

**THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**September 13, 2023**

**TIME AND PLACE**

Pursuant to timely notice, the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was held on September 13, 2023, beginning at 7:15pm at the Jim Ellis Preston Community Center and in virtual format.

**PRESENT**

Present were 27 voting Directors and 2 non -voting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several staff and guests were also present (Attachment 1).

President Alison Washburn served as Chair of the meeting and Sharon Linton as Secretary. A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is attached to these Minutes (Attachment 2).

**PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**Welcome**

Alison Washburn welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions around the room.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Action was taken on the following matters:

**Approval of the Board Minutes.** Minutes of the June 7, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Secretary Sharon Linton and seconded by Josh Lipsky. The Board voted to approve the Minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

Jon Hoekstra presented news and announcements, including the following:

1. The Greenway Trust sponsored a number of “explore the Greenway trips” over the summer, including the Yakima River Float, the Snoqualmie Tunnel Bike Ride and several Hike the Greenway events.
2. Our summer internships were a success, including the Youth Engaged in Sustainable Systems (YESS) Student Internship Program, with Highline Public Schools and Riverview School Districts, Clean Water Ambassadors, and Burien Green Teens. Also, Pacific Education Group published its August 2023 which recognized the Greenway Trust as its FieldSTEM Community Collaborator of the Year, specifically mentioning Education Program Manager Becca Kedenburg.

3. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, staff hosted 100+ Boeing Company marketing personnel from all over the world for a volunteer event, pulling Blackberries from Issaquah Creek. Boeing used this opportunity to announce a \$250,000 grant for the Issaquah Creek Restoration Project. Boeing funded some of the original planning work for the project as well.
4. To celebrate the Great American Outdoors Act, on August 21<sup>st</sup> the Greenway Trust hosted a reception at the Franklin Falls Trailhead and a Denny Creek Project tour. Attendees included Congresswoman Kim Schrier and representatives from the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This celebration marked the completion of a trailhead parking lot.
5. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Greenway Trust will host a National Public Lands Day volunteer event in the Snoqualmie Valley.
6. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition will host its annual fall event, a fundraiser on Capitol Hill in the space that was formerly the Optimism Brewpub. Our own Bill Chapman will be honored with a WWRC Lifetime Achievement Award.
7. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Greenway Trust will kick off its fall tree planting season with a planting event at Lake Sammamish State Park.
8. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement (STALM) will host a talk at Meadowbrook Farm about the Snoqualmie Tribe's ancestral lands and how people can join in stewardship by respecting, protecting and helping restore these lands.
9. Jon announced the passing of David Jones and Gardiner Vinnedge, two terrific partners and supporters of the Greenway Trust and conservation generally. David was a prolific philanthropist with a focus on conservation. And Gardiner was a teacher at the Bush School and recognized by many as a keeper of the history of the Snoqualmie Valley.
10. The Greenway Trust has added two new staff members: Rosie Llewellyn, Restoration Projects Coordinator and Chris Liu, Community Partnerships & Project Manager.

## BOARD MEETING BUSINESS

1. **Fundraising Committee Report.** Mike Woodsum acknowledged donations made since our last meeting and offered his appreciation to donors. This included several large corporate and anonymous donations as well.
2. **Operations Committee Report.** Tor explained that the organization has exceeded the A133 Audit threshold for federal funds received in a year, thus triggering the organization's first A133 Audit (an organization-wide financial statement and federal awards' audit). Tor also discussed Y23 end of year financials, summarized our financial status relative budget, and highlighted several Y24 budget items.

3. **Board Engagement Committee Report.** Alison welcomed and introduced new Board Members elected in June 2023:
  - a. Robin Freedman, Waste Management
  - b. Jim Freeburg, Trust Land Transfer Revitalization
  - c. Cameron Janes, REI Co-op
  - d. Rachel Lodge, Artist and Policy Communications Consultant
  
4. **DEI Moment.** Jon Hoekstra showed the Board a short video about the difference between equality and equity (*equality* is the goal, while *equity* is what is needed to create it). Breakout Groups discussed examples and ideas about ways we should incorporate considerations of equity into the work of the Greenway Trust.

## NHA PRESENTATION

**Implementing the NHA Management Plan.** Jon discussed Implementation of the NHA Management Plan with the assembled group.

First, Jon offered a number of NHA News and Updates including:

1. The National Park Service failed to consult the Tribes on the NHA Plan. They are working with the Tribes to remedy this situation.
2. NHA Advisory Committee is re-convening to help figure out how to implement some of the more-challenging elements of the Plan. For instance, the legislation requires two public meetings per year, so the Committee will be working on what an in-person meeting might look like.
3. The Greenway Trust received Tier 1 funding from the NPS: \$500k for FY23.
4. Because the various NHAs worked together, all of the NHAs received appropriations. Jon encouraged the group to write letters to our Congresspeople to ask them to support NHA Funding going forward.

