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DRAFT MINUTES

of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD
of
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August 18, 2022

Meeting location: *Pima County Natural Resources Office, 3500 W River Rd., Tucson, AZ 85712*

Members present: *Dale Larsen John Sefton, Jeff Buchanan, Sarah King*

Members participating telephonically: *Terri Palmberg*

Members absent: *Lisa Atkins, Debbie Johnson*

ASPT Staff Present: *Bob Broscheid, Kevin Brock, Brittany Hudson, Vince Schiavitti, Kelley Santillanes*

Staff participating telephonically: *Nancy Jasculca, (AG)*

A. Fort Lowell Park Tour

Chairman Larsen, Vice Chair John Sefton and Members Buchanan and King along with Arizona State Parks staff were given a tour of historic Fort Lowell Park. The tour was information only. The Board did not take any action.

B. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larsen of the Arizona State Parks Board, called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeff Buchanan led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Prior to roll call, Chairman Larsen read the Arizona State Parks Board Mission and Vision Statements.

E. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Study Session: Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Program.

The members participated in a strategic discussion regarding the Arizona State Parks and Trails grant program with the following partners: Lara Hamwey, Director, Parks and Recreation, City of Tucson, Greg Jackson, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation, City of Tucson, Kent Taylor, Director, Open Space and Trails, Pinal County, Joe Baynes, Director, Recreational Services, City of Prescott. Each participant discussed positive aspects of the ASPT grant program as well as obstacle and challenges. Common themes included: length of time between ASPT approval and federal partners, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) cap amounts-how the thresholds may negatively affect small communities that do not have the resources for matching funds. The Board did not take any action.

2. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the June, 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

3. Update on the City of Tucson Grants Program. (Presenters: Lara Hamwey, Director, City of Tucson and Greg Jackson, Deputy Director, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation).

Lara Hamwey, Director, Greg Jackson, Deputy Director, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation gave the Board an overview of the City Tucson Parks and Recreation program. The overview included their goal of planting

1,000,000 trees, increasing the number of pickle ball courts to accommodate their constituents' requests, sustainability in park drainage systems and water conservation. The Board did not take any action.

4. Update from the Patagonia Area Resource Alliance. (Presenter: Carolyn Shafer, Board Member and Mission Coordinator, Patagonia Area Resource Alliance).

The Board was given a comprehensive overview of the challenges facing the Patagonia area watershed and wildlife. The major threat to the area is related to the activities of local mining operations and how their actions pose a grave risk to the survival of local species and ecosystems. The Board did not take any action.

5. Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison).

The Board was given an update on the bills signed by the Governor during the 2022 Arizona State Legislature session. The Board did not take any action.

6. Overview of the Arizona State Parks and Trails Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets. (Presenter: Kevin Brock, Assistant Director, CFO).

The Board was given an overview of the FY 2023 operating and capital budgets. The Board did not take any action.

7. Update on the Implementation of the New Integrated Arizona State Parks and Trails Reservation System. (Kevin Brock, Assistant Director, CFO)

The Board was given an update on the recent implementation of the Arizona State Parks and Trails reservation system. The Board did not take any action.

8. August Park Highlight: Catalina State Park. (Presenter: Steve Haas, Park Manager).

Steve Haas gave the Board an overview of Catalina State Park and the unique challenges and obstacles the park has been able to overcome in recent years. The Board did not take any action.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed the following future agenda items: role of State Parks to administer the grants program via statute or practice, SCORP grant funding distribution processes, mapping of future broad band expansion throughout ASPT parks and a presentation from the Tubac Presidio team.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Director Broscheid gave the Board an update regarding the status of Tubac Presidio. The friends group has been asked to put together a comprehensive plan to improve the historic park.

H. CURRENT EVENTS

Jeff Buchanan discussed a media request for the Sonoita Creek watershed and cattle grazing/overgrazing.

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks & Trails 2022 Board Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
Thursday, October 20, 2022	TBD
Thursday, November 17, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, December 15, 2022	Central Office

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.