



ForeverGreen Trails

Connecting Pierce County Communities with Trails

Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Tacoma Nature Center, 1919 S Tyler, Tacoma

Sustainability Committee (previously called Organizational Development)
work plan – Jane & Terry discussed scheduling

Introductions Terry Reid, President; Alan Carter Mortimer, Vice President/Secretary; George Walk, Treasurer; Mary Dodsworth, Lakewood; Shawn Phelps, Pierce County; Miae Aramori, TPCHD; Jackson Skinner, MetroParks Tacoma; Eric Guenther, Pen Met Parks

Staff: Jane Moore, Executive Director; Larry Leveen, Project & Communications Coordinator

Guests: Gary Leaf, City of Bonney Lake; Shawn Jensen, Bruce Dees & Associates

June Trail Presentation: Fennel Creek Trail

Gary Leaf, Facilities & Special Projects Manager, City of Bonney Lake
Review of history and plans for the Fennel Creek Trail.

Consent Agenda

May minutes; financial report; Staff Reports – Alan moved; Shawn seconded; approved.

Staff Reports

Introduced Larry as new Project & Communications Coordinator; extensive background in trail planning and advocacy for trails.

Jane: working with interns from Northwest College of Art & Design – they are creating an animated clip about trails that we will be able to show; Chambers Creek Foundation & City of Fife are planning to become organizational members; Celebration of Life for Buzz Grant will be June 21, 6-8:30 pm at Orting Park; Tacoma2Puyallup Trail Route Analysis Community Open House June 27, 5:30-8 pm, Pioneer Park Pavilion – want input on the 3 potential routes; Public Meeting for input on final Swan Creek Park Master Plan 6/25, 6 pm, Salishan Family Investment Center; Pierce County Parks should have PROS Plan Update online from comments July15 through August 15; Pierce County Parks will be giving presentations to County Council in August and will want support.

Larry: clean-up and organizing Google Drive files and website; posts on social media, especially events for PC Trails Day; cross posting and sharing information with TWBC and similar groups to increase awareness. Please follow/like on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram and share/retweet posts. Contact him if have content for posts. City of Roy now on-board for Yelm to Roy trail project; presentations to PSRC planned.

Board Updates: Likely to have a representative from Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition soon. Jackson Skinner will be the new representative from Metro Parks Tacoma. Eric Guenther will serve as representative of Pen Met Parks. Mary moved, George seconded accepting Jackson and Eric to active board; approved.

Work Plan Status Report

Jane reviewed the report provided. We are progressing well on everything except Objective 4 advocating for consistent design standards, policies, and procedures that make it easier for users to enjoy the countywide trail system. Jane met with Kimberly Freeman, Pierce County Parks, earlier today. Kimberly says that this project is on her work plan for 2020. Jane suggest we defer our work until 2020 as well to increase collaboration. Report is available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZJOIyEMgaSuVAirTgNvZRi9G-2Oka1Q9/view?usp=sharing>

Trail Updates & News

Eric: Cushman Trail plan presented to council; they had some suggested adjustments to route so it will cross under SR 16 at existing overpass.

Jackson: Dune Peninsula and Wilson Way are opening; public celebration will be part of Downtown to Defiance on Saturday, September 7.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

1:30-2:15 Trails Conference Planning Committee

Mary, George, Terry, Alan, Jane, Larry

Reserve the Pagoda. Capacity? See if can use downstairs – food and displays there? Final sessions there. Ask about clean up – take down chairs/tables. Need to provide ideas for parking since parking is tight. Last year's caterer was good – contact them again.

Safe & Accessible Trails: Park ranger program – safe and accessible parks/trails; homeless issues. Mary will work on this panel. Olympia, MPT, Puyallup.

Bike/ped safety – WSDOT study findings, TPCHD, City of Tacoma – how to make yourself safer. Kids riding to school in Orting – something they've done to encourage? Terry has a contact at Orting schools. Data showing bike/ped injuries by location. Terry will work with Miae on a panel.

Craig Romano – good idea for keynote; Travel Tacoma might sponsor visit – hotel night. Book on Tacoma Urban Trails coming out this fall. Jane will contact and make arrangements. Could have books for autograph; gift basket for auction?

Standard structure for conference – program agenda. Jane create and send out.

Consider 4 areas (PC Parks areas) speed dating – for updates; rotate through 4 stations.

Conference rooms downstairs at Pagoda? Outside? Ask PC Parks to provide host for each area – manager of that area? Dot on name tag to divide into groups. Remember to include cities and park districts in addition to PC Parks. 10 minutes talk; 1minute moving; good timer/bell

Need a catchy name!

Other ideas – how to build community support for trails; overcoming naysayers, fear. ALTA Planning + Design – woman from Atlanta office. Alan will investigate possibilities. Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance has dealt with this – might have a presenter. Larry will contact Yvonne/Mike about being a panelist. Might be able to get an organization to sponsor speaker and cover costs.

