

## Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Phoenix, Arizona

### Committee Members:

Norm Freeman, (Chairman) - Present  
Randy Lamb, (Co-chairman) - Present  
Steve Campbell, - Absent  
Lorna Thurman, - Absent  
Rachel Edelstein, - Present  
Tom Mackin, - Present  
Cindi Labash, - Absent  
John King, - Absent

Ron Pearce, - Present  
Sharon Foltz, - Absent  
James Terlep, - Present  
Thom Hulen, - Present  
Eddie Corona, - Present  
Dale Turner, - Present  
Mary Jo Forman Miller, - Absent  
Maggie Sacher, - Present

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- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks:** Commissioner Norm Freeman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
  - 2. Introductions:** Chairman Freeman asked committee members and Department Staff to introduce themselves. Members were provided a copy of the revised Charter.
  - 3. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2010:** Upon a motion by Maggie Sacher and seconded by Tom Mackin, the minutes were unanimously approved.
  - 4. Presenter: Tony Guiles, Legislative Liaison, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Mr. Guiles briefed the Committee on the current Legislative session. Mr. Guiles reported that this year's session will focus almost entirely on budget issues the state is facing. The Legislature will have approximately 37 new members and 30 of them will be new faces. This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Heritage Fund."
  - 5. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Mr. Gray briefed the committee on the current Heritage Grants scoring process, the Grant Improvement Team and the Department's efforts to improve the Heritage grant process. Mr. Gray provided copies of the Heritage Fund 2010 report to the Arizona Legislature.
  - 6. Presenter: Jeff Hatch-Miller, Executive Director, Arizona Lottery:** Mr. Hatch –Miller discussed the Arizona Lottery business strategies and ways to reduce cost of operations. Currently sales of all games benefit the Heritage Fund. The Arizona Lottery now has 2,783 retailers selling lottery tickets. From lottery sales 60% of the money goes to **prizes**, 2% goes to **administration**, 12% for the **games**, and 26% goes to **beneficiaries**.
  - 7. Presenter: Tom Cadden, Public Information Supervisor, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Mr. Cadden provided an overview of the Department's Heritage Outreach and Public Information activities.
  - 8. Presenter: Ms. Julie Mikolajczyk, GIS Specialist, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Ms. Mikolajczyk Briefed the committee on current efforts being conducted statewide on wildlife connectivity to address issues associated with human population growth and expansion. Ms. Mikolajczyk also discussed habitat loss, habitat fragmentation and connectivity efforts for Arizona, including a description of GIS techniques, models, and reports developed by Dr. Paul Beier at

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- 9. Presenter: Ms. Julia Goucher, Fourth Grade Science Teacher, Peralta Trail Elementary School:** Ms. Goucher discussed how her school Peralta Trail Elementary received a \$10,000.00 Heritage Grant and how grateful they were that they received the award. The project that was awarded is designed to create a schoolyard habitat that will allow students hands-on learning experiences with Arizona Native plants and animals. It will allow students to become oriented with life science, along with research skills needed to be successful writers. They plan to install night vision cameras and track animals at night. They also plan to link cameras to the school website so students, teachers, and community members can view the habitat at night when the animals are out.

**10. Committee Business - Open Committee discussion:**

Commission Freeman presented plaques to the HPAC members whose terms are completed in March 2011. The Members were:

Region I, Dr. Lorna Thurman

Region II, Tom Mackin

Region III, Randall Lamb

Region IV, Albert "John" King

Region V, Sharon Foltz

Region VI, Thom Hulen

Statewide, Mary Jo Forman Miller

- 11. Call to the Public:** No members of the public requested to be heard

- 12. Future Meetings:** The Committee discussed a couple of dates for the next meeting however a meeting was date was not confirmed. The Department will survey the committee members to determine a date that will work for the most members.

- 13. Adjournment:** Eddie Corona motioned that the Committee adjourn. Randy Lamb seconded, the motion, passed unanimously. Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m