

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
December 8, 2010
Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attended: Ernie Bay, David Boe, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, Lyle Quasim, Kendall Reid, Dave Seago, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introductions: ForeverGreen President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- *Dave S. moved to approve the Annual Meeting minutes and the November board meeting minutes as presented. Brianna seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Finances

- Jayme presented hard copies of the 2011 draft budget as provided by Tim. The board had approved the 2011 draft budget as described by Tim at the annual meeting. *Barbara moved to approve the hard copy budget dated Dec. 7, 2010, as presented on Dec. 8, 2010. Kirk seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- As of this meeting, eight donations have been received in response to the fundraising letter, for a total of \$1,367. Thank you letters with tax deduction information have been sent to all donors. Kirk is preparing a reminder letter to be mailed before Christmas.

Government Relations

- In the November elections, Steve Conway moved from the state House of Representatives to the Senate, leaving ForeverGreen without its prime sponsor in the House. Kirk will be working to find a sponsor in the House.
- Current word is that Jeannie Darnielle will hold up to seven or eight proposals, including ForeverGreen's, until her mental health legislation is resolved. Representatives from Tacoma Metro Parks are scheduled to meet with her on December 13. Kirk's recent meetings with the Pierce Co. Executive's office and county council confirm that both are still supportive of ForeverGreen's legislation.
- The proposal to form a Pierce County Park District may be put on hold for about a year so that more planning and a public relations effort can take place. The thought is that a public opinion poll will help to direct future steps. Discussion.

Old Business

- The 2011 Annual Board Retreat has been set for January 12, 2011, 12-4 p.m. at the Pierce Co. Parks Department (Lakewood Community Center), Room 203. Topics for the agenda include: mission/goals for 2011, defining actions needed to accomplish '11 goals, fundraising and budget, public education and outreach campaign, and P.C. bicycle map update. The Executive Committee will finalize the agenda prior to the beginning of January.
- Jane presented Don Partington with his 2010 Trail Award at the Foothills Trail Coalition's annual meeting on October 28. Kirk has arranged to present the Chambers Bay Property trail award to the Pierce County Council at their December 14 meeting.

New Business

- Pierce Co. Public Works has solicited comments from ForeverGreen for their updated bike map. Jayme will gather all comments onto one master copy at the annual retreat before sending it back to PW. She handed out copies of the old bike map so people could review it and begin thinking about comments.
- *Dave S. moved to officially thank Jane for her two years of service as ForeverGreen's president. Barbara seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Jane was praised for her hard work and willingness to help on the sales tax effort, and for making herself available as needed. Many positive comments from all board members.*

News, Updates, and Announcements

- N/A

Closing Comments

- Ernie reported that the county council approved condemnation of the Partin property (RV Park) in South Prairie yesterday. It is a critical piece to complete the Foothills Trail from South Prairie to Buckley. Also, concrete work is completed on the Riverwalk-Foothills Trail connection, although the rest of the work is not done. The city of Puyallup and landowner (Knutson) are not currently communicating.
- David B. handed out Boe Architect's Christmas card – assembly required! He also promoted the popular Christmas Revels performances that he participates in at the Rialto Theater on Dec. 18, 19, 21, and 22.
- Barbara announced she has just become a great-grandmother!

Board Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next board meeting will be the annual retreat on Wednesday, January 12, 12-4 p.m. at the Pierce County Park Department (Lakewood Community Center), Room 203.