Youth presentation? Maybe instead of bike/ped safety. NYC & WTA panelists – Outdoor Leadership Training; Latina Outdoors – pathways to get youth engaged in outdoors/trails. Alan will work on arrangements.

Registration fee - \$35 – same as last year.

Silent Auction

Bike ride & walk before start.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

July 10 - Presentation: State Transportation Update – Rep. Jake Fey

August 14 **Sept 4** Oct 9 Nov 13 Dec 11

July & August meetings at Metro Park Tacoma Headquarters, 4902 S 19th St.

Change in date for September meeting

Executive Committee meetings are usually held the last Thursday of each month.

Next meeting: Monday 6/24/19, 2 pm, [Urban Timber Coffee, Microbrew & Wine](#) 6621 166th Ave E, Sumner

ForeverGreen Vision Statement:

A countywide system of trails connecting all of Pierce County's communities. The system links sidewalks, bike lanes, and local pathways into an integrated network for safe, convenient, non-motorized travel and recreation. The system is valued, used and cared for by local residents and contributes to the livability and economy of Pierce County.

ForeverGreen Mission Statement:

Support a countywide system of trails through education, advocacy, promotion, collaboration, and stewardship.

May Staff Reports

Executive Director Report – Jane Moore

- a. AT COI – funding update – unlikely to have significant funding for projects from PWI starting in 2020; might have small amount rollover funds available.
- b. Step It Up – meeting; want to develop document with elements to consider when building trails; best practices for prioritization; accessibility recommendations; how to increase use; then publicize all findings. Also working on Safe Routes to Parks and active transportation plans; Matt Kelley UWT GIS, Action Mapping Project; Andrew McConnico Trust for Public Land
- c. Meetings:

- i. Yelm to Roy Trail –support from TWBC & Foothills; FGT serve as 501c3 for grants
- ii. SR 167 Stakeholder Group – recommendations; route analysis; public outreach

WSDOT-Meet us in your neighborhood. We have a full schedule of fairs and festivals this summer! Look for us at the [Eastside Tacoma Farmers Market](#) (June 11), [Meeker Days](#) (June 14 - 16), the [Edgewood Community Picnic](#) (July 20), the [Tacoma Broadway Farmers Market](#) (August 1), the [Puyallup Farmers Market](#) (August 10), and [Milton Days](#) (August 17).

- iii. T2P group meeting June; public meeting June 20 or 27, Pioneer Park Pavilion, Puyallup
- iv. Chambers Creek Foundation – Support the Trails 5K 9/21; we can have table; they need volunteers
- v. TWBC – lacking officers; need for improved communications.
- vi. Foothills Coalition – Stuart Scheurman is new president.
 - 1. Celebration of Life for Buzz Grant will be Friday, June 21, 6-8:30 pm at Orting Park.
 - 2. Rainier to Ruston on June 1 has more than 2000 runners entered.
 - 3. Next Carbon River Forum meeting will be June 11, 2-4 pm at Wilkeson Town Hall.

d. Events

- i. Walk Buckley – 4th Wednesday June, July, August. First walk on May 22 had about 20 participants; FGT provides water & snacks; Jane will attend again in June; Terry in July & George in August.
- ii. Transit to Trails – DOTG will be managing these events.
- iii. Pipeline Trail – City of Tacoma ribbon cutting – June 8; FGT will lead walk
- iv. Short Course on Local Planning – Transportation – June 13 – organized by FGT & DOTG; hosted by City of Tacoma
- v. Scheduled for booth at Lakewood Farmers Market on July 9
- e. WSDOT Active Transportation Plan – online survey – www.bit.ly/WSDOT-2019-ATP ; encourage everyone to complete survey. (*Update: survey is now closed; sign up for ATP News at above link*)
- f. PC Parks - PROS Update due 3/1/2020; 2020-2026 Strategic Plan; County Council presentation; Jane & Larry will follow.
- g. Community Plan updates: Fredrickson, Mid-County, Parkland-Spanaway-Midway, South Hill - Website: www.piercecountywa.gov/cpupdate; updates supportive of trails & active transportation; open houses underway; next steps – Planning Commission hearings summer then to council for hearings, discussion, & adoption fall/winter. Jane will follow process.
 - i. Mid-County Community Plan: Tuesday, June 18; Open House 5:30; Planning Commission 6:30; Pierce County Skills Center, 16117 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup
 - ii. Mid-County Community Plan: Tuesday, June 25; Open House 5:30; Planning Commission 6:30; Pierce County Annex, 2401 S 35th St, Tacoma
 - iii. Parkland-Spanaway-Midway Community Plan: Wednesdays, June 12 & 19; Open House 5:30; Advisory Commission 6:30; Sprinker Recreation Center, 14824 C St S, Tacoma

