

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting**  
**February 13, 2008**  
**Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Attended:** Bryan Bowden, Jake Fey, Jayme Gordon, Jane Moore, John Olson, and Barbara Skinner.

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon. Vice-President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Tacoma City Councilman Jake Fey (District 2) was welcomed as the new Tacoma representative on the ForeverGreen Board. He is replacing Tom Stenger.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Barbara motioned to approve the December minutes as presented. John seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- John motioned to approve the January Board Retreat minutes. Barbara seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Finances:**

- There was no official treasurer's report because Kirk was gone on vacation.
- Jayme reported that she is working to close out the 2007 budget and preparing the 2008 budget.
- *Sales Tax Legislation* – Jane, Barbara, and Ernie reported on the hearing that was held for the ForeverGreen sales tax legislation bill on February 4. Jane was the only one allowed to speak, and her presentation was well received. The bill is not expected to move any further this year, but it is a success to have received the hearing. We will await information on what the next step will be.

**Old Business:**

- *Logo* – The board accepted the final design work and Barbara moved to authorize the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to pay the graphic designer \$500 to close out the contract. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The executive committee will discuss printing of the letterhead. A point was made to make sure that the new logo is included on the new trail map that will be posted on the ForeverGreen website. Other logos from sponsors may be printed on the map for other occasions, but the ForeverGreen logo will *always* be present on the trail map.
- *Membership* – Barbara will ask Ernie if he's had a chance to follow up with Bob Carlson yet about his spot on the board.

**New Business:**

- *Goals for 2008* – The list of short term goals developed at the January board retreat were reviewed. Several changes were suggested. Jake moved to adopt the 2008 Short Term Goals with the noted changes and Barbara seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The adopted list of goals is attached.
- *Fife-Tacoma-Puyallup Trail Meeting Report* – Bryan reported on the meeting he and Jayme had on February 12 with Kurt Reuter (Fife Parks and Recreation Director), Ralph Dannenburg (Puyallup Parks and Recreation Director), and Dana Brown (Tacoma Non-Motorized Transportation Planner) to discuss trail

connections between the three cities. ForeverGreen has \$9,000 in grant funds that can be used towards coordinating the three cities' trails. There was a candid discussion about the trail needs of these three cities. There was no desire for an interlocal agreement, but route planning and title research were both identified as needs. We learned at this meeting that the Tacoma-Fife connection will be addressed in a new study underway that is looking at all the trails radiating out of Freighthouse Square. What this group would like to see as an end result is a study outlining a trail route that is truly feasible. Bryan thinks that the grant money would be well spent to develop a feasible route from the Tacoma connection point, through Fife, to the Clarks Creek Bridge. The need to engage the Puyallup Tribe in these studies was also brought up. In conclusion, further discussion and a decision on how to spend the grant money will be made after a similar meeting with the trail people from Sumner, Pacific, and Auburn to be held on February 25.

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

- *John* – The Purchase/Transfer of Development Rights program was passed 7-0 by the Pierce County Council. Now, Governor Gregoire has authorized \$4 million for up to three pilot projects, at least one of which will be in Pierce County.
- *Jayne* – Announced that Skip Ferrucci will be taking over from Grant Griffin as Kathy Kravit-Smith's representative on the board.
- *Bryan* – Pointed out that Pierce County Councilman Roger Bush has recently been responsible for directing a lot of funding towards trails; for example, \$50,000 for a project to study a trail connection from Rim Rock Park to Eatonville. Bryan will be going to a meeting about this study on February 21. Bush has also directed \$25,000 in matching funds to the study being conducted on the Freighthouse Square trails.

#### **Closing Comments:**

- There were no official closing comments, although before Jake had to leave the meeting early, he requested that ForeverGreen make a presentation to the Tacoma City Council's Environment and Public Works Committee on March 26. The committee meets from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and he will help get a ForeverGreen presentation on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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