

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

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

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon

**Open and Introduction:** ForeverGreen President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. with round table introductions.

**January Board Retreat Minutes:**

- *Kirk motioned to approve the February board minutes as presented. Ernie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

**Finances**

- A copy of the current profit and lost statement to date was presented. It showed a projected shortfall of \$7,498 by the end of the year. This means that the cash reserves will need to be accessed. We may be able to receive funding from Metro Parks after their operations and maintenance levy is voted on next month.
- The executive committee is looking into the possibility of submitting a grant to the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. We would need a specific project in mind if we did this; applying for general operating funds would probably not be accepted. July 15 is the next GTCF grant deadline. Two project ideas include: mark existing bike lanes in Tacoma, and enhance the trail use survey in Tacoma/Pierce County. Executive committee would like board members to submit additional ideas.
- The sales tax legislation got closer to passing than ever before in the House Finance Committee. We received a hearing, but ultimately did not move much past this point. The bill died in the first week of March, but good to have made the progress we did.

**Old Business**

- Kendall Reid, Lyle Quasim, and David Boe were welcomed as new board members. The board will officially vote them in at the April 14 meeting.
- Amendments to the by laws as discussed at the February board meeting were presented. *Kirk motioned to accept the amendments as presented, and to accept final votes on the amendments via email by March 31, 2010. John seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- The WA State Trails Coalition Host Committee has now had two meetings. Bob Myrick is leading a sub-committee to put together tour offerings. The Foothills Coalition has reserved the Washington State History Museum for the social mixer on the evening of October 22. Ernie has received \$1,500 in sponsorships to date for the social mixer, and is aiming for a total of \$4,500.
- John gave a brief history and overview of the Pierce County Open Space Task Force. The Nisqually watershed gave a presentation at the February meeting. The Puyallup watershed will present on March 25. Jayme is helping with the presentation and has offered to present on parks and trails.

- The Puyallup Tribal Council has officially approved the concept plan proposed by ForeverGreen to connect Puyallup and Tacoma via trail. The Tribe wants to connect Chief Leschi School with another school in east Tacoma. We are now waiting for an official letter of acceptance from the Tribe.
- Kirk and Kendall wrote a comment letter on behalf of ForeverGreen to the Tacoma Mobility Plan. Among other things, the letter encouraged to move more items from the 20-year plan into the 5-year plan; encouraged better maintenance of trails and bike lanes; encouraged efforts to connect the east end of the Scott Pierson Trail with the UW campus downtown; and encouraged connecting schools and surrounding neighborhoods. The letter will be distributed with the minutes.

#### **New Business:**

- Tacoma Metro Parks will hold an election on April 27 for an operation and maintenance levy. This will be \$0.75/\$1,000 assessed home value, which will raise an estimated \$5.5 million. *Ernie motioned for a resolution for ForeverGreen to support and endorse the Tacoma Metro Parks levy lift campaign for operation and maintenance funding and receive public recognition for the endorsement. Brianna seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. (David B. clarified that he was not voting.)*
- David B. is on the Tacoma City Council's environment and public works committee, which recently heard a presentation from Dana Brown about Tacoma's trails. This led to thinking about how to move people to and from the 2015 golf tournament at Chambers Bay via trails, bike lanes, etc. Discussion followed. ForeverGreen does not have a representative on the golf tournament committee.

#### **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 – The Community Forestry Bond legislation is moving forward in the federal funding process, and is attached to the job creation bill. It will help 501 c3 non-profit organizations issue bonds to acquire forest lands for sustainable forestry practices.
- Ernie – Friends of the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail meets every Monday at 9 a.m. This group is working with the city of Puyallup on long range planning for River Road in a way that better utilizes the Trail.
- Jane – Healthy Communities of Pierce County is working on an event using the Puyallup River Walk Trail (e.g. a fun run). WCPPA is working with Tacoma to put on a workshop for implementing "Complete Streets" policies.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.**

**The next board meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.**