

**THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 15, 2021**

**TIME AND PLACE**

Pursuant to timely notice, this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was held on September 15, 2021, beginning at 7:00pm in virtual format.

**PRESENT**

Present were the 28 voting Directors and 2 non-voting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several guests were also present.

Doug McClelland served as Chair of the meeting and Josh Lipsky 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:

**Approval of the Board Minutes.** Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with no corrections.

**PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**1. Welcome**

Doug McClelland welcomed everyone and introduced new directors. Doug presented a number of outdoor opportunities and encouraged participation.

**2. Announcements**

- a. *Upper Yakima Basin.* Nicky Pasi provided project updates and news on the Greenway Trust's Upper Yakima Basin initiatives:
  - i. DNR's eastside lands will be re-opening on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Kittitas County's Park, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan has been approved to pursue County-led and Partner-led Objectives, and additional funding is being sought. On that front, a hearing is coming up on September 21<sup>st</sup> to consider passage of Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) 2, a proposal to add an additional 0.25% tax on real estate closing costs. If passed, this is expected to generate \$1.7 million for the PROS Plan.

- iii. The Salmon la Sac Phase II Picnic Shelter was completed earlier this year, but work to complete the kiosk next to the Shelter remains. Funded by a PSE's Powerful Partnerships Grant, the Greenway Trust will complete the kiosk in the coming weeks, with work scheduled from September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - iv. The process for hiring a new Teanaway Engagement Coordinator is well underway. Staff is interviewing from among 10 candidates and hope to make a hire soon.
  - v. A September 24th Board hike has been planned from Ronald to Roslyn.
- b. *Great American Outdoors Act.* Tor Bell provided an update on GAOA funding, including \$2 million that is expected to be allocated to fund deferred maintenance projects in the Greenway. Tor and others on the team will be working with the Washington Trails Association (WTA) and land use agencies to address priority deferred projects. This includes an agreement with USFS (across two Forests) to address projects that include:
- i. Denny Creek Trailhead expansion phase 2 (design/planning finalization;
  - ii. Pratt Bar Trailhead expansion;
  - iii. Annette Lake Trail improvements;
  - iv. Trail maintenance with WTA within the Denny Creek/Franklin Falls trail network and within the Cle Elum District; and
  - v. Site improvements through acquisition of items like picnic tables.
- c. *Rattlesnake Ledge and Middle Fork Trail.* Tor Bell provided an update on the Rattlesnake Lake Trail restoration. This is a partnership with Seattle Public Utilities to rehabilitate the Trail, which was originally built in early 2000s, all by hand. The Greenway Trust co-wrote an Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Grant to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and secured funding (\$150,000) to bring partners back together and to get a machine and an operator to make trail repairs. WTA is now hosting volunteer events for structures (repairing/armoring switchbacks, water management), and an EarthCorps crew will address slope stabilization and restoration in late winter.
- d. *Middle Fork Trail.* Tor described progress on rehabilitation of this trail, which washed out in 2018. USFS wrote a grant for a ~1/2 mile re-route through the washout with Greenway and WTA support. The trail contractor (Oregon Woods) is currently working on that re-route, again supported by WTA and Greenway. If all goes well, the trail will re-open this fall.

- b. *Tiger Mountain Timber Harvest.* Amy Brockhaus explained to the group that there will be some harvest activity this year on Tiger Mountain. Weyerhaeuser still retains some ownership to timber at the top of the mountain, but the Company was persuaded to adopt a more conservation-friendly and recreation-friendly timbering plan. This will involve re-working some of the trails with DNR, but some views will be improved. This is a good resolution relative to the Company's original timbering plan.
- c. *Education Program.* Becca Kedenburg provided updates on the Equitable Green Opportunities for Youth at Highline (EGOYH) Program and Clean Water Ambassadors. A pre-recorded video of the EGOYH Program was presented to the group. Environmental professionals were paired with Highline High School students to learn more about career opportunities in conservation. Students also did hands-on restoration work, led by skilled and experienced restoration specialists.
- d. *National Heritage Area.* Elizabeth Lunney provided an update on NHA planning. She discussed the themes developed by the Advisory Committee, including tribal heritage (a phrase still being vetted with the tribes), the landscape, wildlife corridors, human relationships with nature, and the resilience of the cultural and natural heritage of the Greenway. These themes are connected and give rise to five narratives that capture these connections, including tribal heritage, salmon, human migration, Pacific NW Forests, and Snoqualmie Pass. The Advisory Group then identified locations that represent these narratives ("bright spots"). The next step will be to take those places and figure out how to best tell the stories of these places, working with the partners who have connections to these places.

## **BOARD MEETING BUSINESS**

### **3. Breakout Discussions**

The group was split up into breakout rooms to discuss NHA issues.

