

Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee (HPAC) Meeting

Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2014

Arizona Game and Fish Department Headquarters, Phoenix, AZ

APPROVED April 5, 2014

Committee Members:

J. W. Harris, (Chairman) - Present

Nick Lund, (Vice-Chairman) – Present

Simone Westbrook Hall, - Present

Jeff Williamson, - Absent

Ron Pearce, - Present

Steve Campbell, - Present

Noah Stalvey, - Present

Clark Dierks, - Absent

Doug Von Gausig, - Absent

Danny Howe, - Present

Jonathan Lines, - Present

Louie Galaviz, - Present

Kerry Baldwin, - Absent

James Terlep, - Present

Gary Allen, - Present

Rex Stulting, - Present

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- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks:** Commissioner J. W. Harris, Chairman, called the meeting to order promptly at 9:00 a.m.
 - 2. Introductions:** Chairman Harris asked committee members and Department Staff to introduce themselves.
 - 3. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2013 and September 14, 2013 HPAC Meeting's:** The committee voted to approve the January 12, 2013 and September 14, 2013 HPAC meeting minutes as motioned by Nick Lund and seconded by Simone Hall.
 - 4. Presenter: Mr. Ty Gray, Deputy Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** presented to the committee the implementation of the Department's new License Simplification.
 - 5. Presenter: Mr. Jorge Canaca, Legislative Liaison, Arizona Game and Fish Department,** briefed the Committee with an update of the up-coming 2014 legislative session and highlighted two legislative proposals the Department would propose in 2014. Mr. Canaca stated that several legislative members had expressed, that their top priority would be passage of the State's budget early within the legislative session.
 - 6. Presenter: Ms. Lynda Lambert, Public Information Officer, Arizona Game and Fish Department,** presented an update on Heritage related Information and Education Outreach activities taking place throughout Arizona.
 - 7. Presenter: Ms. Kellie Tharp, Education Branch Chief, Arizona Game and Fish Department,** provided a presentation to committee members on "Teaching the Teachers" the Department's first "summer camp" program for professional educators, which was conducted in the summer of 2013 with the theme "America's Wildlife." She stated the camp was a huge life changing experience for the lucky few who were able to participate. Due to the success of the first camp, future camps to involve additional educators from throughout Arizona are in the planning, subject to available funds.
 - 8. Presenter: Nick Lund, HPAC Vice-Chairman and Region-1 HPAC Representative** provided an update to the Committee about the TRACKS White Mountain Trail System, and how his presentation to the Arizona State Parks Board was received.

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- 9. Presenter: Mr. Rod Lucas, Region-6 Regional Supervisor, Arizona Game and Fish Department,** presented to the committee an overview of regional issues affecting Region-6 and some of the programs currently in place in support of the region.
- 10. Presenter: Marty Herrera, Heritage Fund Administrator, Arizona Game and Fish Department,** provided the committee a copy of the proposed “final draft” HPAC charter document scheduled for presentation to the Commission on March 7th, 2014 as a first read.
- 11. Committee Business - Open Committee discussion:** The committee used this opportunity to discuss other issues and topics related to their roles and responsibilities as committee members. Proposed changes to the HPAC charter were discussed briefly. No additional items were motioned or voted on by committee members.
- 12. Call to the Public:** No members of the public requested to be heard.
- 13. Future Meetings:** The Committee discussed tentative dates of April or May, 2014 for the next meeting to be held in Yuma so that new committee members selected by the Commission in March, 2014 could transition into HPAC. The committee also thought that a meeting date in August, 2014 would be ideal for the third HPAC meeting in 2014. Mr. Herrera stated he would follow up with tentative meeting dates and locations for the August 2014 meeting and provide this information for discussion by members at the April 5, 2014 HPAC meeting.
- 14. Awards:** Mr. Gary Allen, HPAC representative from Region-6 who was at his last HPAC meeting before term expiration, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support, dedication and commitment to HPAC.
- 15. Adjournment:** Noah Stalvey motioned and Nick Lund seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Committee adjourned the meeting at 12:15 a.m.