

**Greenway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2009**

Members Present: Dan Remsen, Eric Hirst, Jim Zander, Damon Gray, Steve Walker, Linda Grant, Rod Dean, Kenni Merritt

Members Absent: John Blethen, Scott Dorough, Glenn Merrill

Board Liaisons Present: Jim McCabe, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Staff Present: Tim Wahl, Greenway Program

Guests Attending: None

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: May 2009 meeting minutes approved as written.

Agenda Review: Accepted as written.

Public Comment Period: None.

Old Business: There was a brief exchange of whether or not to draft a letter to the City Council regarding adoption of Greenway Program Strategic Plan provisions for neighborhoods south of Whatcom Creek. Eric Hirst stated that John Blethen indicated he felt there was increasing community and Council interest in earmarking funds for South properties, and that there were perceptions that some purchase opportunities could be lost. Tim Wahl noted that further research was needed to assess both threat and availability. He indicated that claims of potential lost opportunities should be carefully stated in factual, executive terms.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Fairhaven Highlands: There was a brief discussion on the delay of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and the nature of wetlands on the site. Damon Gray asked why there appeared to be so much interest in purchasing the property since it did not appear to be for sale and since basic assessment was still underway.

Executive Session: An executive session was conducted on several matters involving potential property acquisitions.

Vote Following Executive Session: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend study, owner outreach and appraisal of two parcels of land in the Birchwood Neighborhood for acquisition using Greenway III funds.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.