

**ForeverGreen Trails Board Meeting  
Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters  
Minutes for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**In Attendance:** Barbara Skinner, Chris Beale, David Boe, Diane Wiatr, Ernie Bay, Jane Moore, Joseph Coppo (Pierce County Parks), Kurt Reuter, Lyle Quasim, Shawn Phelps, Terry Reid

Vice-President Chris Beale called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

**Review and Approve Minutes** Barbara moved approval of the minutes, Shawn seconded. The motion was approved.

**Financial Report** Executive Director Jane Moore reported that our balances are \$63,655 in US Bank and \$11,420 with the GTCF. Of these funds, \$59,386 are tied to PWI COI activities, leaving \$15,689 of our own money on reserve. \$3700 in individual donations have been received recently.

**November & December meetings – 11/11 or 11/18? skip 12/16 meeting?**

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans' Day, so it was decided that the Board will meet Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in Puyallup after the PSRC Active Transportation Workshop (note that the workshop is actually on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>). We will decide in November if we will meet in December.

**Board Recruitment** Shawn moved that Kurt Reuter be added as a Board member, Diane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee Report – Election of 2016 Officers**

Barbara and Ernie nominated George Walk as Vice-President and Chris Beale as President. George was not present. Chris accepted the nomination. Shawn is willing to continue as secretary and Tim as treasurer. Barbara moved election of Chris, George, Shawn, and Tim. Ernie seconded. George will be consulted and have a chance to decline. The motion passed unanimously.

**Short Term Goals Status Reports**

- **Pierce County Trails Conference – review draft agenda-status of speakers/panelists; sponsor recruitment report, catering, awards; updates for State of Trails address**
  - Bob Myrick has offered to lead a walk of the Silver Creek/Meeker Walk. Jane will post notice of walk on Eventbrite
  - Diane asked that Tacoma be invited on Agency Panel. The Board agreed to this and Diane agreed to make presentation.
  - Joseph suggested that the Clear Creek Trails Coalition in Kitsap County be invited to Activism & Advocacy Panel.
  - Liz and Bryan's presentation and the Awards segment will be dropped down to 15 minutes in order to increase time for the Panels
  - **Fundraising** is going well. Subaru of Puyallup pledged \$500. Pierce County Parks and Metro Parks each pledged \$1000 and the City of University Place is giving \$750. Jane still has some contacts to make. Diane suggested that UW Tacoma be contacted. Terry Reid suggested health care agencies be contacted. Terry will contact MultiCare.
  - **Catering**- Diane recommends Arista Pasta in Puyallup. They are located close to the venue. They have locally sourced items. \$13 for buffet with 2 pastas, bread, and salad. Diane will ask how much dessert is and will add if \$2 or less per person. Jane mentioned that tax and gratuity will be added. The Board seemed comfortable with a per person cost of approximately \$20 and gave authorization for Diane to proceed with hiring Arista. Barbara

- will purchase sparkling cider for toast at the end of Awards ceremony.
- **Volunteers-** volunteers have been assigned to tasks. Jane will let volunteers know their responsibilities.
- **Awards-** Jane presented the Executive Board nominations which include the Cushman Trail as a project, the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition as an organization, and John Ernest Berry III for a lifetime achievement award. Chris suggested Bill Hilton of the Friends of the Riverwalk be added for Outstanding Year. Barbara moved that all four be given awards, Ernie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **State of the Trails Address-** Jane asked that Board members E-mail to Bryan with ideas for the address.
- **Participate in Puyallup Watershed Initiative – Active Transportation Community of Interest**
  - Puyallup Watershed Initiative Conference – Jane mentioned that the Conference is October 26 & 27 at the Washington History Museum.
  - White paper – countywide trail system – Jane mentioned that this is still being drafted.
  - Inventory & prioritize ROW – Jane reported that Buzz, George, Bryan, Shawn and she have been working on a spreadsheet that inventories trails and ROW.
  - Inventory trail plans; identify priorities – Joseph mentioned that two meetings are tentatively scheduled in October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for this. Jane mentioned that the COI has funds for convening a trail prioritization process. Joseph thought that this could be used for the public meetings in 2016. Shawn and Jane will work to get the spreadsheet cleaned up and to Joseph by the end of September.
  - Design trail stewardship program – The City of Puyallup has developed a trail stewardship program.
- **Puyallup-Tacoma trail link** – Jane reported that Andrew Stroebel of the Puyallup Tribe informed her that Tribal Council has identified a trail along the river in their long-range Capital Improvement Program.
- **Pipeline Trail** –Alta planning will be completing an economic study on the Pipeline Trail, as well as the Puyallup River trail proposal, connecting to the Foothills Trail and the Carbon River entrance to Mt. Rainier. Diane mentioned that an interagency committee will be convened to discuss the Pipeline Trail.
- Maintain web and social media presence. Jane reported that web domain name has been purchased for our website for about \$28. We are no longer reliant on the web designer and Jane will be updating the website.

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

- Diane mentioned that the Downtown to Defiance event is this Sunday from 9am-1pm. There will be a COI booth and a big wheel obstacle course for elected officials.
- Jane mentioned that the US Surgeon General released a Call to Action for walking and walkable communities. A large number of initiatives will be launched within the next year.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 1:23 pm.