

THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 7, 2024

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 7, 2024, beginning at 7:20pm at the Burien Community Center and in virtual format.

Dinner was catered by Centro Neighborhood Restaurant from Burien. The churros were a hit... great food.

PRESENT

Present were 24 voting Directors and 1 non -voting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several staff and guests were also present (Attachment 2).

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 3).

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Welcome

Alison Washburn opened the meeting at 7:20 pm, 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 November 15, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Sharon Linton and seconded by Marie Quasius. The board voted to approve the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES - Jon Hoekstra

- Mercer Slough Center in Bellevue has been renamed after the Ellis brothers.
- Jim Ellis memoir to be published by HistoryLink with launch first weekend in June 2024
- March 6 Trivia night at South Fork in North Bend 6-7:30pm
- Legislative – Trust Land Transfer update – Jim Freeburg –TLT is a State conservation program that helps conserve lands. In this legislative session TLT is requesting \$8 million in funding for 6 trust land transfer programs to help protect lands around the state.

- We had a live update from the Alliance for National Heritage Areas (ANHA) meeting in DC – Nicky Pasi and Caroline Villanova are in DC lobbying our legislators to support retaining a level funding allocation of NHAs for future years.
- ANHA award from the NPCA

BOARD MEETING BUSINESS

Fundraising Committee Report – Ken Krivanec, Mike Woodsum

- Donors since our last meeting were acknowledged and appreciation shared.
- Spring Breakfast – Friday May 31 at Lake Sammamish State Park 9am with pre and post breakfast activities for attendees
- 2024 Annual Dinner save the date - Thursday November 14, 2024 at the Seattle Convention Center

Operations Committee Report – Amanda O’Rourke, Tor Bell

- FY24 Q2 financials
- Audit – passed with flying colors. It was our first year with a government audit (because we are a new NHA) and there were no findings.

Board Engagement Committee Report – Marie Quasius, Amy Brockhaus

- New Board candidate nomination form online and board members are asked to consider people for now or future consideration. The nomination process is always open; seeking great candidates, especially people who might expand the diversity and breadth of our network

Executive Committee Update – Alison Washburn

- The Greenway Trust’s Bylaws delegate most of the day-to-day governance and oversight responsibilities of the Board to the Executive Committee, which is advised, in turn, by committees like the Operations Committee and the Fundraising Committee.
- The report from the Board Engagement committee reflects an outcome of recent Executive Committee discussions about recruitment of new Board members.
- The other big topic for the Executive Committee has been preparations for the next strategic planning process. Jon recently shared a framework for organizing the next plan which is intended to align our work and our priorities to make progress on implementing the NHA management plan and toward realizing our long-term vision for the Mountains to Sound Greenway.
- The Executive Committee will begin this year with a focus on board recruitment, leadership development, and succession planning. Simultaneously, Executive Committee will be working to update the charters of our various committees, beginning with our primary governance committees like the Executive, Operations, Fundraising, and Board Engagement Committees.

DEI Moment- Becca Kedenburg

- At each board meeting, we take a few minutes to learn about and reflect on a topic related to diversity, equity and inclusion. These DEI moments are part of a broader commitment by the Greenway Trust to ensure that our organization is supportive and affirming of all staff, board members and volunteers, and that our programming is welcoming and accessible for all residents and visitors to the National Heritage Area.

Becca Kedenburg shared a short video that highlights how young people are learning about environmental career paths through the Greenway Trust's youth internship programs that we deliver in partnership with the City of Burien, King County, and others. You can find this video on the [ANHA JEDI YouTube channel](#). This channel is a compilation of stories that highlight the diversity of people, places, and programs across all the NHAs, which in turn knits together interesting and inspiring stories of this country.

The ANHA YouTube channel is continuously sharing videos added by the ANHA JEDI team, which Caroline Villanova is part of on behalf of the Greenway Trust.

PRESENTATIONS

Partnership-based Work in Urban Communities

We met in Burien to provide an opportunity for the Board to learn about the Trust's partnership based work in Urban communities. The focus on urban communities goes back to the campaign for NHA designation and inclusion of cities within the boundary, through the many conversations about the built environment. Tonight, we heard more about how these nascent partnerships in Burien and other parts of South King County are creating new connections, opening new opportunities, and widening the door to the Greenway. Meeting attendees broke into 4 groups to learn about various projects.

Partnerships/Project Discussions: Green Seattle Partnership, Burien Green Teens, Salmon Creek Ravine

Partner Panel Discussion

Following the breakouts we had a panel discussion facilitated by Chris Lu – Greenway Community Partnerships staff and featuring:

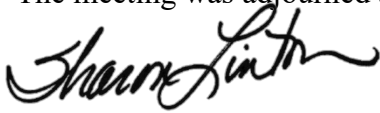
- Chiyo Crawford, ECOSS Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (and beyond)
 - Work they do includes: Community engagement, bringing community in to be actively involved, urban forestry, Environmental stewardship, restoration, and outdoor access.
- Gabbi Gonzales, City of Burien – Green Burien Partnership brings together community members and private and public agency partners to restore and care for Burien's parks and urban forests, working at the intersection of environmental and social justice.

The discussion with these two organizations highlighted how much each of them rely on the Greenway as a partner. They mentioned that the Greenway brings good ideas to the table and helps identify grant opportunities that can extend funding for their programs. One of the organizations specifically pointed out how their partnership with the Greenway has helped shift their focus from attracting volunteers who have the resources and ability to go out and volunteer in nature to **now** being more about how they can welcome and support people who would like to learn more about nature and wilderness but with fewer resources. It's a different focus and makes a difference to who the program can reach.