### **4. Committee Updates**

- a. Doug offered a reminder to Directors to submit Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms and Annual Board Pledges.
- b. *Fundraising Committee Report.* Mike Woodsum discussed Board giving, thanked donors and shared updates on Corporate Champions and the Jim Ellis Fund for Land Conservation.

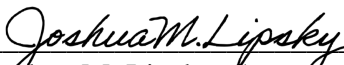
c. *Operations Committee Report.* Tor Bell provided an update on the end of FY21 financials. Operating expenses were up more than expected because we were able to get out into the field sooner than expected. Revenues were up largely due to forgiveness of the PPP loan and the exceptional fundraising efforts by the Greenway's Fundraising Team. Tor also discussed the Greenway Trust's COVID 19 response.

5. **Organizational Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion process update.** Jon Hoekstra provided an overview of the ongoing DEI work with staff and consultant Sean Watts. A staff DEI Coordinating Committee has been established, along with five task forces that will focus on: hiring, communications (how are we commuting our DEI efforts?), urban communities (investing time in identifying potential partners), seasonal staff engagement. Staff will convene a monthly all-staff DEI meeting. Jon hopes that the Board can be brought into this process in calendar year 2022.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Doug McClelland offered closing remarks, including encouraging support for land management staff. He promoted upcoming Greenway Trust Board engagement and volunteer opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

  
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Joshua M. Lipsky, Secretary

# Board Meeting Attendance - Annual Meeting

September 15, 2021 - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Director, Advisor, Guest, Staff	Ex-Officio Director
Kristin	Bail	USFS Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Director	x
Mark	Boyar	Middle Fork Outdoor Recreation Coalition	Director	
Jason	Broenneke	Matthew G. Norton Co.	Director	
Allison	Capen	International Living Future Institute	Director	
Susan	Carlson	E3 Washington	Director	
Bill	Chapman	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	
Deloa	Dalby	Savor Snoqualmie Valley Leadership Team; The Mountaineers Foothills Branch	Director	
Bob	Ellis	Lifetime Educator and Cyclist	Director	
Karl	Forsgaard	Alpine Lakes Protection Society	Director	
Kurt	Fraese	Fraese and Associates LLC	Director	
Jon	Hoekstra	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	
Ken	Krivanec	Tri Pointe Homes Washington	Director	
Sharon	Linton	SL Connects	Director	
Joshua	Lipsky	Cascadia Law Group PLLC	Director	
Elizabeth	Lunney		Director	
Ben	Mayer	K&L Gates LLP	Director	
Douglas	McClelland	Retired, WA State Dept. of Natural Resources	Director	
Thomas	O'Keefe	American Whitewater	Director	
Kizz	Prusia	Berkeley Young	Director	
Marie	Quasius	Port of Seattle	Director	
Charlie	Raines	Sierra Club, Washington State Chapter	Director	
Janet	Ray	Retired, AAA Washington	Director	
Vikram	Sahney	The Mountaineers	Director	
Meredith	Shank	Social Venture Partners	Director	
Jill	Simmons	Washington Trails Association	Director	
Al	Smith	Perkins Coie LLP	Director	
Christopher	Thomas	Lyft	Director	
Harry	Thomas	AAA Washington	Director	
Allison	Washburn	REI Co-op	Director	
Jody	Weil	USFS Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	Director	x
Jennifer	Brenes	King County Search and Rescue	Advisor	
Travis	Klaas	Mott McDonald	Advisor	
Arlene	Levy	Social Venture Partners	Advisor	
Matt	Shaw	The Climate Corporation	Advisor	
Kathy	Williams	Retired, Homestreet Bank	Advisor	
Lynn	Erickson		Guest	
Doug	Hodson	King County	Guest	
David	Kappler	Issaquah Alps Trails Club	Guest	
David	Peterson	Retired, WSDOT	Guest	
Brian	White	WSDOT	Guest	
Tor	Bell	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Amy	Brockhaus	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Mackenzie	Dolstad	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Katie	Egesi	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Eliza	Foster	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Robyn	Hall	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Stephanie	Huck	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Becca	Kedenburg	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Nicky	Pasi	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Caroline	Villanova	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Michael	Woodsum	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	

Attendance
Voting Directors: 28
Non-Voting Directors: 2
Total Directors: 30
Advisors and Guests: 10
Staff Attendance: 11
Total Attendance: 51



*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Mission:  
The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the landscape from Seattle across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature.*

