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NACPRO Board Converges on Washington, D.C.

The Loudoun County Cascades Senior Center in Sterling, Virginia, located just outside Washington D.C., was the site of the first 2001 NACPRO Board of Directors meeting held in March. President Cindy Welsh not only presided over the meeting, but hosted the gathering. Attending members were treated to a tour of the Loudon County Parks System as well as the sights and sounds of the nation's capitol. The fourteen Directors present reported to the Board on the activities of their respective Committees in addition to enjoying several special reports concerning the leadership of NACPRO and the Park and Recreation Industry.

The first such presentation was given by two very special guests, Cathy Spangler and Doug Vaira of the National Recreation and Park Association. They gave a presentation on "Active Parks.org", an NRPA initiative to create an on-line resource for information to educate, inform, and engage the public

in active lifestyles that utilize the resources and services of park and recreation agencies nationwide. They encouraged NACPRO members to become involved in this endeavor to promote the value of parks and recreation to consumers at the national level by joining the ActiveParks.org team. Information about NRPA & ActiveParks.org can be obtained by viewing their website www.activeparks.org

Gary Haller later reported more about NACPRO's progress in the effort to become formally affiliated with NRPA. The affiliation papers have been submitted and NACPRO is currently awaiting a response.

There were also reports concerning the affiliation with NACo. Dan Gooch indicated in his report that the NACo staff is doing a better job recognizing Affiliate groups. It was decided at the meeting to ask NACo for assistance in maintaining NACPRO records, membership lists and billings. Mr. Gooch also reported that NACo has agreed to contact

NACPRO on relative issues and that the NACo Board had recently moved to support CARA.

Bill Scalzo, Chair of the Legislative Committee, gave a report on the progress of CARA. Currently, CARA II is introduced with a funding consideration of \$3.1 billion. Interior Secretary, Gail Norton, supports full funding of stateside allocation. President Bush, at this time, supports full funding of Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$900,000 million). CARA II comes with attachments that may prevent it from getting congressional support.

Mr. Scalzo has requested NACo's continued support of CARA II and the LWCF program. For more complete information about CARA II, remember to check NACPRO's website for updates.

Membership statistics were also a topic of discussion in a number of reports. It was reported that NACPRO now boasts 126 General Members and 14 Corporate Members

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Members Converge.

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Members. Communications Chair John deBessonnet pointed out that the projected income from Corporate membership has already been doubled. As an incentive to attract more corporate members, it was decided that a NACPRO membership list will be made available for distribution, on request, to new members.

New statistics about Member activities were also made available by Bill Beckner, who distributed a revised Park, Recreation and Conservation Operations Comparative Survey.

Finally, there were several proposed By-Law Changes discussed which will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in July. The first deals with board member attendance and provides for the termination of directorship due to excessive absences. The others are changes to reflect clarification of NACPRO purpose for alignment with IRS protocol. Members are urged to review these proposals before the July meeting and be prepared to vote on each amendment.



Effective July 1, 2001, Carolyn Andal will commence the production of the N A C P R O News. Andal is the wife of the NACPRO Executive Secretary, Gene Andal. She comes to the job with a certificate in journalism and many years of reporting experience. Andal graduated from Moorpark College in southern California, quite a feat while raising five children. She has written articles for several newspapers, including the *Thousand Oaks Chronicle* and the *Elk Grove Citizen*.

She has also held a Real Estate License for twenty years and is now described by her husband as a "semi-retired" Real Estate Broker. Although

Proposed By-Law Changes

"Article III, Section 3: Directors" currently reads as follows:

"...If any Officer or Director shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without an excused absence approved by the President, their Directorship shall automatically terminate..."

The proposed revision would read:

"Each member will be permitted one unauthorized absence and up to two authorized absences within his/her two-year term. Any second unauthorized absence or any third absence will result in termination of the Board member's current Directorship."

