

ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2012
MetroParks Tacoma Headquarters

Attending: Ernie Bay, Brianna Charbonnel, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, Shawn Phelps, Tony Tipton, Mark Williams

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Kirk Kirkland.

June minutes were approved as amended. (motion Phelps, second Tipton)

Financial report:

1. Fund raising campaign donations total \$1855; \$2000 has been received from the anonymous donor as matching.
2. Tacoma Wheelmen have approved a \$1500 donation.
3. Invoice for ED work for 2nd quarter was presented: 43.84 hours, \$2192.00. Payment was approved. (motion Tipton, second Phelps)

Executive Director's report - Jane:

1. Foothills Coalition is hosting a hike in Gale Creek Canyon this Saturday at 10 am.
2. Washington State Trails Conference will be October 25-28 at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in Vancouver, WA. Registration information is available at www.WashingtonStateTrailsCoalition.org
3. The International Trails Symposium will be held in Fountain Hills, Arizona in April 2013. Jane would like to submit a proposal for a presentation, perhaps in coordination with Foothills Coalition.
4. ForeverGreen will host Green Drinks Tacoma on Thursday, September 6, 5:30 pm at AmeRAWican Bistro, 745 St. Helens, Tacoma.

Director of Government Relations report - Kirk:

1. The state Supreme Court released its decision on Orton Junction. It upheld preservation of farmland. Supporters will celebrate tomorrow at 4:30 at The Spar.

Work Plan Updates

1. Pierce County Trails Conference:
 - a. Jane and Tony met with the events coordinator to review facility set-up. Some displays and socializing can be on the covered patio if the weather is nice.
 - b. Participants will be invited to arrive early and participate in a walk on the Soundview Trail. Tony offered a Pierce County Parks person to lead the walk starting at 1:15 pm. The trail is 3.2 miles with a large hill. Bob Myrick may be willing to lead a bike ride in the area as well.
 - c. Kirk will set up a PayPal account to accept payment for conference registrations. Registration information will be available on the web page so people can register on-line.

- d. The official invitations with registration information will be mailed about August 20. Save the Date cards will continue to be distributed until then.
 - e. Laura Cohen, Western Regional Director, National Rails to Trails Conservancy from San Francisco will be the keynote speaker; she will discuss work on urban pathways and non-traditional partners. We need to cover travel expenses.
2. Pierce County Parks Leadership Task Force: are working to develop 3 or 4 different scope of work packages for a proposed metropolitan park district for unincorporated Pierce County not including any cities. They will be conducting public outreach and accepting input from August through October. Then a plan will be refined and presented to the county council in late winter or early spring 2013.
 3. Trail Priorities: Tony continues to work on options for completing the Foothills Trail and connecting Foothills and Riverwalk Trails. Primary issues are with land owners. Discussion of bridge preservation and relocation also continue.
 4. Pierce County Executive's Environmental Advisory Council: July meeting last Monday was a tour of Fennel Creek Trail.
 5. County trails map: Shawn presented draft map. After review, some changes were suggested. The map pdf file will be sent to ForeverGreen board members for review. Comments/corrections will be due to Shawn by August 1. Shawn, Bryan and Kirk will then update and finalize the map so copies can be printed in time for the trails conference. Brianna noted that printing might be donated by Franciscan Health System. She will check. Jane and Kirk will work on updating the brochure to include the new version of the map. Contact information also needs to be updated.

Other business:

1. The Riverwalk Trail tree carving has been completed. Work on landscaping is underway. Dedication ceremony for the tree and Veteran's Park is scheduled for August 11.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.