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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
of
THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS (ASCOT)
of
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 to members of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and the general public that ASCOT will hold a meeting open to the public on **Wednesday, January 10, 2018 beginning at 1:00 pm** at the Arizona State Parks and Trails office, located at 23751 N. 23rd Ave, Suite 190 in Phoenix. Attendance at this meeting is available via telephone by calling **1.877.820.7831** and entering the participant passcode **522515**.

The committee may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda items at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to ARS§38-431.03 (A) (3) Items on the agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a certain time. Public comment will be taken.

AGENDA

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND STAFF**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. MEMBERS ROLL CALL**
- D. ACTION ITEMS**
 - 1. Review and approve meeting minutes from the July 28, 2017 meeting** - Members will discuss and propose changes.
 - 2. Review and recommend funding for the Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications** - Members will review and provide recommendations - (Mickey Rogers - 10 minutes)
 - 3. Review and recommend ASCOT Nominating Committee recommendations for 2018 new members** - Members will review the member recruitment process, vacancies and eligibility of applicants. Members will provide a recommendation - (Mickey Rogers - 20 minutes)
 - 4. Review and recommend grant staff to deobligated/reobligate grant funds based on projects submitted** - Staff will discuss the process of deobligating leftover funds and reobligate these funds to projects that have been submitted but not approved by ASCOT - (Mickey Rogers - 15 minutes)
- E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 1. Grants and Trails Awards** - (Mickey Rogers - 10 minutes)

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2. **Grant update and progress reports** - (Sean Hammond - 10 minutes)
3. **Member binders and open meeting law** - (Mickey Rogers/Laurie Hachtel - 15 minutes)
4. **Members will discuss current events and/or recent experiences of interest to the trails community and/or the status of any trail projects with which they may be involved.**

F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Committee. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken as a result of acknowledgment of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS

H. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to ASCOT Members is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks and Trails, 23751 N. 23rd Ave., Suite 190, Phoenix, Arizona 85085. For additional information, contact Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6942.

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DRAFT MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS (ASCOT)

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July 28, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND STAFF

Members Present:

Jan Hancock, Rick Kesselman, Claire Miller, Christine Vogt, Julie Bradley, Linda Slay (phone), Bernadine McCollum (phone), Angela Villa (phone), Joe Winfield (phone), Evan Pilling (phone), and Adam Milnor (phone)

Staff Present:

Mickey Rogers, Jeff Schmidt, Japheth Hurlbut

B. ACTION ITEMS

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

Motion: Ms. Slay moved to approve, Ms. Miller seconded - motion passed unanimously.

2. Arizona Premier Trails System (APTS) – vote on six newly submitted trails:

Claire Miller talked about the process of selecting Arizona Premier Trails. The APT subcommittee met in July and originally approved four out of six trails. The two trails that were not selected were missing some information and were resubmitted and approved to be included into the system.

Arizona State Parks and Trails – Granite Mountain Hotshot/Journey Trail

Motion: Ms. Hancock moved to approve, Mr. Kesselman seconded - motion passed unanimously.

Arizona State Parks and Trails – Red Rock State Park Trail System

Motion: Ms. Miller moved to approve, Ms. Villa seconded - motion passed unanimously.

Arizona State Parks and Trails – Picacho Peak State Park Sunset Vista Trail

Motion: Ms. Slay moved to approve, Mr. Pilling seconded - motion passed unanimously.

Arizona State Parks and Trails – Tonto Natural Bridge State Park Pine Creek/Gowan Trail

Motion: Ms. Miller moved to approve, Ms. Villa seconded - motion passed unanimously.

Arizona State Parks and Trails – Kartchner Caverns State Park - Cave Trail

Motion: Ms. Villa moved to approve, Ms. Slay seconded - motion passed unanimously.

Prescott – Willow Lake Trail

Motion: Ms. Bradley moved to approve, Ms. McCollum seconded - motion passed unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Arizona Premier Trails

- a. Outreach – working with landowners to get more trail submissions

Mickey Rogers talked about getting more applications submitted for inclusion into the system. At present, we have nine recommended. Reminded all that a user group or individual can nominate a trail as long as they get the permission of the landowner. Mickey would like to have at least one trail submitted for each member of ASCOT by the next meeting, which will be in September/October.

- b. Application – Suggested minor changes

Mickey talked about the application as all of his staff have filled one out. Staff will make some changes to the application to make it more user friendly.

2. Updates of Arizona State Parks and Trails

- a. Demonstration of the on-line system.

Mickey demonstrated the on-line system to the members who were present.

- b. Next funding cycle.

State Parks and Trails plans on opening the RTP funding opportunity in October of this year as opposed to January to give sponsors more time to get needed documents for the March 1, 2018 submission date.

- c. AmeriCorps State Park Trail Assessments.

Japheth Hurlbut and Jeff Schmidt discussed the trail assessments at state parks and are over halfway done. They will complete all of state park trails when the weather cools down.

3. Role of ASCOT and subcommittees

Rick Kesselman talked about the mission of ASCOT. He also would like the entire group be involved in getting quality applications submitted and also assist with staff in prioritizing projects to be recommended for funding to bring to ASCOT. He then wanted to verify who is on each committee.

***Public Outreach Subcommittee** – Angela Villa, Linda Slay, Claire Miller, Julie Bradley, Evan Pilling, and Jan Hancock. Proposed August 18 as a possible meeting. Mickey asked Linda submit a proposed agenda before getting this approved.*

***Safety and Environmental Subcommittee** – Bill Gibson, Bernadine McCollum, Julie Bradley, Matt Nelson and Linda Slay*

***Arizona Premier Trail Subcommittee** – Rick Kesselman, Roger Naylor, Claire Miller, Angela Villa, Joe Winfield, and Bernadine McCollum*

***Nominating Subcommittee** – Claire Miller, Adam Milnor, Bernadine McCollum*

4. **Current events** – ASCOT members will discuss current events and/or recent experiences of interest to the trails community and/or the status of any trail projects with which they may be involved.