"Article I Section 2: Purpose" shall be amended as follows:

(Underlined Portions are proposed additions)

"The purpose of this Association shall be: (a) To advance the official policies of the National Association of Counties, a Delaware Corporation, which has been determined to be tax exempt by the United States Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service, by supporting or opposing, as conditions dictate, the policies of other governmental units which are significant to county government. This activity will most often be carried out by providing accurate, balanced factual educational materials and testimony based on the professional experience of association members. (b) To develop educational materials and present educational programs to stimulate interest in securing, planning, developing, ..."

"Article III Section 9: Committees" shall be amended as follows:

"a) Legislation Committee: This Committee...shall study such issues...referred to it for study and report by the National Association of Counties...Activities of the Committee will be related to gathering and reporting about legislation which is being discussed or proposed by others and presenting related data. No activity of the committee will be directed toward influencing legislation."

"d) Awards Committee: This Committee shall...prepare suitable criteria, solicit and review nominations and recommend the granting of various awards... for the recognition of individuals and organizations...Actual awards will consist of plaques and trophies of nominal value. Their presentation will provide opportunities to promote educational examples of excellence in government and civic affairs."

NACPRO News Welcomes New Editor

she no longer actively pursues listings, she is frequently called on by friends and former clients to handle the selling or buying of a house.

The last five years have afforded Andal the opportunity to pursue her passion for historical research. She is a dedicated genealogist, having done a comprehensive job tracing her family line. However, she is also an accomplished local historian. In fact, she has done extensive research on the history of the Sacramento County area. One of her most interesting projects was the study of a local ghost town that was significant to the history of Southern California. "Hicksville" was an important place during the Gold Rush, partly due to its location about halfway between San Jose and the goldfields. Originally owned by Captain John Sutter, a key player in Gold

Rush lore, the land was eventually sold off after the Rush ended and the town began to die. About four years ago, the County of Sacramento joined forces with local, state and federal agencies and the Nature Conservancy to buy the remaining 6000 acres to preserve as a park. (Read "Saving Spur Cross" on page 7 of this issue for a similar story.) Andal's work played a crucial part in the success of that venture.

Just as she has done with her past enterprises, Andal will bring a considerable amount of enthusiasm, dedication and precision to the job of editing the NACPRO News. Members are encouraged to continue to submit articles and pictures for publication in the newsletter. Those contributions should now be forwarded to 9450 Montevideo Drive, Wilton, CA 95693 or faxed to 916-687-4508.

Parks' Economic Impact Key to Community Growth

By Ned McKay, East Bay Regional Parks, Oakland, CA

The East Bay Regional Park District, headquartered in Oakland, Calif., is a major factor in the economic prosperity of the region it serves, according to a study just completed for the District by Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS), a prominent economic analysis firm. Park District General Manager Pat O'Brien called the economic study "a timely, important, vital part of Park District planning efforts." The report is expected to be of interest to elected and appointed government officials, community planners and developers, the business community, environmental organizations and the general public.

The report's overall conclusion is that the Park District is a key part of the "urban fabric" of the East Bay, crucial to future efforts to sustain the region as it continues to grow and develop. The report also states that the Park District is a fundamental component of the region's quality of life. Quality of life is in turn a critical factor in sustaining the region's economic prosperity.

About 14 million people visit the regional parks each year, more than the combined annual total for Yosemite National Park, the Monterey Peninsula and the Napa Valley. The value placed on the experience by these visitors, measured by the amount they are willing to pay for it, is estimated conservatively at \$74 million each year.

The Park District owns and/or operates some 91,000 acres of public land. Since its establishment in 1934, the District has spent \$365 million in today's dollars to acquire its 59 parks. Their replacement value in today's dollars (cost of acquiring them today if they had not been preserved in the past) is \$960 million.

Parks and trails enhance property values. "There is a very strong correlation between the existence of parks and property values," Keiser said. Properties adjacent to large parks and open spaces derive from 10% to 30% of their value from this proximity.

The presence of the Park District results in total direct expenditures by park users in the East Bay of about \$254 million annually in park-related purchases (food, clothing, travel expenses, etc.) About \$74 million of this is net new direct expenditure in the East Bay economy. In other words,

total expenditures on all goods in the East Bay are \$74 million higher due to the Park District's presence. When East Bay recipients in turn spend this money, the multiplier effect results in a total annual economic impact of \$148 million.

