednesday in January. Jayme will try to reserve the Wheelock Library again.

Closing Comments:

- Jayme and Barbara met with Pacific, Auburn, and Sumner on Oct. 26, and immediately following that, Barbara gave a ForeverGreen presentation at the Valley Mayors Luncheon. Auburn will be taking the lead on drafting an interlocal agreement, although Mayor Lewis wants one with all nine of the Valley cities, not just Auburn, Pacific, and Sumner.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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