**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 15, 2021, 7:00-8:30pm – via ZOOM**

*Zoom meeting opens 6:45pm*

**Chair: Doug McClelland**

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| I.   | Welcome                                                                         | 7:00pm |
| II.  | Approval of Minutes – (VOTE) Josh Lipsky                                        | 7:04pm |
| III. | Announcements and program updates                                               | 7:05pm |
|      | ○ Upper Yakima Basin updates – Nicky Pasi                                       | 7:05pm |
|      | ○ Great American Outdoors Act projects – Tor Bell                               | 7:15pm |
|      | ○ Rattlesnake Ledge and Middle Fork Trail updates – Tor Bell                    | 7:20pm |
|      | ○ Tiger Mountain harvest – Amy Brockhaus                                        | 7:22pm |
|      | ○ EGOYH and Clean Water Ambassadors – Becca Kedenburg                           | 7:25pm |
|      | ○ National Heritage Area update – Elizabeth Lunney                              | 7:35pm |
| IV.  | Breakout discussions                                                            | 7:45pm |
| V.   | Committee updates                                                               | 7:55pm |
|      | ○ Conflict of Interest, Annual Board Pledge forms reminder                      |        |
|      | ○ Fundraising Committee Report – Mike Woodsum                                   |        |
|      | ○ Operations Committee – Jason Broenneke, Tor Bell                              |        |
| VI.  | Update on organizational Diversity, Equity and Inclusion process – Jon Hoekstra | 8:10pm |
| VII. | Closing                                                                         | 8:35pm |

## GREENWAY BOARD ENGAGEMENT

What will YOU do in the Mountains to Sound Greenway today?

### FY22 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Wed. Nov 3, 2021 | Board Meeting, Jim Ellis Preston Community Center or virtual

Wed. Feb 16, 2022 | Board Meeting, Jim Ellis Preston Community Center or virtual

Wed. Apr 27, 2022 | Swauk-Teaway Grange, Cle Elum or virtual

Wed. June 8, 2022 | Annual Board Meeting, Jim Ellis Preston Community Center or virtual

### Board member calendar, policies, information: [mtsgreenway.org/boardmember](https://mtsgreenway.org/boardmember)

Visit this Board Resources page for organizational policies, board member information, and past presentations including those on tribal governance and history from King County Tribal Liaison Joe Hovenkotter as well as Ron Whitener and Bob Whitener, tribal consultants.

### Engagement Opportunities

**Tiger Mountain Tradition Plateau native plant and forest health walk with Dan Hintz**

**Friday, September 17, 10am-12pm | Meet at East Sunset Way Trailhead** - Join Greenway Restoration Projects Manager Dan Hintz to talk about native plants and forest health with a stop at the Big Tree.

RSVP: [dan.hintz@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:dan.hintz@mtsgreenway.org)

**Welcoming procession on the Eastrail with Katherine Hollis, Eastrail Partners, along with Centro Cultural Mexicano of Redmond, Eastside for All, and other community-based organizations**

**Sunday, September 19, 2pm | Meet at the Signals Artwork in Redmond** with music, food trucks. Walk 1 mile to city hall. No RSVP necessary.

**Hike Rattlesnake Ledge Trail with Mike Stenger**

**Wednesday, September 22, 2-5pm**

See the newly-constructed trail to Rattlesnake Ledge with trail designer Mike Stenger and learn what it takes to build a trail for hundreds of thousands of pairs of feet each year. Bring hiking shoes and 10 essentials.

RSVP: [mike.stenger@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:mike.stenger@mtsgreenway.org)

**Hike the new Mixtape Trail at Towns to Teaway with Nicky Pasi**

**Friday, September 24, 12pm | Meet at Pioneer Park in Roslyn.** Carpool to Ronald, hike up new Mixtape Trail to views from the ridge, hike down Ewok. Bring hiking shoes and 10 essentials.

RSVP: [nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:nicky.pasi@mtsgreenway.org)

**Hike & tour of new Environmental Education & Research Center at St. Edward State Park with Susan Carlson**  
**Friday, October 1, 10am-12pm** (with optional lunch at the Lodge afterwards)

Join Susan Carlson on a 1.5-hour hike to the lakeshore and see the new environmental education facilities and restored historic seminary building at St. Edward State Park. RSVP: [amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org)

**Bike the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail with Caroline Villanova**

Wednesday, October 6, 2-5pm

Meet at the African American Museum in Seattle and park on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Bike to new segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail in Bellevue and back. RSVP: [caroline.villanova@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:caroline.villanova@mtsgreenway.org)

**Walk Salmon Creek Ravine (Burien) and learn about Equitable Green Opportunities for Youth at Highline |**

October 1, 2-3:30pm. Becca Kedenburg will lead a walk with steep sections on paved sidewalk and gravel trail.

RSVP: [becca.kedenburg@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:becca.kedenburg@mtsgreenway.org)

**Greenway Volunteer Events Saturdays in fall | [mtsgreenway.org/volunteer](https://mtsgreenway.org/volunteer)**