With a work force of 540 permanent and 215 seasonal employees, the District itself spends about \$80 million annually. About \$9.1 million of this represents net new annual expenditures funded by outside grant money or by payments from non-district residents. The multiplier effect results in a total annual economic impact of \$18.2 million.

The Park District grazing program generates \$740,000 in gross pasture and range production value each year. It also enhances the ranching industry as a whole by creating larger contiguous areas for grazing uses, which protects them from urbanization.

Parklands generate health, educational, public safety and transit benefits, because they provide outdoor recreational facilities, environmental education programs, police

and fire protection, regional trail networks, and a variety of other public services.

The Park District's land preservation also provides ecosystem services to the region such as wildlife habitat, air quality enhancement, water supply, and erosion control. The District's parks, open space and wildlife habitat help to create a permanent urban edge in the East Bay.

Turning to the future, Keiser said that the Park District and other agencies will be challenged to respond to the East Bay's changing demographics, in terms of population increase, ethnic diversity and age distribution. Other challenges will include preserving dwindling open space to keep pace with the region's population growth and recreational demands; meeting state and federal mandates on a broad spectrum of services; and obtaining adequate financial support to accomplish Park District goals.

Kieser noted that the tax revenue received by the Park District from the average property owner amounts to about \$80 a year. The return on this in terms of economic benefits is ample, he said.

Gary Haller Retires, Leaves Legacy

Johnson County, Kansas

administration of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and did recreation planning for the Kansas Park and Resource Authority.

Gary said at the time he took the Johnson County position, some of his colleagues took the view that going from the state to the local level was perhaps a step backward, but he never shared this view. He says the challenges that first drew him to the District 27 years ago have continued.

"In the dealings that I had with cities throughout the state, it was obvious that the local level was where the action is and where the learning process is," Gary said. "I wanted to do that and I wanted to go to a place that really had some things going for it. I thought Johnson County was an area that had a lot of challenges and opportunities. The challenges are still there. I have had opportunities to go elsewhere, but I can't think of any place I could go that would have any more challenges than we do here and they continue to be there."

After more than a quarter century at the helm of the Johnson County (KS) Park and Recreation District, Director Gary L. Haller has announced plans to retire effective June 30. Gary is a former President of NACPRO.

Under Gary's leadership, the JCPRD has grown from fewer than 50 employees to 165 employees and from fewer than 1,800 acres to approximately 6,100 acres of parkland held by the District. The agency was formed in 1955 and Gary has served as only the fourth Director. The agency achieved national recognition as the 1995 recipient of the prestigious Gold Medal Award. In 1999, it became only the 23rd agency in the nation to be nationally accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

A Colby, Kansas native, Haller came to the District in August, 1974 after 15 years with the State of Kansas, where he served as Assistant Director in charge of State outdoor recreation planning and

NACPRO Accreditation Resources Available

One of the benefits of NACPRO membership is the opportunity to network with other members. Member organizations considering an undertaking such as the accreditation process should take advantage of the contacts made through NACPRO. Agencies that have already been through the accreditation process or one of the six member organizations currently in the process may have pointers or advice. The NACPRO Newsletter

and the NACPRO website are excellent resources to catch up with what other members are doing. Meetings offer additional opportunities to network. NACPRO even has an Accreditation Committee. Bill Mitchell, the chairman may be another resource for helpful information. However, most members are receptive to telephone calls and e-mails anytime. Consider initiating a conversation about accreditation today!

