

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

Attended: Ernie Bay, David Boe, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, Lyle Quasim, and Dave Seago. **Guests:** Andrew Austin and Diane Wiatr.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introductions: ForeverGreen President Jane Moore opened the meeting with roundtable introductions at 12:04 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- *Dave S. moved to approve the July board meeting minutes as presented. David B. seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Finances

- The financial report was reviewed. Updates and changes include the following:
 - \$2,000 has been received from Tacoma Metro Parks.
 - Final billing for the Puyallup-Fife-Tacoma trail study from Parametrix in the amount of \$900 is on hold until delivery of final report.
- Kirk, Jane, and Tim met in August as the finance/fundraising committee. Jane suggested that a report on their discussion wait until the October board meeting so Kirk and/or Tim could be there to present ideas and answer questions.
- The Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club does not currently have an event director for the 2011 Daffodil Classic. Bob Myrick and Kirk had the idea that the Wheelmen could partner with ForeverGreen to put on the Daffodil Classic and share revenues. Discussion.

Government Relations

- Andrew Austin of Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC) and Diane Wiatr (City of Tacoma) gave presentations.
 - Andrew discussed the TCC, which is a statewide non-profit that promotes transportation alternatives, transportation funding, etc. He handed out copies of TCC's annual report and other information.
 - TCC has been working with the city of Tacoma on the development and recent passage of the Mobility Master Plan. The Tacoma Master Mobility Plan (TMMP) seeks to include bicycle and pedestrians in the transportation infrastructure, and provides a deliberate plan to connect a network of bike and pedestrian friendly routes through the city.
 - The issue now is figuring out how to implement the TMMP. For example: build bicycle boulevards on low traffic streets; elevate the TMMP to a high priority for seeking grant funding; bring a bicycle facility engineer on staff; and identify a source of dedicated revenue – e.g. a \$20 vehicle license fee for Tacoma residents.
 - Terry asked if Tacoma had a “Complete Streets” ordinance. Diane said the city does, and part of that includes a Design Integrative Review Team, which gives input on transportation projects.

- Andrew asked if the board would be willing to provide a letter of support for implementation of the TMMP. ForeverGreen previously wrote a letter of support for the TMMP while it was in development and going through the public hearing and adoption process. The board would do another letter emphasizing the need to implement the plan and/or to support a funding package. Dave S. and Jane already participate in the TMMP implementation committee.
- On another note, the city recently applied for grant money to construct the Prairie Line Trail through the UW campus to the waterfront.
- Regarding creation of a rural Pierce Co. park district, Kirk and Dave S. have met with members of the Foothills Coalition and Tacoma Wheelmen to develop a trail priority list to present to the advisory group working on formation of the new district. The top three suggested trail projects are: completion of the Foothills Trail from Buckley to Enumclaw; begin the Cross County Commuter Connector Trail; and begin the rail-with-trail project. No one is sure where this will go from here, but one of the significant benefits is that it has brought the three trail groups together to work on something of joint interest. The advisory group will be presenting to the county council in October.
- Kirk and Jane recently presented a letter to the Puyallup Tribal Council requesting a chance to present a trail proposal that would help link Puyallup, Fife, and Tacoma.

Old Business

- Following discussion, *Dave S. moved to designate the November 10 board meeting as ForeverGreen's annual meeting. David B. seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
- The state trails conference is approaching and planning continues. The program is set and available for viewing on the WSTC website. Bob Myrick is in charge of the tour offerings. Ernie and Jayme met with the Vault regarding catering for the social mixer. Ernie is still soliciting sponsorships for the mixer.

New Business

- Jayme handed out a list of nominees for the 2010 Pierce County Trail Awards. The list will be resent electronically with the September minutes and October agenda. The vote for award recipients will be at the October 13 board meeting.
- Dave S. reported that the city of Tacoma and Cascade Bicycle Club have a handle on the annual trail use survey. They are not interested in adding survey sites outside of Tacoma.
- Shawn Phelps (PC Public Works) inquired about inviting a ForeverGreen representative to participate in the Puget Sound Regional Council's transportation committee. Terry said he is a member of that committee until the end of the year and will advocate on behalf of ForeverGreen. Jane said that Tim has expressed interest in the bicycle and pedestrian committee. Jayme will forward this information to Shawn and the PSRC.

News, Updates, and Announcements

- Ernie – Bids have been awarded for construction of the underpass under the railroad tracks to connect the Puyallup Riverwalk and Foothills Trails. The private property issue may also be resolved soon.
- David B. – As mentioned earlier by Diane Wiatr, the Prairie Line Trail project is moving forward, as is redevelopment of Pacific Avenue.
- Lyle – Said he is “happy to be aboard” ForeverGreen.

- Terry – Phase 2 of the Cushman Trail is well used and people are working on the final section of Phase 2 which would connect to Borgen Boulevard. This last piece has been permitted and designed, but is in need of construction funds. Development of trails at the Tacoma Narrows Airport is still in the works, with funding to come from Peninsula Metro Parks. Up to 2,000 people a day use the Chambers Bay trails, and Sept. 16 is the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bridge over the railroad tracks to 2.5 miles of shoreline. And the dedication ceremony for the newly acquired Devil’s Head property at the tip of the Key Peninsula was in mid-August. Discussions about a passive trail system there, as well as the Puget Sound marine trails, continues.

Closing Comments

- No closing comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 8, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters.