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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
The Arizona State Parks Board
of
ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
on
May 24, 2017

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL

Members Present

Kaye Daggett, Chair, Shawn Orme, Vice-chair, Orme Lewis, Bernard Sanden, Lisa Atkins, Terri Palmberg and Dale Larsen (all on phone). Dale Larsen and Terri Palmberg, new members gave brief introductions.

Staff Present

Sue Black, Jim Keegan, Sean Hammond, Mickey Rogers, Chris Munns, Ben Stewart, Katie Callacci, and Dawn Collins.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of meeting minutes from March 31, 2017.

Ms. Daggett had some corrections for the minutes.

Ms. Daggett recommended the minutes be approved with the corrections. Mr. Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

2. Review for approval the AORCC and ASCOT recommended funding for the 2017 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Trail Maintenance Program.

Mickey Rogers talked about the trail maintenance projects. There were 5 projects that were submitted and all were recommended for funding. There was a question about the Cattail Cove application. One Board member noted that the application did not seem complete. Mickey stated again, once we get these applications if there is anything missing we follow up with the sponsor to get that information and they did supply the signature for the State Parks grant. Mickey will send all final documents for review. These will be provided on the on-line system in the next round.

Ms. Atkins moved to approve. Mr. Sanden seconded. Motion passed.

3. Review for approval the AORCC and ASCOT recommended funding for the 2017 Recreational Trails Program Non-motorized grant applications.

Mickey Rogers discussed the 21 projects that were submitted. He stated that there was not enough funding for all of the projects and the spreadsheet highlighted the projects that we can fund now with the funding available. All others were recommended for funding in the order they are listed on the attached spreadsheet if funding becomes available. There was one project that was recommended for reduced funding, (TORCA) purchasing one UTV instead of two and one bike instead of two. Also, there was one project, University of Arizona that was not recommended to fund as the committees felt it was more of a safety and education grant instead of a trail grant. There was a question about what happens to positions that are funded with the grant. Mickey stated once the funding is gone, it will be up to the sponsor to decide whether they want to use their funds to continue the position or let the position go.

Ms. Orme moved to approve. Mr. Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

4. Review for approval the AORCC and OHVAG recommended funding for the 2017 Motorized Grant Applications

Mickey discussed that there were 7 motorized applications that were submitted. These were vetted by OHVAG in detail and the committee recommended funding all projects with a reduction in two projects. The adjusted budgets show these. Mr. Lewis had a point of order because we really don't have hard statistics on number of users for motorized vs. non-motorized trails, we have no evidence to the wear and tear on trails by motorized as opposed to non-motorized. He thought that in the future it would be helpful if staff would pull some sort of assessment and analysis together. He stated that he is more empathetic to the non-motorized improvements because it's the quiet joy of the outdoors that people want. Mr. Lewis stated that since this is obviously a personal perspective, he would abstain from this vote. ASPT is looking at least getting the number of users and types of use but right now cannot easily get the wear and tear of a trail whether it be motorized or non-motorized.

Ms. Palmberg moved to approve. Mr. Larsen seconded. Call for the question: 5 members in favor, Mr. Lewis abstained. Motion passed.

5. Review for approval the AORCC and OHVAG recommended funding for the 2017 RTP Safety and Environmental Education grant applications.

Mickey discussed that 7 projects were submitted. All were recommended to fully fund with the exceptions of the First Moto project. ASCOT, OHVAG and AORCC all reviewed this project and felt that the project was geared to motocross racers which is a very specific use and not trail related and recommended not to fund.

Ms. Orme moved to approve. Ms. Palmberg seconded. Motion passed.

6. Review for approval the AORCC and ASCOT recommended Arizona Premier Trails System (APTS) additions. Mickey discussed, reviewed this and talked about the Buckeye Trail System which is shared use, bikes, horses, hikers. There will be a marketing component for these trails.

Ms. Orme moved to approve. Mr. Sanden seconded. Motion passed.