Accredited Agencies

The following agencies are recognized as an accredited park and recreation agency by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, by having fully demonstrated their commitment to the park and recreation field by complying with a body of standards deemed essential to the quality of services delivered and the professionalism of their operational

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| 1. Monmouth County Park System, NJ
<i>Accredited February 1994</i> | 10. City of Lenexa, KS
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited October 1995</i> | 19. City of Virginia Beach, VA
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
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| 2. Parish of East Baton Rouge, LA
<i>Accredited February 1994</i> | 11. Newton Recreation Commission Board, KS
<i>Accredited October 1996</i> | 20. City of Alpharetta, GA
Recreation and Parks Department
<i>Accredited February 1999</i> |
| 3. Northbrook Park District, IL
<i>Accredited February 1994</i> | 12. City of Germantown, TN
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited October 1996</i> | 21. Kansas City, MO
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited February 1999</i> |
| 4. City of Asheville, NC
Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities Department
<i>Accredited February 1994</i> | 13. City of Kettering, OH
Parks, Rec. & Cultural Arts Dept.
<i>Accredited November 1996</i> | 22. City of Largo, FL
Dept. of Recreation and Parks
<i>Accredited October 1999</i> |
| 5. City of Greenfield, IN
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited October 1994</i> | 14. Broward County, FL
Park and Recreation Division
<i>Accredited February 1997</i> | 23. Johnson County, KS
Park and Recreation District
<i>Accredited October 1999</i> |
| 6. City of Plano, TX
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited October 1994</i> | 15. Town of Gates, NY
Recreation and Parks Department
<i>Accredited October 1997</i> | 24. City of Delray Beach, FL
Parks and Recreation Department
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Parks and Recreation Department
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Parks and Recreation Department
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| 8. City of Scottsdale, AZ
Community Services Department
<i>Accredited October 1994</i> | 17. City of Columbus, GA
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited September 1998</i> | 26. Martin County, FL
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited March 2000</i> |
| 9. Metro-Dade County, FL
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited October 1995</i> | 18. Chicago Park District, IL
<i>Accredited September 1998</i> | 27. City of Salisbury, NC
Parks and Recreation Department
<i>Accredited March 2000</i> |

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Conservation...

One of our primary goals should be to conserve and restore. Read how two organizations have exemplified their dedication to both natural resources and their cultural heritage.....

Cleveland Metroparks Is Committed to Conservation

by Michelle R. Smith; Cleveland Metroparks

With nearly 20,000 acres in 14 reservations, Cleveland Metroparks considers conservation a major part of its mission. One of the most innovative conservation efforts implemented by Metroparks is the routine use of alternatives to herbicides. Staff and interns are committed to using bio-rational programs and products in the place of harmful chemicals, to keep plant and animal life, as well as visitors and workers, healthy. Cleveland Metroparks environmentally-conscious approaches to managing its facilities establish the Park District as a leader in ecologically sound management practices.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo has three notable bio-rational programs. The Integrated Pest Management System (IPM) was initiated in 1992, in The RainForest indoor facility. The goal of this program is to achieve a balanced environment that will maintain healthy plant growth with minimal chemical intervention. Minimal chemical intervention is important because continual use of chemicals, over time, could have detrimental results on the fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals on display.

The IPM program uses various alternative methods to control pests such as introducing a natural enemy of a pest into the environment. For example, chalcidoid wasps were introduced into The RainForest a few years ago to control the whitefly population. This is a biological control method. Practices such as fertilization, pruning, and sanitation can be used to create an unfavorable environment for pests; these are cultural control methods. Mechanical control methods include washing infected plants with water or a diluted isopropyl alcohol solution, or removing an infected plant altogether and replacing it with a more resistant species. Quick detection and identification of pests and swift response with control methods are key to the success of this program. It is now used to manage all major indoor plant displays in Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

To minimize water waste and improve water quality, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo uses bio-rational pond management in its Camel pool and Waterfowl Lake. The Camel

pool, which was emptied weekly for sanitization during the early 1990's, was converted into a biological filtration system in 1997-1998. Aquatic plants were incorporated into two artificially-formed reservoirs to keep the water clean, eliminating the need to repeatedly dump and fill the pond. Plant species included Water Mint, Miniature Cattails, Rice-Cut Grass, and Hardy Water Canna. Also, overhead trees were thinned or removed to provide more light and improve plant growth in the pool area. The results are a yearly savings of 84,000 gallons of water per year, and no reports of bacteria outbreaks in the water since the conversion.