Members discussed current events related to their organizations.

D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – none

F. ADJOURNMENT

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Date: January 10, 2018

To: Rick Kesselman, Chair, Arizona State Committee on Trails

From: Sue Black, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks & Trails

Subject: Recreational Trails Program Safety and Education Projects

Background:

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides grant funding for development of both non-motorized and motorized trails and trailhead facilities. Up to 5% of apportioned RTP funds can be used for Safety and Environmental Education projects. The ASCOT Safety and Environmental Education Subcommittee met on December 15 to review submitted projects:

- 2 projects were submitted for a total funding request was \$11,036.30

Recommendation:

The Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) Safety and Environmental Education Subcommittee reviewed both applications and made funding recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2015 State Trails Plan and project need.

| | Sponsor | Request | SEE Recommendation |
|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Cattail Cove State Park South Trails Project | \$9,900.00 | \$7,780.00 |
| 2 | Wickenburg Foundation—Leave No Trace | \$1,136.30 | \$1,936.00 |
| | Total | \$11,036.30 | \$9,716.00 |

Recommended motion:

I move to approve funding for RTP Safety and Environmental grant applications, Project(s) _____ in the amount of \$ _____ as funds become available.

Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, Arizona State Parks & Trails

Approved:

Sue Black,
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Date: January 10, 2018

To: Rick Kesselman, Chair, Arizona State Committee on Trails

From: Sue Black, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks & Trails

Subject: - New Arizona State Committee on Trails Members

Background:

The Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) serves in an advisory capacity to the Arizona State Parks Board. The overall mission of the State Trails Program is to promote, develop, and preserve non-motorized trail opportunities throughout the state for mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and water trail users. On December 15, 2017 the ASCOT nominating committee reviewed applicants to fill five vacancies in 2018. The nominating committee is proposing to fill the five vacancies with the following:

- Maricopa County: Bernadine McCollum, Wickenburg Conservation Foundation – applied for second term
- Pinal County: Angela Villa, Representative-at-Large – applied for second term
- Navajo: Marshall Masayesva, Ancestral Lands Hopi Conservation Corps – new applicant
- Mohave County: Mary Van Roy, Back Country Horsemen of America – new applicant
- Maricopa County: Loren Worthington, Off-road hand cyclist—new applicant

Recommendation:

The ASCOT nominating committee recommend the appointment of the below applicants.

Terms Expiring

| Name | Representative | County | Club |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Bill Gibson | Government Agency | Maricopa | Bureau of Land Managemnt |
| Linda Slay | Non-government | Maricopa | Arizona Horse Council |
| Rick Kesselman | Non-profit | Maricopa | Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona |
| Angela Villa | Representative at Large | Pinal | Representative at Large |
| Bernadine McCollum | Government Agency | Maricopa | Wickenbury Conservation Foundation |

New/Reappointed Members

| Name | Representative | County | Club |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|
| Angela Villa | Representative at Large | Pinal | Representative at Large |
| Bernadine McCollum | Government Agency | Maricopa | Wickenbury Conservation Foundation |
| Mary Van Roy | Trail user group | Mohave | Back Country Horsemen of America |
| Marshall Masayesva | Non-Government | Navajo | Ancestral Lands Hopi Conservation Corps |
| Loren Worthington | Trail Association Group | Maricopa | Ability 360 |

Recommended motion:

I move to recommend _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ as the new members of the Arizona State Committee on Trails.

Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, Arizona State Parks & Trails

Approved:



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Date: January 10, 2018

To: Rick Kesselman, Chair, Arizona State Committee on Trails

From: Sue Black, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks & Trails

Subject: Reobligating Recreational Trails Fund

Background:

The Recreational Trails Program requires that all projects are shovel ready and must have expenses and match in any 6-month period. There are also projects that close-out under budget. For inactive or funds remaining from closed projects, there is a process that allows ASPT to deobligated these funds and reobligate to another project.

ASPT is proposing to have state park trail projects reviewed and approved by the Arizona Department of Transportation Environmental Planning Group and be available to use these funds. Due to the requirement of having to deobligate and reobligate funds in the same fiscal year, the several weeks or months to get these projects on the advisory committee and board agendas, without timely approval of these projects, these remaining funds will be lost. State Parks and Trails will report on all projects that have been funded at each advisory committee meeting when funds are reobligated.

| Potential Arizona State Park and Trail Projects | Estimated Dollars |
|---|-------------------|
| • Picacho Peak Trail System (NEPA approved) Current trail improvements | \$110,000.00 |
| • Slide Rock State Park New trail development | To be determined |
| • Tonto Natural Bridge State Park Improvements to existing trails | To be determined |
| • Oracle State Park Improvements to existing trails | To be determined |
| • Tubac Presidio State Historic Park ADA/Trailhead Improvements | To be determined |
| • Red Rock State Park Improvements to existing trail system | To be determined |
| • Arizona Peace Trail State Park Improvements to trailhead at park | \$200,000.00 |
| • Lost Dutchman State Park Improvements to existing trails | To be determined |
| • Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area New Trail Development around Lake | \$200,000.00 |

Recommended motion:

I move to recommend _____ Arizona State Parks and Trails to approve projects to reoligate funds that are available when projects are closed.

Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, Arizona State Parks & Trails

Approved:



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