Next, Jon offered a short-form framework for describing, appreciating, and understanding the national significance of the Greenway NHA, including:

- Five Themes;
- Four Integrated Narratives;
- 37 Story Points;
- Hundreds of natural, cultural, and historic sites and resources; and

- People and partners engaged in the National Heritage Area including:
  - At least Five Tribes
  - Nine Federal, State, and local agencies
  - 30 municipalities in two Counties
  - 105 non-profit partners
  - 39 business partners (and growing)
  - 19 school districts
  - Thousands of individual volunteers.

Finally, Jon noted that we have identified collaborative priorities to preserve, steward, and interpret the Greenway NHA in the NHA Plan, including:

- 10 regional and NHA-wide collaboratives;
- 16 implementation priorities; and
- 74 priority projects already happening or taking shape (and he expects this number will grow over the next 15 years).

Next, Jon outlined a strategy for getting our heads around all of the priorities and projects, including:

- recognizing that the goals and aspirations of NHA Management Plan are generational in scope;
- recognizing that implementation happens one year at a time and, as such, annual workplan details will be critical for our coordinating entities and implementing priorities;
- developing that annual workplan summarizing our priorities for the fiscal year as part of our cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, which, in broad terms, will have five areas of focus:
  - Coalition and Partnership Building
  - Tribal Engagement and Consultation
  - Public Outreach and Communications
  - Priority Project Implementation
  - NHA Operations
- recognizing that each of these areas comprise a sizeable and dynamic body of work that is implemented by everyone on the Greenway Trust staff, working in collaboration with our many partners.

Rather than presenting in depth details on all focus areas, meeting attendees were invited to join a breakout group to learn more about one focus area of NHA implementation as part of a small group discussion. Each breakout was hosted by a Greenway Trust Staff Member who shared more details about one thing we have already done, one thing we are working on, and one thing that is in the works. The breakout groups included:

- Coalition and partnership building – hosted by Caroline & Nicky
- Tribal engagement and consultation – hosted by Jon
- Public outreach and communications – hosted by Katie
- Priority project implementation – hosted by Mackenzie (for online zoom participants)

Jon offered that staff will share a summary of the four breakouts after the meeting so that all attendees have a sense of what each one covered.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Annual Dinner Preview.** Mike Woodsum reminded participants the Greenway Trust Annual Dinner is six weeks out. Mike encouraged the group to invite guests and fill tables. Sponsorships are available too. In response to a question from the room, Mike explained that there will be an ask but that there is not an expectation that everyone in the room will give. Jon noted, however, that for guests able to support the Greenway Trust, the Annual Dinner is the best opportunity to get a sense of the organization's accomplishments and to make a donation to support these efforts.
2. **Teaway Community Forest.** Nicki noted that the 10-year celebration of the creation of the Teaway Community Forest is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Alison shared closing remarks and a reminder about upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.



