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Partnership for Smarter Growth



General Information

Contact Information

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At A Glance

Year of Incorporation	2010
Former Names	Partnership for Smarter Growth (under Virginia League of Conservation Voters Education Fund)
Organization's type of tax exempt status	Public Supported Charity

Statements & Search Criteria

Mission

Our mission is to educate and engage the communities in the Richmond region to work together to improve quality of life by guiding where and how we grow.

Background

A group of citizens met for the first time in May 2004 following the Building Better Communities conference in Richmond to discuss the effect of haphazard growth on quality of life in metropolitan Richmond. The consensus was that the problem was urgent enough that the issue called for a new entity to educate the public, to organize citizen groups in Richmond and surrounding communities, and to advocate for specific solutions. A core group formed a Steering Committee for the new organization and immediately began meeting to develop a formal organizational structure, to raise funds, to hire staff, and to map out a strategy to achieve more balanced growth and development in Greater Richmond. By June 2004, the new entity had been formally established under the auspices of the Education Fund of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (VALCVEF). At the July 19, 2004 meeting, the Steering Committee chose the name Partnership for Smarter Growth (PSG) for the growing organization.

In the summer of 2010, PSG made organizational and structural changes, severing ties with VALCVEF and joining forces with an existing non-profit organization, Shore Corps (formerly known as Cooperative Solutions). PSG took the opportunity to combine resources and missions with a like-minded organization rather than create an additional non-profit.

Impact

During the past year, PSG continued to focus on supporting efficient and equitable transportation options, starting with an aggressive campaign to secure approval for the GRTC Pulse, Richmond's first fixed-station public transportation infrastructure since the 1950's streetcar. As a follow up to the spring campaign, we were awarded a second Transit Center Dispatch Grant to support our continuing campaign to maximize the potential for the GRTC Pulse, currently under construction. Our efforts have been focused on ensuring that the installation of the Pulse line is the vanguard of a revitalized transportation network and is coordinated with land-use policy.

As part of this promotion for transportation options, in October we sponsored, in concert with our friends at RVA Rapid Transit, an evening with Jarrett Walker, a widely respected public transportation advocate and consultant. We were pleased to host over 150 people for Jarrett's presentation and learned how his firm may be able to transform our public transportation system into an efficient system that provides transportation "liberty" for all riders.

Finally, we have continued to press for greater transparency and more inclusive public engagement in the City of Richmond planning process, and we anticipate that we will work with the new administration to develop better structures and policies to govern the development of City property.

Needs

Our organization needs:

- 1) Funding to create a staff position to help monitor and influence growth and healthy communities across the region, coordinate growing number of volunteers, and assist with program delivery;
- 2) Funding or in-kind resources for a re-branding process, as part of strategic plan;
- 3) Funding to provide local food for all of our events and workshops (range in \$50 - \$1000 for events across the year);
- 4) Equipment such as laser projector, digital camera, color copier, and a Mac laptop.

CEO/Executive Director Statement

PSG fulfills an important niche in the Richmond region. No doubt we live in a wonderful place, full of history, natural beauty, and great people. But we need to be active stewards of our exceptional quality of life and not take it for granted. We need citizens at the table, weighing in on the decisions that affect us and that we pay for with our taxpayer dollars.

But that is easier said than done. It takes tireless commitment and passion, backed by practicality and evidence, to fuel and connect a successful collaborative movement for a better Richmond region.

We are here to educate everyone in the Richmond region about their unique role promoting sustainable land use and transportation. PSG is connected to a broad constituent base, and works to engage people in the processes that matter. Our unique events build awareness and make great conversations happen.

Across the nation, communities are realizing that a regional approach attracts those federal dollars that can transform communities, whether through High Speed Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, biking and walking networks, or healthy, vibrant neighborhoods. Across the nation, leaders are realizing that we need to strengthen our cities and suburbs and preserve the farmland, forests, and open spaces. Across the nation, people are saying they don't have to move out of their neighborhoods when their life stage or circumstances change. PSG works hard with our many regional partners to positively impact the Richmond region's future.

Areas Of Service

Areas Served

Areas

Metro Richmond
Goochland County
Hanover County
Henrico County
Powhatan County
Charles City County
New Kent County
Richmond, City
Ashland
Chesterfield County

PSG serves the area defined as the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, but we also stay connected to growth related issues in the entire central Virginia region and across the state and nation.

Service Categories

Urban & Community Economic Development
Alliances & Advocacy
Alliances & Advocacy

Programs

Programs

Engage the Region

Description

We bring people together to inspire and support community leadership.

Citizen Voice: PSG cultivates and equips community members to participate in planning processes, such as Comprehensive Plan updates. We encourage leaders to form local citizen groups that work closely with neighbors and local governments.

Business Voice: PSG partners with business leaders who are shifting the region's economy to a more sustainable model.

Resources: PSG's tools include workshops, e-communications, reports, forums, consultations, and our Blueprint for a Better Region.

Budget

\$20,000.00

Move the Region

Description

We advocate for smart multi-modal transportation planning.

Voices 4 Transportation Choices: PSG partners with TransitTalk.com and Ridefinders to recruit and support advocates for biking, walking, and transit.

Bike & Pedestrian Initiative: PSG partners with Richmond Area Bicycling Association to champion safe bike and pedestrian travel through investment in sidewalks, bike lanes, and regional and national trail networks.

Budget

\$15,000.00

Explore the Region

Description

We promote a stronger economy and healthier communities through smarter growth.

River City Saunter: PSG's annual program highlights regional growth patterns.

Walk and Talks: PSG unites planners, developers, and citizens to understand specific projects and policies through presentations and walking tours.

