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STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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STAFF REPORT: Agenda Item 6: Commission Administration

STAFF: Phil Ginsburg, Chair State Park and Recreation Commission

SUBJECT: The State Park and Recreation Commission (Commission) will

address administrative items and discussion of priorities for the

upcoming year

OBJECTIVE

This agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the Commission to address some administrative items, such as review the meeting schedule, conduct chair and vice chair elections and discuss their priorities for the 2024 year. Discussion will include a review of the 2022 commission priorities.

DESCRIPTION

This report includes:

- Review of 2022 Commission Priorities
- Discussion on Commission priorities and Subcommittees for 2024

Review of 2022 Commission Priorities

On February 2, 2022, the Commission and Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) staff held a facilitated visioning workshop. The goals of the workshop were to:

- Brainstorm potential areas of focus for the SPRC
- Prioritize the areas of focus for the next 1 to 3 years
- Identify support needed to help the SPRC address the priority areas of focus
- Map out next steps

Areas of focus were identified and consolidated, and the following are those identified as high priority:

Outdoor Access for All

Addressing underserved communities (culturally competent interpretation, externally facing equity and access, acquisition, expansion of parks, prioritization of areas that need parks, and grants to fund urban parks)

Naming and renaming (Reexamining Our Past)

Supporting Department Operations and State Park Partnerships

Equity in the workforce at all levels, budgeting, internal operations, enhancing the general planning process.

Climate Change in Park Planning and Operations

Network of resiliency, protection, cooling centers, sea level rise, wildfire risk, public safety, facilities, transportation, etc.

Improving Public Engagement and Communication

Access to grants, greater visibility of meetings, public access to commissioners, ways commissioners can be effective listeners and operators.

Subcommittees of the Commission

Currently there are six subcommittees. Due to member changes, many of these only have a single member. The Commission will discuss if these subcommittees are still a priority, if others should be created, and member assignments.

Ongoing subcommittees include:

- Annual Reports to the Governor
- Golden Bear Awards

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- Climate Change in Park Planning and Operations
- Department Operations and Path Forward
- Outdoor Access for All
- Public Engagement and Communications

COMMISSION ACTION(S)

Commission discussion and subcommittee review and assignments

NEXT STEPS

Commission Discussion