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Sharon Linton, Secretary

**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Board Meeting September 13, 2023 Attendance**

First Name	Last Name	Primary Affiliation	Director, Guest, Staff?	Attendance Notes
Kristin	Bail	USFS Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Director	Virtual Attendance
Mark	Boyar	Middle Fork Outdoor Recreation Coalition	Director	
Susan	Carlson	University of Washington Bothell	Director	In-Person Attendance
Kitty	Craig	The Wilderness Society	Director	
		Savor Snoqualmie Valley Leadership Team; The Mountaineers		
Deloa	Dalby	Foothills Branch	Director	In-Person Attendance
Bob	Ellis	Cyclist and Lifetime Educator	Director	In-Person Attendance
Jim	Freeburg	Trust Land Transfer Revitalization	Director	In-Person Attendance
Robin	Freedman	Waste Management of Washington, Inc	Director	Virtual Attendance
Lindsay	Frickle	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society	Director	In-Person Attendance
Jen	Gradisher	Washington Trails Association	Director	Virtual Attendance
Matthew	Grimm	Tri Pointe Homes Washington	Director	In-Person Attendance
Jon	Hoekstra	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	In-Person Attendance
Andrew	Kenefick	Trout Unlimited	Director	In-Person Attendance
Melanie	Kitzan	Chinook Therapeutics	Director	In-Person Attendance
Sharon	Linton	SL Connects	Director	In-Person Attendance
Joshua	Lipsky	Cascadia Law Group PLLC	Director	In-Person Attendance
Rachel	Lodge	Artist and Policy Communications Consultant	Director	In-Person Attendance
Elizabeth	Lunney	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	In-Person Attendance
Douglas	McClelland	Resources, Retired	Director	Virtual Attendance
Roberta	McFarland	Waskowitz Outdoor Education Center	Director	In-Person Attendance
Roger	Millar	WA State Department of Transportation	Director	
Charlie	Raines	Sierra Club, Washington State Chapter	Director	In-Person Attendance
Vikram	Sahney	The Mountaineers	Director	Virtual Attendance
Meredith	Shank	Northwest Conservation Philanthropy Fellowship	Director	
Al	Smith	Perkins Coie LLP	Director	In-Person Attendance
Harry	Thomas		Director	In-Person Attendance
Adam	Torem	Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals	Director	
Alison	Washburn	REI Co-op Bellevue	Director	In-Person Attendance
Daniel	Levine	NationAd Communications	Director	In-Person Attendance
Jennifer	Brenes	King County Search and Rescue	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Lynn	Erickson		Guest	In-Person Attendance
Cameron	Janes	REI Co-op	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Doug	Kennedy	Washington State Department of Natural Resources	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Trevor	Kostanich	Relevant Planning & Development, LLC	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Larry	Leach	Washington State Department of Natural Resources	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Jim	Reinhardtsen	Laird Norton Properties, Retired	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Matt	Shaw	Mast Reforestation	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Ryan	Thomas	Perkins Coie LLP	Guest	In-Person Attendance
Nick	Viscount		Guest	In-Person Attendance
Brian	White	WA State Department of Transportation	Guest	Virtual Attendance
Tor	Bell	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Jamie	Chen	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Mackenzie	Dolstad	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	Virtual Attendance
Katie	Egresi	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Kay	Emery	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	
Kate	Fancher	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Chris	Liu	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Rosie	Llewellyn	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Victoria	Love	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Nicole	Pasi	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Sornesarwanh	Phongwarinr	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Caroline	Villanova	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance
Michael	Woodsum	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Staff	In-Person Attendance

<b>Attendance:</b>
Voting Directors: 27
Non-Voting Directors: 2
Total: 29



*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Mission:*

*The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the landscape of the Mountains to Sound Greenway, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature.*

**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust  
FY24 Kickoff Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 13, 2023, 6:30-9:00pm  
at the Jim Ellis Preston Community Center**

**Chair: Alison Washburn**

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| I.    | Welcome  | 7:15 |
| II.   | Approval of Minutes – (VOTE)   | 7:23 |
| III.  | Announcements – Jon Hoekstra   | 7:25 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore the Greenway Trips highlights</li><li>• Summer internships: YESS, Clean Water Ambassadors, Burien Green Teens</li><li>• Great American Outdoors Act Celebration</li><li>• Recent and Upcoming Events</li><li>• Remembering David Jones and Gardiner Vinnedge</li><li>• Staff updates</li></ul> |      |
| IV.   | Committee reports  | 7:35 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fundraising Committee Report – Ken Krivanec, Mike Woodsum</li><li>• Operations Committee Report – Amanda O’Rourke, Tor Bell</li><li>• Board Engagement Committee announcements – Marie Quasius</li></ul>   |      |
| V.    | DEI moment: Equality vs. Equity – Jon Hoekstra   | 7:50 |
| VI.   | Implementing the NHA Management Plan – Jon Hoekstra  | 8:05 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NHA news and updates</li><li>• Overview of the Management Plan</li><li>• Breakout discussions: NHA Implementation focus areas</li></ul>  |      |
| VII.  | Annual Dinner preview – Mike Woodsum   | 8:45 |
| VIII. | Closing -- Alison Washburn   | 8:55 |

## GREENWAY BOARD ENGAGEMENT

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

### FY24 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Kickoff Meeting - Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:30-9:00PM, Preston

ANNUAL DINNER - Wednesday November 1st, 2023 – Seattle

Fall Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 6:30-9:00PM, Preston

Winter Meeting - Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 6:30-9:00PM, Burien

Spring Meeting - Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 6:00-8:30PM, Cle Elum

SPRING BREAKFAST - Date TBD

Annual Meeting - Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 6:30-9:00PM, Preston

### SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL DINNER AND CELEBRATION

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, Seattle Convention Center | [mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner](https://mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner)

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

Visit this Board Resources page for organizational policies, board member information, and presentations including those on tribal governance and history.

### Engagement Opportunities

Saturday, September 23, 2023 | 10am-1pm – National Public Lands Day 2023

<https://mtsgreenway.org/event/national-public-lands-day-2023/>

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 | 5-8pm – WWRC Fall Celebration 2023

<https://wildliferecreation.org/events/fall-celebration-2023-todays-success-tomorrows-legacy/>

Saturday, October 14, 2023 – Tree Planting Kickoff & Celebration

Meadowbrook Farm Interpretation Center public events | Friday evenings in October

Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement, Friday, October 20, 2023, 7:00PM

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

Questions or interested in a large group event?

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