

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
October 10, 2007
Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Jayme Gordon, Grant Griffin, Kirk Kirkland, Terry Lee, John Olson, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introduction: The meeting began at 12:17 p.m. Round table introductions and sharing of information followed the REI presentation.

- Ernie: Per Pat Johnson (mayor of Buckley), Ernie reported that King County is “definitely” going to build the trail bridge to Enumclaw. It will pass over not only the river, but also a wetland and a road.
- Jayme: Has planned a trail meeting on October 26 for the staff and mayors of Pacific, Auburn, and Sumner. Following this meeting, Barbara will give a ForeverGreen presentation to the Valley Mayor’s Luncheon in Kent. Kirk said that he would like to see a follow-up meeting with the Pacific-Auburn-Sumner group to work on an interlocal agreement.
- Bryan: Announced that the Tacoma Rail-with-Trail feasibility study has been completed. Pierce Co. Parks is identified as the implementer of the project. He is also working with Eatonville on a regional trails plan. There will be an open house for the community on this topic on October 23. Prior to the public open house, he will be giving a ForeverGreen presentation to the Eatonville town council on October 22.
- Terry: Recently returned from a trade trip on behalf of Pierce County to southeast Asia. Next year’s budget has \$5.7 million allotted for Phase 2 of the Cushman Trail. Maintenance and operations monies were taken out of the budget but Terry will see to it that they are put back in. Development of the Central Meadow at the Chambers Bay Golf Course is underway and will add another mile to the Soundview Trail. WDOT is making ADA improvements to the Scott Pierson Trail.
- John – The TDR/PDR proposal is moving through the Pierce County Council. The Cascade Land Conservancy is publicly supporting Proposition 1 on the November ballot. Also, the Conservation Futures ranking process has been completed and the list has been sent to the Pierce County Council.
- Grant – Continuing to move forward on completing certification of all the files for the South Prairie-Buckley section of the Foothills Trail. Title issues remain on one property in particular. For the current Conservation Futures round, there is \$8 million available for the 20 projects that were submitted. The question was asked, “How will the PDR program affect the Conservation Futures program?”

Approval of Minutes:

- In the finances report from the September minutes, Barbara requested that the explanation for how the funding ask of each city was determined be corrected to include both “population numbers” and the “general fund balance.” Grant motioned to approve the September minutes with this correction. Kirk seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Finances:

- Kirk reported that we should be financially solvent through the end of 2007, depending on final costs of the annual meeting.
- Jayme has received a few responses to the request for funding letter that was sent out at the beginning of September. Puyallup has said no. Tacoma and Auburn have said yes and requested an invoice, which Jayme has sent off. Eatonville is considering. Kirk and Barbara are to conduct follow-up phone calls to the rest of the cities.
- The Budget and Finance Committee meeting has been changed to the second Thursday of each month, starting with October 11, 3:00 p.m. at the downtown Tacoma Tully's.

Executive Committee Report:

See "Old Business – Annual Meeting" below.

Old Business:

- TAC Meeting – The TAC meeting will be rescheduled for the evening of November 1; November 8 will be the back-up date. First choice for meeting site location is in Fife.
- Annual Meeting – There will be a planning meeting for the annual meeting immediately following today's board meeting.
- Logo – Jayme announced that we are nearing the end of our contract with Theresa Cutler for the new logo, and she needs to know how to proceed if the logo is not finalized by the end of the contract. After the contract is completed, she charges \$50/hour to finish the logo. Grant motioned to approve up to \$200 for Theresa to continue working on the logo. Ernie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- Membership – Debbie Regala sent an email questioning her spot on the board. Barbara invited her to meet so that they could discuss her participation. In other membership news, there are still several vacancies on the board that need to be filled.
- Other – The need for an annual report was discussed.

New Business:

- Sales Tax Legislation – Kirk will bring this issue forward during the next legislative session and will have the help of the MetroParks lobbyist and Pierce County agenda to work it through.

Closing Comments:

- Bryan suggested that an annual report could serve as the basis for the ForeverGreen president's speech at the annual meeting.
- Kirk noted that he will be putting together the fall ForeverGreen newsletter within the next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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