Sue Black pointed out a recent award that the Recreation Trails Program has received, the CRT award for best use of funds. The program has gone paperless, more and better applications are submitted. The award ceremony will be in Washington DC in June.

Ms. Orme commented to Mr. Keegan that it is good to have staff call and reach out to discuss any issues that board members might have with the grants. She felt that the questions should be brought out at the meetings as well. It would add clarity. That is the point of the meeting. Ms. Daggett concurred. Jim Keegan stated that we call to find out how we can make ASPT better prepared. Board members do like the calls. Mr. Sanden concurred.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. ASPT Arizona Management System (AMS) Update

Dawn Collins gave a brief review of the AMS. She went over the bowling chart which tracks progress towards identified monthly goals. AMS was initiated by Governor Ducey. Bernard Sanden talked about the AMS, and stated that most of the goals were stretch goals. He noted that visitation was up 8% and 5% was the goal. Revenue at ASPT was 9% above stretch goal. Orme Lewis wanted to look at some challenges, not just positive numbers. Dawn said they could send a park by park sheet. Sue Black talked about Mr. Sanden being the person who assists us with metrics. The agency will be setting new goals in 2018 and would welcome any suggestions regarding what the agency should be measuring. Mr. Sanden stated that this is the first year and is a learning exercise. Members and staff talked about the process. Individual parks have their own A3 forms and huddle boards and all take pride in their metrics. Ms. Orme questioned the A3 sheet. It shows that the Arizona State Parks Board is the issues box immediate obstacles is the Arizona State Parks Board. She was shocked to see this on the list. She did not conceive how the Parks Board is an obstacle on park visitation. It was listed more as an issue not related to visitation. Ben Stewart discussed that the governor looked at all boards and commissions. Ms. Daggett stated that the board was being looked at to be discontinued and asked if all boards were looked at for usefulness including AORCC and other boards as well and why were they not listed. Ben stated that AORCC was just approved through both House and Senate committees and approved by the governor. Dawn stated all of our committees were reviewed. Ms. Daggett asked if all of the other boards that report to the Arizona State Parks Board were reviewed as well and some were eliminated. Dawn stated some were suggested for elimination. Ms. Orme failed to understand how the Parks Board is an obstacle to park visitation. Clearly the Parks Board is retained by the legislation and that the Board be removed from the A3 document. Ms. Daggett asked if the State Parks Board needs to be clearly defined or it may be up for elimination again. Ben stated yes. He also said that all of our statutes need to be reviewed by the governor. Ms. Daggett noted that the statues and delegation need to on future agenda items is where all of the Board need to go over. Ms. Atkins asked if this was going to be an action item for next agenda. Ms. Daggett said she believed it would and Ms. Atkins stated she would assist.

2. NRPA/AAPRA Gold Medal – Final Four, Next Steps. Award for Best Managed Park System.

Jim Keegan talked about the gold medal process. In March, ASPT sent in an application for the gold medal award for State Parks. The award has been around for over 50 years and reflects the overall management of ASPT. We made the final four: Tennessee, Washington and Wyoming are the other states going for the gold.

F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Presentation time may be limited to three minutes at the discretion of the Chair; the Chair may limit a presentation to one person per organization. The Board may direct staff to study or reschedule any matter for a future meeting.

Jim McPherson, of the Arizona Preservation Foundation, give an update on the SHPO conference. The conference will be in the Oro Valley and is a good opportunity for networking. Sue Black thanked SHPO and partners for all of the work that has been done. Kathryn Leonard has done a great job as head of SHPO and it will be her first conference. Ms. Daggett would like a copy of who would be recognized at the conference. Sue Black said she would do that.

G. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING – Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and Trails request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

Proposed time of next meetings:

- August 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- October 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Future Agenda Items:

- State Statutes
- Arizona Premiere Trails Designation
- Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Overview – Year to Come
- Annual Attendance Trends
- Capital Projects Overview

H. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Daggett thanked everyone for their time with the meeting and meeting was adjourned.