

THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 16, 2022

TIME AND PLACE

Pursuant to timely notice, the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was held on February 16, 2022, beginning at 7:00pm in virtual format.

PRESENT

Present were 37 voting Directors and 3 non-voting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several guests were also present (Attachment 1).

Doug McClelland served as Chair of the meeting and Josh Lipsky (for approval of minutes and board election) and Sharon Linton (the remainder of the meeting) as Secretary. A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is attached to these Minutes (Attachment 2).

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following matters:

1. Approval of the Board Minutes

Minutes of the November 3, 2021 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

2. Board Elections

Sharon Linton was nominated as Secretary. Sharon Linton was unanimously elected to serve as Secretary.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1. Welcome

Doug McClelland welcomed everyone.

2. Announcements

Jon Hoekstra and Doug McClelland shared announcements:

- a. Staff updates*

Three new staff joined the Greenway in February: Volunteer Coordinator, Sornesarwanh (“Swan”) Phongwarin; Restoration Coordinators, Kate Fancher and Michael Sanchez. All three are former Restoration Crew Members. Ending his time with the Greenway is Joe Olbrych, Trail and Field Projects Coordinator. Joe has been on staff for 8 years. He will be joining the WTA as Puget Sound Field Manager.

b. 2021 Annual Celebration.

The Annual Celebration was held on the wet and chilly afternoon December 4, 2021 at Meadowbrook Farm with over 120 intrepid souls in attendance to celebrate the year’s many projects and partners across the Greenway. Jim Ellis Spirit Awards were presented to Cristy Lake of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum, Katherine Hollis of Eastrail Partners, and Patty Garvey-Darda of USFS.

c. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

A DEI workshop for the Board of Directors is currently being planned. DEI consultant Sean Watts is working with board members Susan Carlson, Kitty Craig, Kurt Fraese, Sharon Linton and Meredith Shank to develop a workshop agenda. Save the date for Board of Directors DEI workshop for May 25, 2022 at 7:00pm.

d. Ballinger Open Space Carbon Credits

Collaboration with City Forest Credit and City of Shoreline generates Urban Forest Carbon Credits that can be bundled with other carbon credits and sold to fund long-term maintenance of the restoration site. Bundled with credits from several other sites, Greenway Trust credits sold for \$34/ton, well more than the previously projected price for credits. It is expected that this will provide the Greenway Trust approximately \$60,000 to be used for long-term maintenance of the Ballinger Open Space site.

e. Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Forest

The Snoqualmie Tribe recently acquired 12,000 acres in the Tolt River Watershed from prior owner Campbell Global, facilitated by Forterra.

f. Washington State Legislative session

Washington State Legislative session is underway. Several legislative updates and funding proposals we are supporting:

- Conservation Futures Tax - support for an optional sales tax revenue source counties can use for parks.

- DNR’s Keep WA Evergreen working forest protection did not move forward.
- \$15 million in maintenance funding for public land managers of some of the most-used recreation lands – thanks to Rep. Cindy Ryu and Washington Trails Association for proposing funding for State Parks, State DNR, Fish and Wildlife.
- \$3.2 million Education, Enforcement, Safety to DNR to protect recreation areas.
- \$2 million in the Farmland Protection and Land Access program will help make land affordable for new farmers.
- Proposed transportation budget includes \$6.9 million for Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail in the Eastgate area of Bellevue, \$18 million for Eastrail Bellevue, \$6 million Eastrail Renton, \$640 million for SR 18 widening, \$155 million I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East widening to Easton.
- Susan Carlson mentioned the Outdoor Schools for All program HB 2078 which has gained traction in the legislature.

g. Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail ribbon cutting

Bill Chapman enthusiastically described the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail ribbon-cutting along with the City of Bellevue held on January 7, 2022. Bill Chapman joined U.S. Congressmen Adam Smith and Rick Larsen, State Representative Vandana Slatter, Bellevue Mayor Lynne Robinson, and others for the ribbon-cutting celebration of the new Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from the I-90/I405 Interchange, along the south side of I-90, to 142nd and the bridge to Bellevue College. He reminded us that the vision for this trail is to connect the entire Greenway from east to west. Once a few more segments are completed in the future this vision will be realized.

BOARD MEETING BUSINESS

1. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising Committee Report

Mike Woodsum thanked a lengthy list of donors and shared details on the Spring Breakfast planned for Friday April 29, 2022 at Lake Sammamish State Park. Mike asked Jim Reinhardsen to talk about his and wife Bonnie’s leadership gift in support of the Greenway’s education program and their desire to stimulate more support for this program with their gift.

2. Friends of Waterfront Seattle

Friends of Waterfront Seattle Board member Maggie Walker and Executive Director Thatcher Bailey shared a presentation on progress to the Seattle waterfront, seawall, parks etc. Work is scheduled to be complete in late 2024. It was mentioned that a stretch of the Greenway Trail from Beacon Hill to the waterfront is an important last connection on the west end of the Greenway.