Waterfowl Lake was plagued with an abundance of Spirogyra and Planktonic algae growth that was treated with copper sulfate, which killed many of the ponds necessary organisms (i.e. insects, crustaceans, and bacteria). Zoo staff wanted to reduce algae growth without using chemicals that would damage the healthy pond environment. To promote self-purification, they introduced live bacteria combinations into the lake to break down waste and use it up before it could benefit the algae. This process, called bio-remediation, was implemented by a company called Ameri-Waste Environmental, which supplied the bacteria and guaranteed results. Their product, as detailed in an April 2000 Zoo Horticulture report, was called Microbe-Lift. It is a non toxic, non-pathogenic, 100% natural bacteriological culture that not only reduces algae growth, but also levels of nitrate, nitrite, and ammonia, biological oxygen demand, and chemical oxygen demand in environments like Waterfowl Lake.

Aquatic species were also planted around the perimeter of the lake to provide additional filtration. These species included Anacharis, Water Hyacinth, Yellow Water Iris, Pickeral Rush, Lizards Tail, Common Arrowhead, and Cotton Grass, among others. As a result of this effort, there was not a single algae bloom in the lake in the summer or fall of 1999.

The Zoo began its Biological Turf Program in 1998, after the decision was

made to stop using broadleaf and pre-emergent herbicides in 1997. The Biological Turf Program uses bio-rational products produced by Soil Technologies, Inc. to manage turf. These products are used successfully in thousands of public areas (including center court at Wimbledon) and have been university tested. They include TurfTech Bio, a microbial bio-fertilizer that contains plant growth hormones and essential amino acids and enzymes; Bac-Pack, a product that contains beneficial microbes and improves soil stress tolerance and disease resistance and suppression; Thatch Relief, a product that increases natural decomposition, diminishing the need for mechanical de-thatching; and Nature Safe, an 85% slow-release fertilizer that contains meal-based product and humus, which buffers salts and improves soils capacity to hold nutrients.

Similar bio-rational products are being used at three golf courses. A product called Floratine is made of natural enzymes that control thatch and algae, beneficial fungi, and micro-organisms that help nutrient cycling and mycorrhizal health. A fertilizer made from bakery products, feather meal, and products from the leather industry is being used on other greens.

Weed barriers installed in 2000 to control unwanted plant life have yielded mixed results. In Big Creek Reservation, shredded rubber material replaced mulch under trashcans in an effort to control weed growth. This yielded negligible results, and there was a problem with dispersal of the material over time. However, weed barriers made of screening and cold patch installed in Bedford Reservation proved successful and cost-effective, as no herbicides had to be used on areas surrounding sign posts.

Environmentally-conscious methods of pest control, filtration, fertilization, and weed removal may carry a hefty price tag, but the routine and heavy use of chemical methods charges Mother Nature more in the long run. Despite fiscal concerns and increased labor needs, Cleveland Metroparks is committed to conservation, no matter the cost.

Saving Spur Cross Ranch

by Rand Hubbell, Maricopa County

Spur Cross Ranch is the newest addition to Maricopa County's Regional Park System. On January 9, 2001 Arizona's Governor Jane Hull for the State of Arizona, Supervisor Jan Brewer, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, for Maricopa County and Mayor Vincent Francia for the Town of Cave Creek all signed documents ensuring the conservation of the 2,134-acre ranch. Spur Cross Ranch has been designated a "Limited use public recreation and conservation area," and plans include the development of a visitors center, restrooms and a trail system to selected archeological sites.

Spur Cross Ranch lies within the Town of Cave Creek on the northern edge of what is commonly known as the "Valley of the Sun." The Phoenix metropolitan area have been among the fastest growing areas in the nation for the past two decades. Growth has now reached the area-surrounding Spur Cross Ranch and pressure to develop this stunningly beautiful area increases daily.



Spur Cross Ranch contains historical sites, which date back to the 1200's. The sites are the remains of Hohokams who inhabited areas of the southwestern United States for hundreds of years but left for unknown reasons in the 1,200's. Sites on Spur Cross Ranch include petroglyphs, Hohokam villages that still show the walls of several buildings. Additionally, Cave Creek, the only continually flowing stream in Maricopa County, flows through Spur Cross Ranch.



