

**ForeverGreen Trails Board Meeting
Tacoma Mall Plaza
September 17, 2014**

ForeverGreen Board Members or Alternates in Attendance:

Barbara Skinner
Bob Myrick
Brianna Charbonnel
Bryan Bowden
Chris Beale
David Boe
Diane Wiatr
Ernie Bay
Gary Cooper
George Walk
Jane Moore
Kendall Reid
Kirk Kirkland
Shawn Phelps
Tim Payne
Tony Tipton
Roger Andrascik, National Parks Service Rep.

Special Guests in Attendance:

Kimberly Freeman (Pierce County Parks) for report @ board meeting
Joseph Coppo (Pierce County Parks) for report @ board meeting
John Ernest Berry III
Russ Blount – Public Works Director, City of Fife
Kevin Dayton - WSDOT Regional Administrator
Ryan Mello - Tacoma City Council
Sarah Harris - Parks & Recreation Director, City of Puyallup
Mark Palmer - City Engineer, City of Puyallup
Andrew Stroebel - Transportation Planner, Puyallup Tribe
Brian Ziegler - Director, Pierce County Public Works & Utilities
President Bryan Bowden called the meeting to order at 12:10. After introductions, there was a motion and second to approve minutes. The motion passed.

Financial Report Executive Director Jane Moore reported that there is \$13,300 in the bank account and \$3,240 in outstanding payroll. Fund raising campaign now stands at \$2950 so we have almost reached maximum for matching gift.

Election of officers Jane listed the slate for the coming year: Bryan Bowden for president, Chis Beale as vice president, Shawn Phelps as secretary and Tim Payne as

treasurer. Barbara Skinner moved adoption of the slate. David Boe seconded. The motion passed.

Pierce County Open Space Plan Joseph Coppo and Kimberly Freeman of Pierce County Parks reported on the revision of the Open Space Plan and on a RCO grant. They have hopes of receiving 2.2 million out of a 2.5 million grant request for funding to complete the section of the Foothills Trail between South Prairie and Buckley. A public meeting process has been used to update the Open Space Plan. Expansion of the existing trails plan was the most popular of criteria considered for prioritizing choices. Partnerships will be an important part of implementing a plan to expand existing trails.

Trails Conference Jane has produced a flyer and set up online registration for the Oct. 29 conference. Bryan will recruit panel speakers. The categories for awards are event, place or project; lifetime achievement and achievement by a person, government or organization for this year.

Suggested candidates included Tacoma's Downtown to Defiance for event, Sumner Link Trail, Prairie Line Trail, Tacoma's 13 miles of bicycle and pedestrian improvements and the JEB III freeway were the place nominations.

Lifetime achievement candidates included Ken Woolery of the Sumner Parks Board, Bill Hilton chair of Friends of the River Walk and editor of the Foothills Trails Newsletter, Diane Wiatr for several projects.

Organization and government nominations: Russell Family Foundation, GeoEngineers, City of Sumner, City of Tacoma for Prairie Line Trail land acquisition.

Bryan adjourned the ForeverGreen Board meeting and began the **discussion of the trail linkage between Tacoma and Puyallup** with the board and invited guests.

For further details of this discussion, please see the Addendum to Minutes 9/17/04.

Bryan thanked all attendees and adjourned the meeting at 2:25.