3. Mountains to Sound Greenway NHA management plan

Elizabeth Lunney (NHA management plan advisory committee chair) along with staff Jon Hoekstra, and Becca Kedenburg provided an update on National Heritage Area management planning. A broad range of stakeholders including board members are asked to provide feedback to the draft plan by March 2 prior to a release of the plan for public comment period and submission to the National Park Service.

Meeting attendees were assigned to breakout rooms for discussions with members of the advisory committee and Greenway Trust staff.

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Doug McClelland offered closing remarks from his kitchen. He recounted the great presentations and board member engagement throughout the meeting and promoted the upcoming Greenway Trust board engagement and volunteer opportunities and upcoming meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.



Sharon K Linton, Secretary

Board Meeting Attendance - Annual Meeting

February 16, 2022 - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Director, Advisor, Guest, Staff	Ex-Officio Director
Cathy	Baker	The Nature Conservancy	Director	
Laurie	Benson	WA State Dept. of Natural Resources	Director	x
Mark	Boyar	Middle Fork Outdoor Coalition	Director	
Allison	Capen	International Living Future Institute	Director	
Susan	Carlson	E3 Washington	Director	
Bill	Chapman	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	
Kitty	Craig	The Wilderness Society	Director	
Deloa	Dalby	Savor Snoqualmie Valley Leadership Team; The Mountaineers Foothills Branch	Director	
Bob	Ellis	Lifetime Educator and Cyclist	Director	
Karl	Forsgaard	Thomson Reuters, Alpine Lakes Protection Society	Director	
Matthew	Grimm	Tri Pointe Homes Washington	Director	
Jon	Hoekstra	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	
Warren	Jimenez	King County Parks and Recreation	Director	x
Cora	Johnson	GeoEngineers, Inc	Director	
Andrew	Kenefick	Waste Management of Washington, Retired	Director	
Janet	Knox	Pacific Groundwater Group	Director	
Ken	Konigsmark	Issaquah Alps Trails Club	Director	
Yvonne	Kraus	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	Director	
Ken	Krivanec	Tri Pointe Homes Washington	Director	
Daniel	Levine	NationAd Communications	Director	
Sharon	Linton	SL Connects	Director	
Joshua	Lipsky	Cascadia Law Group PLLC	Director	
Elizabeth	Lunney		Director	
Robert	Manelski	The Boeing Company, Retired	Director	
Ben	Mayer	K&L Gates LLP	Director	
Douglas	McClelland	Retired, WA State Dept. of Natural Resources	Director	
Tod	McDonald	Valid8 Financial	Director	
Roger	Millar	WSDOT	Director	x
Chad	Nesland	Microsoft Corporation	Director	
Thomas	O'Keefe	American Whitewater	Director	
Marie	Quasius	Port of Seattle	Director	
Janet	Ray	AAA Washington, Retired	Director	
Jim	Reinhardsen	Laird Norton Properties	Director	
Vikram	Sahney	The Mountaineers	Director	
Meredith	Shank	Social Venture Partners	Director	
Steven	Shestag	The Boeing Comoany	Director	
Al	Smith	Perkins Coie LLP	Director	
Harry	Thomas	AAA Washington	Director	
Adam	Torem	Industrial Insurance Appeals Judge	Director	
Alison	Washburn	REI Co-op, Bellevue	Director	
Travis	Klaas	Mott McDonald	Advisor	
Mary Lou	Pauly	Mayor, City of Issaquah	Advisor	
Larry	Phillips	Former King County Council	Advisor	
Martie	Schramm	USFS Snoqualmie Ranger District	Advisor	
Matt	Shaw	The Climate Corporation	Advisor	
Julie	Stangell		Advisor	
Kathy	Williams		Advisor	
Thatcher	Bailey	Friends of Waterfron Seattle	Guest	
Libby	Hollingshead	King County Council	Guest	
Katherine	Hollis	Eastrail Partners	Guest	
David	Kappler	Issaquah Alps Trails Club	Guest	
David	Peterson	Retired, WSDOT	Guest	
Maggie	Walker		Guest	
Brian	White	WSDOT	Guest	
Tor	Bell	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Amy	Brockhaus	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Mackenzie	Dolstad	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Kate	Fancher	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Stephanie	Huck	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Becca	Kedenburg	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Nicky	Pasi	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Sornesarwanh	Phongwarinr	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Michael	Sanchez	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Michael	Woodsum	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	

Attendance	
-Voting Directors:	37
-Non-Voting Directors:	3
Total Directors:	40
Advisors and Guests:	14
Staff Attendance:	10
Total Attendance:	64