Nearly four years ago the residents of the Town of Cave Creek and other interested citizens, familiar with the property, contacted officials within the Town of Cave Creek, Maricopa County and the State of Arizona. The citizens were asking one of these government agencies to step forward and take action that would prevent the development of Spur Cross Ranch.

The solution to saving Spur Cross Ranch from development required three years of negotiations and extensive cooperation between three government agencies. Led by Maricopa County's District 2 Supervisor Don Stapley, the County agreed to pay \$7.35 million and have that amount matched by the State of Arizona. An additional \$6.8 million was committed by the Town of Cave Creek to purchase the property from two private investors.

Purchasing the property was just the first step in preserving the unique piece of the Sonoran Desert. Negotiations included a solution that would provide operating and

maintenance funds for the Park. The Town of Cave Creek held an election in November 2000 asking its citizens to pass a ½ cent sales tax, which will generate the funds necessary to develop and operate Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors sought and received authority to manage Spur Cross Ranch. This acquisition increased the nation's largest county park system to over 118,000 acres park, conservation areas and recreation areas. Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department has extensive experience managing desert mountain parks of this size and nature.

Successful completion of this project required the creation of two Inter-Government Agreements between three levels of government and the passage of a proposition to increase sales tax in the Town of Cave Creek. Spur Cross serves as an example of tremendous cooperation between government agencies and great support from local residents to make this acquisition work.

Raising Money...

Securing necessary funds is sometimes a problem shared by many NACPRO members. Take a look at how some enterprising member organizations have solved this dilemma.....

Our Parks. Our Land. Our Future.

The Passage of a Successful Bond Referendum

-by Bob Harbin; Broward County, Florida

This past November, Broward County was home to one of the largest and most ambitious undertakings nationally to upgrade an overwhelmed park system. Voters were asked to tax themselves and approve a bond referendum worth \$400 million. The referendum came at a time when voters in the nation's other fast-growing areas were voicing their views that they wanted green space and better parks even if it meant paying higher taxes. Over the past two years voters approved 216 of 250 such referendums. In 1999 alone, elections committed \$1.8 billion for the work of protecting our quality of life. The depth of feelings driving those votes is attributed to concern about urban sprawl and overdevelopment, a serious concern to the residents of our county. People see themselves increasingly surrounded by development and traffic congestion and are willing to pay for some relief from this.

On election day, 74 percent of the voters overwhelmingly approved Broward's Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Referendum. This vote came only two months after Broward County residents agreed to tax themselves to improve services to children and after a gas tax increase to pay for improving mass transit. It was also just a year after voters approved a \$139 million bond issue to improve the library service. The task was not an easy one, but we succeeded in educating the public that this referendum was our last chance to save our disappearing natural lands and that upgrades to our overused and aging park system were needed.

In May 2000, a majority of voters surveyed in a county-paid poll said they would support borrowing \$400 million to preserve open space and improve parks. A slim majority of 51 percent said they would back a bond referendum before they were told details of the plan. Support rose to 57 percent, however, when pollsters explained that the land could be used to create nature trails, preserve wetlands, and save wildlife habitats. 31 percent said they were opposed

and 18 percent were undecided. The people polled mirrored the overall county population in terms of sex, party registration, age, and geography.

On May 23, the Broward County Commission unanimously approved to place the \$400 million bond referendum on the November 7 ballot. The Referendum united the efforts of the county's Parks and Recreation Division and the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection. The money raised would be divided in half. Two hundred million would be set aside for enhancing and renovating "active recreation" park facilities. The other half would be used to buy up much of the county's remaining slivers of unprotected natural lands and open spaces, which would be stabilized to eradicate invasive species and then opened for public use as "passive recreation." The county would sell \$400 million worth of 20-year, tax-free, AAA-rated bonds to investors. Those investors

would be paid back, with interest, with money raised by taxing the property of Broward residents.

