

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting**  
**March 9, 2011**  
**Tacoma Metro Parks**  
**12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Attended:** Ernie Bay, Katrina Bloemsma, Bryan Bowden, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, Lyle Quasim, Kendall Reid, David Seago, Barbara Skinner, and Dave Uberuaga.

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon

**Open and Introduction:** ForeverGreen President David Seago called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**February Board Meeting Minutes:**

- *Barbara motioned to approve the February board meeting minutes as presented. Jane seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

**Budget and Finances:**

- With receipt of the 2010 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter statement from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, Jayme was able to finalize the 2010 budget. The ending balance for 2010 was \$8,948.70. Barbara requested that the "Projected Deficit for 2010" line be deleted from the '10 spreadsheet.
- The board also reviewed the current 2011 budget statement, which shows a balance of \$11,075.68. Income has been received from the fundraising effort and the only expenses have been co-sponsorship of Transportation Advocacy Day and a few office supplies.
- Since January 1, the fundraising effort has collected \$2,200; \$1,200 in donations and \$1,000 in anonymous match. We are \$133 away from the fundraising goal. \*Lyle presented a contribution right after this discussion that met the goal.
- On March 8, the Pierce County Council put a resolution on the March 22 agenda that would authorize the release of funds to the Pierce Conservation District beginning April 1. Not sure yet how much would be released and/or with what frequency, but if passed, the District will be able to keep its doors open.

**Director of Government Relations Report:**

- Kirk was able to get a bill number for the sales tax legislation while in Olympia for Lobby Day on February 10. However, he was unable to get any Republican signatures, which will make the effort more difficult this year. Additionally, while the deadline to introduce the bill was met, the deadline to get a committee hearing on it was not. Therefore, this effort will not be going any further in 2011, and the focus now is on what to do for next year.
- Jane reported that turn out was very good for Transportation Lobby Day. A "Complete Streets" initiative passed out of the House and Jane will be testifying on its behalf later today in the Senate. Recognizing that now is a good time to encourage Pierce County's cities to include "Complete Streets" in their comp plan amendments, Dave S. will work on drafting a letter to planning directors, mayors, and city administrators asking them to do so.
- The Open Space Task Force is beginning to prepare its final report and recommendations to the Pierce County Council later this year. One priority in the report is the recommendation that an Open Space Coordinator position be developed and funded. Part of this includes formation of an Open Space Advisory Council. Bryan was asked to present the draft Open Space plan at the April 13 board meeting.

- Development of a Pierce County Parks Foundation is moving forward. In order to accomplish some of the anticipated tasks, the Foundation will have to be a 501 c 3.
- The City of Puyallup Planning Commission will hold a hearing tonight for the River Road Corridor Redevelopment plan, which has many components, including trails. ForeverGreen will submit a letter of support that requests addition of a provision to connect the Riverwalk Trail to future trails from Fife or Tacoma. Ernie will present ForeverGreen's letter at the meeting.

### **Old Business**

- A revised draft of the 2011 Work Plan was reviewed and discussed. *Kirk motioned to approve the work plan as presented, with the understanding that it is a "living document" and amendments are to be anticipated. Terry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.* A finalized version of the adopted 2011 Work Plan will be sent out with the March meeting minutes.
- A schedule for implementing the 2011 Work Plan's action items was developed by the Executive Committee. Copies were handed out for review and discussion. The schedule is intended to keep the year's goals and objectives on track, and to confirm who is the lead person(s) for each task. The work schedule will be revised frequently throughout the year. An up-to-date version will be included with the March meeting minutes.
- The Pierce County Bicycle Alliance has a new name: Coalition for Active Transportation (CAT). They are in the process of developing their mission statement and goals.

### **New Business**

- A discussion about board membership was tabled.
- Planning has begun for the 2011 Pierce County Trails Conference. Bryan, Dave S., Jane, Barbara, Kirk, Terry, Ernie, and Katrina volunteered to attend the first planning meeting. Jayme will try to schedule the conference planning meeting for either side of the April 13 board meeting, depending on room availability at Metro Parks. The Trails Conference committee is extremely important to the success of the conference – your ideas and assistance are essential to putting on this event! All are welcome, even if you are not listed above. Jayme will send out an agenda and confirmation of meeting time and place prior to April 13.

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

- Please send an email to Jayme with an accounting of your ForeverGreen time for the month of February. If possible, also include date and brief description of activity.

### **Information Sharing:**

- Ernie – Has concerns about current developments regarding the 134<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. (Puyallup) connection to the Foothills Trail. Trail access is now restricted and funding for this piece is in danger of being lost. Possible annexation of this area into the city of Puyallup is still an issue.
- Terry – Positive discussions and progress with WA Dept. of Transportation about the Pierson-Cushman Trail connection under the west end of the Narrows bridges. WWRP funding is at significant risk of going away. Terry submitted an op-ed article to the Peninsula Gateway in support of keeping the funding.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.**

**The next board meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.**