

THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JANUARY 21, 2009

TIME AND PLACE

Pursuant to timely notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Community Center in Preston, Washington on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, beginning at 7:20 p.m., following the 6:30 p.m. dinner.

PRESENT

Present were the 23 voting Directors and five nonvoting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several guests were also present (Attachment 2).

Bill Chapman acted as chair of the meeting, and Karl Forsgaard and Wendy Tyner acted as secretary. A copy of the agenda is attached to these minutes (Attachment 3).

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following matters:

Minutes of November 12, 2008 Board Meeting. These minutes were reviewed and approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

I. Announcements

Doug Schindler gave an update on the potential Raging River acquisition that was discussed at the December dinner. A letter of intent has been signed, and appraisal work needs to be done before it is submitted to the Board of Natural Resources in April. Doug also reported that Nancy Keith has accepted an arts fundraising position in Mongolia.

II. Fundraising Report

Wendy Tyner updated the board on fundraising efforts. For the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the number of gifts is slightly down for the first time, but the average gift amount has increased. We have raised \$169,843, about 48% of the 08-09 budget amount. Many donations of \$1,000 to \$5,000 were recognized, plus a \$25,000 donation by the Osberg Family Trust, and \$10,000 donations from Sally and Warren Jewell, Ted and Gretchen

Thomsen, Steve and Connie Ballmer, and the Burning Foundation. The Carter Motors Tree Campaign raised \$108,560 in 2008, and also generated publicity for the Greenway.

III. December Dinner Report

Cynthia Welti reported on the successful December dinner. The dinner raised \$95,000 for net income of \$40,000. Special thanks to Sally and Warren Jewell for matching gifts of \$25,375.

IV. Funded Projects in the Greenway for 2009

Doug Schindler reported on projects in 2009 for which the Greenway or partners have received funding from such sources as NRTP or NOVA grants, King County Conservation Futures, other County or municipal finds, or State legislation. Projects include trail maintenance funding to the Greenway, the Forest Service and DNR; Middle Fork-Granite Flats Trailhead construction; Snoqualmie Lake Trail; North Rattlesnake acquisition appraisals; Cougar-Squak corridor additions; Cougar Mtn. Precipice area; the Tanner Trail in North Bend; Grand Ridge; Cedar River; Patterson Creek; and the Issaquah Regional Trail connection (Hwy 900 to Exit 13).

V. Present and Future Forestry in King County

Kristi McClelland, King County Stewardship Forester from King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks, described the forestry components of healthy forests and ways to create sustainable forests. She provided recommendations for an integral regional infrastructure that can be managed and sustained over time with an emphasis on private landowners. A follow-up table discussion followed the presentation.

VI. Washington State Horse Park Launch

Todd Trewin, President of the Washington State Horse Park Authority Board, reported on the status of the WA State Horse Park that is to be developed in Cle Elum. Project milestones, site configuration, land donation issues and legislative funding were discussed. The site design goal is to build a first class multi-use, environmentally friendly park while preserving the character of the property. The permitting process should begin in Spring 2009. Todd asked for guidance from the Greenway on ways to reduce the impacts that I-90 may have on the park.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.

Karl Forsgaard, Secretary