Teton Waterways Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 18th– 4:00-5:30pm

Commissioners Room – Teton County Courthouse

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**Agenda- 05.18.23**

* Welcome, Teton County update on ambassador program and committee work plan (4:00-4:30)
  + Hired Jamie. Has background in rec, parks, laid back and coming on board around June 12th
  + Plan to train with Joe at FS, Sherrif’s Dept, Fish and Game, Attending rec committee meeting
  + Hired a local teenager for data collection
  + One application currently for Camp Host.
  + Very low response on postings for these Jobs.
* Discussion on parking fees and recommendation on mandatory parking language in the Waterways Ordinance. (4:30-5:10)
  + Waterways ordinance says fees in 2024, Many reasons why we are not ready to move forward
  + When planning for grants, we need to have an understanding on fee collection in the future.
  + Two reasons for fees. To help defray costs and help fund recreation mgmt. Could also reduce use on the river.
  + Kyle offers idea of trying a simple digital payment without much enforcement to see how public responds.
  + Controlling numbers is still a different problem than fee collection
  + Joe thinks we could keep the course of we will collect fees in 2024, and then opportunity to back off later
  + Enforcement of fees does not necessarily need to be by sheriff, could be reminders from ambassadors
  + Budget talks are happening, would need a system in the next couple of weeks.
  + Will need MOU’s for all agencies on fees at sites
  + Bringing IDPR out on August 8th and other agencies to tour river access points.
  + Joe brings up, what is the goal of the funding? Is it needed to fund the river ambassador in the coming years
  + How does the compliance check fit into the ambassador’s schedule? Education is connected to parking.
  + Kyle recommends adding additional fee to folks who are renting boats, in addition to customers who are being shuttled to the river.
  + Push the Sheriff to recommend parking, and the FTR sticker
  + At the FS, the point is to generate revenue
  + Michael suggests that Teton County would collect fees based on fundraising.
  + Mostly on QR codes, Fee Tube at select sites, next steps are needed to get more detail
  + Michael opinion is that we stay the course. Need to have a budget that stands on its own without fees. Need to create a program that we have existing funds to implement.
  + Action Item – Recommendation to County Commissioners for next steps to address parking fee
    - Recommends no change to the language in the Waterways Ordinance at this time.
* Update on Teton River Recreation Fund from FTR (5:10-5:20)
* Public Comment (5:20-5:30)
* Adjourn

**Upcoming Meetings:**

June 29th 4:00- 5:30pm

August 10th 4:00-5:30pm

Sept 21st 4:00-5:30pm

Nov 2nd 4:00-5:00pm

Dec 14th 4:00-5:00pm