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Alison shared closing remarks and a reminder about upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.



Sharon Linton, Secretary

DIRECTORS SIGN IN
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First Name	Last Name	Ex-Officio Director	Initials	First Name	Last Name	Ex-Officio Director	Initials
Kristin	Bail	X		Melanie	Kitzan		
Cathy	Baker		CB	Janet	Knox		JK
James	Becker			Ken	Konigsmark		
Laurie	Benson		LB	Yvonne	Kraus		
Gary	Berndt			Ken	Krivanec		
Mark	Boyar			Daniel	Levine		
Jason	Broenneke			Sharon	Linton		SL
Allison	Capen			Joshua	Lipsky		JL
Susan	Carlson		SC	Rachel	Lodge		
William	Chapman			Elizabeth	Lunney		EL
Dow	Constantine	X		Benjamin	Mayer		BM
Kitty	Craig		KL	Douglas	McClelland		DMC
Deloa	Dalby			Roberta	McFarland		DMC
Diana	Dupuis	X		Roger	Millar	X	
Bob	Ellis		BE	Chad	Nesland		
Karl	Forsgaard			Thomas	O'Keefe		TO
Kurt	Fraese			Amanda	O'Rourke		AO
Hilary	Franz	X		Marie	Quasius		MQ
Jim	Freeburg		JF	Charlie	Raines		CR
Robin	Freedman			James	Reinhardsen		
Lindsay	Frickle			Vikram	Sahney		
Jen	Gradisher			Katherine	Schaefer		
Matthew	Grimm			Meredith	Shank		MS
Jon	Hoekstra		JH	Al	Smith		AS
Laura	Hoffman			Christopher	Thomas		
Katherine	Hollis		KH	Harry	Thomas		HT
Mitsu	Iwasaki		MI	Leah	Tivoli		
Cameron	Janes			Adam	Torem		
Sally	Jewell	EMERITUS		Alison	Washburn		AW
Warren	Jimenez	X	WJ	Jody	Weil	X	
Andrew	Kenefick						



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Advisors & Guests SIGN-IN

Name

Advisor or Guest?

Olivia Pinson	Guest
Alex Dilley, Rep. Smith's office	Guest
Chiyo Crawford, ELOSS	guest.
Miranna Perez, ELOSS	guest
Will Chen, Eco4	over
Sarah Mason	Guest
LARRY PHILLIPS	Ad. Bd.
Dan Foster	Guest
Maya Klam	Guest
Jacqueline Reyes	Guest
Casey Stank	Guest
Dave Peterson	Guest
Andrew Slatoff Dirt Caps	Guest
Alex Andrade	Guest
Doug Kennedy	Guest

Virtual Attendees: Cameron Janes, Rachel Lodge, Bill Chapman, Adam Torem, Andrew Kenefick, Ken Konigsmark, Jim Reinhardsen, Matt Shaw, Vik Sahney, Brian White, Jason Broenneke, Chris Thomas, Kevin Kileen, Mark Boyar, David Kappler



*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 Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 7, 2024, 6:30-9:00pm
at the Burien Community Center**

Chair: Alison Washburn

- I. Welcome 7:15pm
- II. Approval of Minutes – Sharon Linton
- III. Announcements – Jon Hoekstra
- Mercer Slough visitor center renamed
 - Jim Ellis memoir to be published by HistoryLink
 - Trivia night at South Fork in North Bend on March 6th
 - Legislative update on Trust Land Transfer – Jim Freeburg
 - Alliance of National Heritage Areas updates
- IV. Committee reports
- Fundraising Committee Update – Ken Krivanec, Mike Woodsum
 - Operations Committee Update – Amanda O’Rourke, Tor Bell
 - Board Engagement Committee Update – Marie Quasius, Amy Brockhaus
 - Executive Committee Update – Alison Washburn, Jon Hoekstra
- V. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion moment – Becca Kedenburg
- Youth internship programs & ANHA JEDI resources
- VI. Breakout Discussion: learn about partnership-based work in urban communities
- VII. Partner Panel Discussion: Equitable Partnerships
- Panelists: Chiyo Crawford of ECOSS and Gabbi Gonzales of City of Burien
- VIII. Closing -- Alison Washburn 8:55pm

GREENWAY BOARD ENGAGEMENT

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

FY24 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

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

SPRING BREAKFAST Friday, May 31, 2024 8:30AM

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

Board member calendar, policies, information: mtsgreenway.org/boardmember

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

Engagement Opportunities

Greenway Trivia Night | March 6, 2024, 6-7:30PM

Location: South Fork in North Bend

Grab some friends and come join us for an epic night of Greenway-themed Trivia and Tomfoolery hosted by Compass Outdoor Adventures at their South Fork North Bend restaurant and bar location.

mtsgreenway.org/event/greenway-trivia-night-at-south-fork-north-bend/

Spring Fundraising Breakfast | Friday, May 31, 2024 at Lake Sammamish State Park

mtsgreenway.org/breakfast

Annual Dinner and Celebration | Thursday, November 14, 2024

****New location**** in the Summit building of the Seattle Convention Center

mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner

Greenway Volunteer Events Saturdays | mtsgreenway.org/volunteer

Questions or interested in a large group event?

Contact: Swan Phongwarinr, 206.473.7238, volunteer@mtsgreenway.org