- iv. Fredrickson Community Plan: Mondays, June 10 & 24; Open House 6:00; Advisory Commission 7:00; Pierce County Skills Center, 16117 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup
- v. South Hill Community Plan: Open House 5:30; Planning Commission 6:30; Emerald Ridge High School, 12405 184th St E, Puyallup
- h. Key-Pen Parks plan update – underway; will follow process.
- i. Events for PC Trails Day – 25+ events scheduled
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EYFhvqtdnfy6Ql0Zb0P3I9rDaeYnoz3wNkqgLG26_U/edit?usp=sharing
- j. Park Prescriptions program – Park Rx on-line map with WA State Parks; Jane will check with Miae at TPCHD & Joe Brady at MPT to see if they have been involved with project.
 - i. PCMS Member/Resident Social August 15 – Jane could attend to explore interested physicians.
 - ii. NPS Great Idea RTCA technical assistance; applications due June 30; Pierce County Parks & Recreation is applying for assistance with Carbon River Corridor planning.

Project & Communications Coordinator Report – Larry Leveen

Initial meeting with Jane to discuss onboarding and orientation
 Met with Jae Hermann, a new potential outreach volunteer
 Gained access to social media accounts, website, Qgiv, Mailchimp
 Perused FGT's online documents
 Initiated reorganization of Google Drive filing system
 Initiated writing an orientation document for future Project and Communications Coordinators
 Updated organization logo on: Instagram, website, Twitter, Facebook, MailChimp, Jane's Gmail signature
 Removed wrong info from webpage – day, date, location of Trails & Ales & added Map link and RSVP link to Facebook Event.
 Posted Trails & Ales event to TWBC Facebook group & DOTG & Event Pub
 Removed old info off Home page and will assess a reorganization of website
 Found and deleted an outdated WordPress site for FGT
 Removed old users from social media access where possible and initiated conversation with Jane about changing all site and social media passwords and using a password manager
 Implemented most website changes Jane sent
 Added email links to the staff webpage
 Simplification of website
 Posted on social media about Trails & Ales prior to event
 Started making notes for future Trails & Ales events

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 15, Saturday, 10:00 AM, 9:00 PM, Meeker Days - Arts & Music Festival, downtown Puyallup, <http://www.puyallupmainstreet.com/events/meeker-days/>
- June 15, Saturday, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, Pitch In for Parks, Chambers Creek Regional Park Grandview Trail, jenn.sergent@piercecounitywa.gov
- June 16, Sunday, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM, Meeker Days - Arts & Music Festival, downtown Puyallup, <http://www.puyallupmainstreet.com/events/meeker-days/>
- June 19, Wednesday, 5:15 PM, 6:30 PM, Walk Tacoma - Museum Walk, Children's Museum of Tacoma Pacific Ave & S 15th, <http://www.downtownthego.com/go/walking>
- June 26, Wednesday, 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, Walk Buckley - River Road and A Street, Foothills Heritage Museum 130 River Road Buckley, **FGT participates**
- June 27, Thursday, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection Community Open House, Pioneer Park Pavilion, Puyallup;** Open house, presentation, & roundtable discussions to learn community's ideas, concerns, and preferences to inform route analysis. Refreshments available. Hosted by WSDOT, PWI AT COI, DOTG & FGT
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- July 10, Wednesday, noon, 1:00 PM, Walk Tacoma - Japantown Walk, Top of UWT Stairs (Jefferson & S 19th), <http://www.downtownthego.com/go/walking>
- July 13, Saturday, 11:00 AM, 11:00 PM, Lakewood SummerFEST, Fort Steilacoom Park, <https://cityoflakewood.us/summerfest/>
- July 16, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, 11:00 PM, DuPont Moonwalk - Sequelitchew Creek Canyon, DuPont Civic Center, <http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us/>
- July 20, Saturday, 8:00 AM, B&O Half Marathon and 10K, Buckley to Orting, <https://bnohalf.com/> **Foothills hosts – need volunteers**
- July 20 Saturday, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM, Edgewood City Picnic, Edgemont Park, <http://www.edgewoodcommunitypicnic.com/index.html>
- July 24, Wednesday, 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, Walk Buckley - West Side, Foothills Heritage Museum 130 River Road Buckley, **FGT participates**
- July 27, Saturday, all day, all day, Pierce County Trails Day, various locations, <https://www.forevergreentrails.org/> **FGT hosts**
- July 27, Saturday, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, Pitch In for Parks, Foothills Trail East Puyallup Trailhead, jenn.sergent@piercecounitywa.gov
- July 27-28, Sat-Sun, Noon, 7:00 PM, Ethnic Fest, Wright Park, <https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar/index.php?cid=1211>
- September 5, Thursday, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Green Drinks Tacoma (FGT hosting), location TBD <https://www.facebook.com/greendrinks253/> **FGT hosts**
- October 17, Thursday, 4:00 PM-8:30 PM, Pierce County Trails Conference, location TBD **FGT hosts**