



MINUTES
of
THE STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SRTAC)
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

April 21, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER

Claire Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 9:58 AM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Claire Miller led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Motorized Representatives

Bill Bonn, AZ ATV Trail Riders, (ATV)

*Todd Davis, Trail Riders of Southern
Arizona (MC)*

Jason Cobb, Quartzsite Sun Riders (4X4)

Cindy Maack, Rim County Riders (ATV)

John Geyer, Havasu Side by Side (UTV)

*Bernadine McCollum, Wickenburg
Foundation, Hiker*

Wayne Monger, BLM, Hiker

Angela Villa, At-Large, Equestrian

*Evan Pilling, Sonoran Mountain Bike Assoc.,
Mountain Bike*

Mary Van Rooy, At Large, Equestrian

Christine Vogt, At Large, Hiker

*Jan Hancock (Phone), Maricopa Foundation,
Equestrian*

Adam Milnor (Phone), NPS, Mountain Bike

Non-motorized Representatives

Claire Miller, City of Phoenix (hiking)

Loren Worthington, Ability 360, (ADA)

Marshall Masayesva, Ancestral Lands Hopi

Conservation Corps, (Hiker)

A quorum was established.

Staff Present: *Sue Black, James Keegan, Mickey Rogers, Matt Eberhart, Sean Hammond, Laurie Hachtel, Nancy Jasculsa, Joanna Brace, Kenny Zamecnik, Gustave Sexauer, Jeff Schmidt*

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Review and approve meeting minutes from the April 8, 2017 meeting.

Claire Miller, SRTAC Chair, asked committee members if they had any changes to the minutes from the April 8, 2017 SRTAC meeting.

Motion: John Geyer moved to approve the meeting minutes from the April 8, 2017 SRTAC meeting, Jan Hancock seconded – the motion passed unanimously.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Administrative Guidelines.

Mickey Rogers, Arizona State Parks and Trails Chief of Grants and Trails began by mentioning that SRTAC meetings are a requirement of the Recreational Trails Program. Mr. Rogers and discussed RTP funding and where it comes from. He discussed that the funding comes from the Federal Highway Administration to ADOT. He explained how much is apportioned and how much of is obligated to ASPT. There were several questions re: apportionment vs. obligation and where this difference in funding goes which he discussed. He talked about the FAST act and the funds are part of this Transportation budget. ASPT is the agency designated to administer the Recreational Trails Program by the Governor. He then explained that the funds must be allocated in the following way: 30% motorized, 30% non-motorized, and 40% diverse. He also mentioned that the state can use up to 7% of these funds for administrative purposes, and up to 5% Safety and Environmental Education projects. Mr. Rogers explained that these funds come from a percentage of gas tax, which is calculated based on the number of registered Off-Highway vehicles in Arizona. Mr. Rogers then discussed some of the major changes to the program, specifically a six-month inactivity rule. He explained that projects must be shovel ready, and the sponsor must request reimbursement within any six-month period, or these projects could be considered inactive. Mr. Rogers then explained that if these projects become inactive, ADOT could potentially withdraw the funds from the project. This is an on-going issue with several sponsors and staff spends a lot of time tracking sponsors to get these reimbursements into State Parks. He then went on to discuss changes to the Grants website and showed committee members the project progress tracker that can be found on the Arizona State Parks and Trails website.

2. Non-motorized Trail Update

Mickey Rogers, Arizona State Parks and Trails Chief of Grants and Trails provided the committee with a non-motorized trail update and several projects that have been completed in the past year. During his update, Mr. Rogers discussed that interns from the grants and trails section have been collecting trail data and making new maps for all Arizona State Parks. Mr. Rogers then discussed the State Trail System. He explained that ASCOT is responsible the Arizona Premier Trail System, which is the new state trail system, and represents the 100 best trails in Arizona. There was also a discussion on the on-line system. It was the first cycle that the entire process was done using the system. Finally, he discussed awards earned by grants and trails section, and thanked all committees for their support as without their support and contributions, the program would not be a success.

3. Motorized Trail Accomplishments and Updates for 2017

Arizona State Parks and Trail OHV Coordinator, Matt Eberhart Discussed recent legislation that effects the OHV community which includes HB2342, a non-resident decal bill, and SB 1208, which increased the size and width definition of an OHV. Mr. Eberhart explained that both bills have been signed by Arizona Governor Ducey and will take effect within 90 days. Mr. Eberhart went on to discuss the non-resident decal program, and how it will be administered by Arizona Game and Fish Department, with whom Arizona State Parks and Trails is working closely. Mr. Eberhart stated that State Parks intends to continue to work with law enforcement agencies to distribute grant funding to increase efforts to make sure riders are aware of this law and are compliant with it. He then mentioned the idea to utilize a kiosk system to distribute decals, similar to what ADOT is already doing. Mr. Eberhart then discussed SB1208, the senate bill that will increase the width of an OHV to up to 80 inches, and the weight up to 2,500 pounds. Mr. Eberhart explained that fund distribution for Off-Highway vehicle recreation currently comes from the gas tax as well as

the OHV decal, to which the state will also add a non-resident decal. Mr. Eberhart explained that these decals will cost \$25 and will be good for 1 year from the date of purchase. He went on to say that these additional revenues would be distributed the same way they currently are which is 60% to Arizona State Parks and Trails, 35% to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and 5% to Arizona State Trust Lands. Mr. Eberhart then discussed some recent events, beginning with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), who hosted a trails workshop that covered building sustainable trails. Mr. Eberhart stated that the workshop was well attended, and well received, and state parks will continue to collaborate with NOHVCC. Mr. Eberhart then provided an update on the OHV Ambassador program. He explained that the program currently has 115 active OHV ambassadors, and has this year hosted numerous show me rides. Mr. Eberhart then mentioned that state parks had recently attended the Arizona Game and Fish Expo, where they shared responsible rider information with over 2,000 constituents. He then discussed upcoming events and expressed his desire to see Committee members at these events. He mentioned a clean up event at the Boulders OHV area on April 28, 2018. He went on, saying that April 29, 2018 is the Four Peaks show me ride, and that May 4, 2018 and May 5, 2018 is the UTV rally at Mormon Lake. Mickey Rogers then took the podium to discuss the Gold Medal that was awarded to Arizona State Parks and Trails, for being the best managed state park system in the country.

F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bernadine McCollum moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Bonn seconded the motion – the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 AM.