;;Teton Waterways Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 6th– 4:00-5:30pm

Commissioners Room – Teton County Courthouse

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**Agenda- 04.06.23**

* Review Teton County, Idaho Waterway Ordinance and Discuss (4:00-4:30)
* Develop Recreation Advisory Committee 12-Month Program of Work (4:30-5:20)
  + Action Item – Recommendation to County Commissioners
* Public Comment (5:20-5:30)
* Adjourn

**Minutes- 04.06.23**

Joe, Renee, Charlie, Will, kyle, Boots, Amy, Brett

* Review Teton County, Idaho Waterway Ordinance and Discuss (4:00-4:30)
  + Rob opened discussion on Ordinance.
  + Renee lists two items: 1) section 4 of ordinance will inform river ambassidors job 2) special use permits and process
  + Kyle: Under enforcement section. Fine is not to exceed 300$, what should be the appropriate fine?
  + Brett: is the fine per person or for the group ? One item from Brett: direction from sheriff on how to communicate infractions from ambassadors to sheriffs.
  + Prioritization: River Ambassidors if top priority of ambassador, what are the grey areas for the ambassadors as they are getting going
  + Amy: Special use permits are a priority. What is process of special use permits, who reviews permits, what is criteria or guidance to apply for the special use permit.
  + Joe: this is what we would like to see as approved special uses
  + Kyle: is there a maximum amount of special use permits in a year?
  + Joe: two things in the ordinace problematic for hunter and anglers 1)statement of users should not harrass wildlife. -problematic for hunters and trappers 2) 10 HP motors could be problematic for mud motors used by hunters.
  + Boots: possible define dates during hunting season when larger motors are acceptable.
  + Brett: hunting- other hunting seasons that use dogs, not only waterfowl
  + Possible create a running list of amendments to adjust language
  + Parking Pass/fundraising
  + Defining sensitive areas on the river?
  + Amy: range of firearms on the river? This issue came up in charettes and Brett has has a couple incidents come to their office. There my be an updated regulation on firearms from the Fish and Game commission
  + Boots: Commercial use- specific
  + Kyle: parking Passes – does not seem like this will be a money maker, could be other benefits of organization, possibly re-structure the why behind parking permits.
  + Time to dive deeper inot the challenging concepts
  + Divide by year?
  + Fees seem to be the biggest
  + 1. recreation use and oversight, 2. ordinance enforcement, 3. paird parking admin and enforcement 4.special use permit. 5 appointing a liaison with IOGLB/fishing outfitters.
  + Outfitter coming from Boise area interested in Outfitting on the Teton River. Reinforces the importance of county liaison.
  + Snowpack in 2023- what Bering does this have on river ranger position
  + Possibly creating a list and asking for prioritizing
  + MOU between the sherrifs office and ambassadors, within MOU what is timeline for enforcement on Ordinance from the sheriffs office
  + Charlie brings up the nuances of Ambassador, Ranger, and Sherrif presence
  + Amy: River Ambassador is primarily there for educational purposes, However by being out in the field they may interact with illegal activity, emergency situations etc.. This is the reason that there needs to be a clear agreement in how to interact with the Sherrif’s office.
  + What is the process for getting feedback from commissioners on the advisory committee. Charlie would like to know what has Rob passed up to the commissioners
  + Special user permits need to be exceptional
  + Special use on river access sites. Fish and Game does have process for special use and it would be appropriate for IDFG and Teton County to collaborate on Teton river properties
  + Turn potential requests to the ordinance to get an idea of responsible recreation,
* Develop Recreation Advisory Committee 12-Month Program of Work (4:30-5:20)
  + Action Item – Recommendation to County Commissioners
    - Guidance for ambassadors and MOU for interagency collaboration with Sherrif
    - Special Permits – criteria for evaluation Special use permits request for what a process is. Get this up on the Teton County Website.
    - Parking Fee or parking pass structure
    - IOGLB and guided outfitters liaison from Teton County
    - Future Funding- what is the funding mechanism for long term Teton River management.
    - Next meeting: What is the update with the River ambassador program so that we know what is happening this season.
    - Long term infrastructure plan for river access points.
    - Ask for response on direction for committee by May 18th
* May 18th, 4:00pm – next meeting
* Public Comment (5:20-5:30)
* Adjourn

Will List Meeting schedule for next 6 months