Village Series: PSG features experts to explain the need to focus rural growth in villages to preserve character, support the economy, and save taxpayers' money.

Budget

\$25,000.00

Nourish the Region

Description

We work to protect our land, food, water, health and heritage.

Land Conservation: PSG educates citizens, planners, and elected officials on the value and mechanics of land conservation tools and strategies.

Food Security: PSG supports Buy Fresh Buy Local and other local food initiatives in rural, urban, and suburban communities.

Budget

\$5,000.00

Board & Governance

Board Chair

Board Chair	Mr. Andrew Moore
Company Affiliation	Glavé & Holmes Architecture
Term	Jan 2017 to Dec 2017
Email	AMoore@glaveandholmes.com

Board Members

Name	Affiliation	Status
Champe Burnley	Richmond Area Bicycling Association	Voting
Fred Fisher	Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, Retired	Voting
David Ledbetter	Hunton & Williams LLP, Retired	Voting
Andrew Moore	Glave and Holmes Architecture	Voting
Mary Ashburn Pearson	PSG	Voting
Trip Pollard	Southern Environmental Law Center	Voting
Stewart Schwartz	Coalition for Smarter Growth	Voting
Sally Schwitters	Tricycle Gardens	Voting
Martha Wingfield	Community Volunteer	Voting

Board Demographics - Ethnicity

African American/Black	0
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0
Caucasian	13
Hispanic/Latino	0
Native American/American Indian	0

Board Demographics - Gender

Male	6
Female	7
Unspecified	0

Governance

Board Term Lengths	2
Board Term Limits	0
Board Meeting Attendance %	95
Written Board Selection Criteria?	Under Development

Written Conflict of Interest Policy?	Yes
Percentage Making Monetary Contributions	100
Percentage Making In-Kind Contributions	100
Number of Full Board Meetings Annually	6

Standing Committees

Advisory Board / Advisory Council

Additional Board Members

Name	Affiliation
Glen Besa	Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club
Mark Brady	Alchemy, LLC
Shelli Jost Brady	Alchemy, LLC
Paul Costello	
Nicole Anderson Ellis	VCU
Elliott Harrigan	Harrigan & Company
David Herring	Better Housing Coalition
Dan Holmes	Piedmont Environmental Council
Amy Howard	University of Richmond
Daisy Massey	Earthcraft Virginia
Lynn McAteer	Better Housing Coalition
KC McGurren	Earthcraft Virginia
Jeanne McNeil	VCU
Daniel Plaughter	Virginians for High Speed Rail
Leighton Powell	Scenic Virginia
Krista Mathis Samuels	Samuels Law Firm
John Sarvay	Florican
Richard Taylor	VHDA
Michael Testerman	Virginians for High Speed Rail
Jim Ukrop	Union First Market Bank
Bud Vye	Richmond Area Bicycling Association
Barbara Williamson	Virginia Chapter Sierra Club
Thad Williamson	University of Richmond
Cathy Woodson	Virginia Organizing
John Zeugner	Sierra Club, Falls of the James Group

Comments

PSG also has an Honorary Board. Please visit our website to view our Honorary Board member names. Thank you.

Management

Executive Director/CEO

Executive Director	Andrew Moore
Term Start	Jan 2012
Email	amoore@glaveandholmes.com

Former CEOs

Name	Term
Ms. Sheila Sheppard Lovelady	July 2010 - July 2011
Brianne Mullen	Dec 2013 - June 0

Staff

Full Time Staff	0
Part Time Staff	0
Volunteers	100
Contractors	0
Retention Rate	0

Plans

Organization has a Fundraising Plan?	Under Development
Organization has a Strategic Plan?	Yes
Management Succession Plan?	Under Development
Organization Policy and Procedures	Under Development
Nondiscrimination Policy	Under Development
Whistleblower Policy	No
Document Destruction Policy	No
Directors and Officers Insurance Policy	Yes

Collaborations

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Financials

Fiscal Year

	Jan
Fiscal Year	2017
Projected Revenue	\$35,000.00
Projected Expenses	\$30,000.00
Endowment Value	0
Spending Policy	Income Only
Percentage (if selected)	0%

Form 990s

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Detailed Financials

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Revenue	\$32,769	\$35,272	\$40,307
Total Expenses	\$16,214	\$30,707	\$46,770

Revenue Sources

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Foundation and Corporation Contributions	\$18,334	\$8,433	\$14,865
Government Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	--	--	--
State	--	--	--
Local	--	--	--
Unspecified	--	--	--
Individual Contributions	\$13,023	\$24,612	\$21,889
Indirect Public Support	--	--	--
Earned Revenue	\$139	\$1,250	\$3,510
Investment Income, Net of Losses	--	--	--
Membership Dues	--	--	--
Special Events	--	--	--
Revenue In-Kind	\$1,000	--	--
Other	\$273	\$977	\$43

Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Program Expense	\$13,023	\$23,003	\$39,752
Administration Expense	\$2,227	\$6,202	\$3,098
Fundraising Expense	\$964	\$1,502	\$3,920
Payments to Affiliates	--	--	--
Total Revenue/Total Expenses	2.02	1.15	0.86
Program Expense/Total Expenses	80%	75%	85%
Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue	3%	5%	11%

Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Assets	\$33,674	\$17,559	\$13,055
Current Assets	\$33,674	\$17,559	\$13,055
Long-Term Liabilities	\$0	--	--
Current Liabilities	\$516	--	\$1,399
Total Net Assets	\$33,674	\$17,559	\$11,656

Short Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities	65.26	--	9.33

Long Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets	0%	0%	0%

Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--

Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign? No

Goal 0

State Charitable Solicitations Permit

Permit? Yes May 2014

Registration Yes May 2012

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