Environmental and conservation groups quickly endorsed the proposed bond referendum, including the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society. The Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit conservation group, became the leading fund-raising organization that directed many of the bond's campaign strategies. The Trust for Public Land has helped states, counties, and municipalities secure approximately \$21 billion in new funding for parks and land conservation since 1994.

Polls indicated that the majority of undecided voters were women with children. Significant attention was given to the fact that the services benefitting children were important to voting mothers. Swim Central, a program housed within Parks that promotes water safety and free swimming (cont. to page 9)

Grant Funds Strategic Planning

The Friends of Stark Parks was the recipient of a \$37,000 grant from the Hoover Foundation to create a Strategic Plan for the Stark County (Ohio) Park District for the next five years. "The planning process has been undertaken to enhance the efficient operation of the park district in the years to come," explained Bob Fonte, director of the park district and president of the Friends of Stark Parks. "With a levy campaign coming up in 2002, it will be important for us to show the public that their money is being well spent. We are indeed grateful to the Hoover Foundation for its support."

Working with the park district to prepare the plan are the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, the Institute for Conservation Leadership, and the Bliss Institute of the University of Akron. Following a retreat by park district supervisors and members of the board of the Friends of Stark Parks, public meetings were held in four communities throughout the county to get the public response to the

district's current programs and facilities and ascertain possible priorities for 2003-07.

During the public meetings, the park district's most impressive milestones were highlighted, including state and national awards received by the district. Statistics about the district's growth, in acreage, new facilities, improvements, programs and staffing, were pointed out. The park district's success at managing the tax payers' money and finding alternative sources of funding was also emphasized. For instance, since 1996, the park district has raised more than \$5.2 million in grants. In essence, voters' investment of \$8.8 million has generated more than 50% interest!

An additional \$13,000 donated to Friends of Stark Parks by the Hoover Foundation was donated to the Ohio and Erie Canal Corridor Coalition (OECCC) and the Ohio and Erie Canal Association (OECA) to fund operating expenses associated with development of the National Heritage Corridor.

Hennepin Parks Recruits Support from Community

The Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District, also known as Hennepin Parks, located in the suburban Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area of Minnesota and a premier park system recognized nationally for promoting environmental stewardship, encourages their patrons to “stay connected and committed to conservation of the earth” and support the park system at the same time. They publish a quarterly magazine which is aimed at county residents and is full of fun things to do, including a daily calendar of events in the park system. Through their newsletter and their website, Hennepin Parks informs their patrons of a variety of ways to contribute to the park system that benefit individuals, families and the environment. They remind their readers that all contributions, regardless of the level, help to ensure that the parks will continue

to thrive in the new millennium. Rather than just solicit donations or gifts, Hennepin Parks has several “packages” to offer to those wishing to support the park system.

The basic package is the “Park Patron” membership. Patron fees are an important source of non-tax revenue for Hennepin Parks and are critical to the long-term success and vitality of the Park District. Park Patrons support the Park District’s efforts to manage more than 25,000 acres of regional parks, park reserves and regional trails. Park Patron benefits include quick access to places to play, relax, exercise and gather with family and friends. For \$27, members receive a “Park Patron Card” which allows them to take advantage of discounts on many park events and programs, equipment rentals, merchandise from Patron Partner Stores, and discounted

or free golf, skiing, camping and trail fees and permits. They also receive a full year of convenient parking with a parking permit, good for 12 months from purchase, and the Seasons magazine, mailed with latest event and facility news. When the Patron membership is renewed within 10 days of the expiration date, additional special offers from the Patron Partners including freebies and deeper discounts are rewarded.

The new Friends and Stewards programs provide expanded park and education opportunities beyond those provided through taxes and user fees. Hennepin Parks Friends pay \$50 and receive all the benefits of the Park Patron Program plus coupons valued at over \$100 for free equipment rental, camping, golf, downhill ski/snowboarding, wildflower booklet, collectable stone beverage coaster, a “Free Day for a Friend.” and other merchandise and concession items. There are also discounts on other activities and attractions. \$15 of the contribution is tax-deductible.

The Hennepin Parks Steward Program includes a Park Patron Package, all Park Patron and Friend benefits, tax-deductible contribution, plus: Floating Guest Parking Pass; invitation for you and your guest to a Steward Recognition Event and a “Year of Open Space” cloissone pin, all valued at more than \$150. The cost is only \$100, which includes \$50 tax-deductible contribution. The Steward contribution may also be targeted to a specific park program.

Supporters are also encouraged to remember relatives, friends, teachers and business associates with Park Patron Gift Certificates for any gift-giving occasion. They offer other types of gift certificates as well - for rounds of golf or golf lessons, ski lessons, ski rentals or lift tickets, Hennepin Parks Merchandise-books, clothing, gift items-and even Forests Forever Commemorative Trees Gift Certificates. “Forests Forever” is a program that plants trees in Hennepin Parks and is also available as a fundraising cause for school classes, youth and civic organizations. Memorial benches can also be purchased and placed at a site designated by the Park District.

Hennepin actively recruits volunteers as well as financial contributions, but they remind their patrons that there is no better way to contribute to Hennepin Parks than to use the parks on a regular basis!

Our Parks (cont. from page 8)

classes for young children, became a selling point to this group of undecided voters.

Moving to shield the proposal from accusations of politics, the Broward County Commission set up a citizens’ board to oversee which properties are purchased. The idea of the oversight actually grew out of the defeat of a referendum in L.A. County in 1990 that was successful when it was sent back to the voters with built-in citizen oversight two years later.

Broward County is formed by more than 20 independently governed municipalities whose support was critical for the passage of the referendum. In order to get their support, a total of \$35 million out of the \$200 million for the parks bond proposal was allocated for challenge grants to the benefit of municipalities. Parks officials met with these municipalities to discuss ideas.

A six-month public education campaign led by a Public Education Committee, was created to target citizens, the news media, elected and appointed officials, cities, and private-sector partners. The marketing strategy, which included the use of buzzwords such as “Clean Water,” “Clean Air,” & “Safe Parks”, employed printed materials, print ads & articles, four 30-second TV commercials, a website (www.ourfuture.org), and live speakers. An eight-minute video was produced to explain the bond referendum and was used in presentations to over 137 groups in every

section of the county.

The campaign intensified during the last weeks prior to election day. The *Sun-Sentinel* gave its endorsement six days before election day, stating that “there is no doubt the bond issue is needed in order to preserve some of the remaining privately owned, undeveloped land in Broward east of the Everglades.” The next day, *The Herald* followed with its endorsement of the bond issue, noting that “the sheer size of the bond issue is audacious, but by combining both parks and open space, it resolves and links a variety of issues, from teaching kids to swim to saving the remnants of the coastal ridge, cypress wetlands and pine highlands that covered the county until the turn of the 20th Century.” A local television station, aired its endorsement, saying, “With hundreds of acres a year being lost to development, there’s no time to waste.” There were also other positive news stories that made a difference with undecided voters, including one published two days before the election giving readers a better understanding of the project.

On November 7, hundreds of supporters of the Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Referendum volunteered to be at the polling places to distribute palm cards in support of the issue. The bond referendum was overwhelmingly approved by county voters by a 3 to 1 margin- 379,094 votes (74 percent) to 136,326 votes (26 percent).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK & RECREATION OFFICIALS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2001
LOUDOUN COUNTY CASCADES SENIOR CENTER
STERLING, VA

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Cindy Welsh called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Greg Reiner, Johnson County, Kansas

Cathy Spangler, NRPA

Doug Vaira, NRPA

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

President Cindy introduced Ms. Spangler and Mr. Vaira, who gave a presentation on Active Parks.org project.

The project is designed to inventory local public facilities, provide the industry with information, create consumer agenda for the industry and profession, and recognize the value of parks and recreation at the national level.

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

none

V. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Andal, Gene,	Sacramento County, CA
Beckner, Bill	Washington D.C.
Brady, Jon	Hamilton County, OH
deBessonnet, John	Harris County, TX
Gooch, Dan	DuPage County, IL
Hoch, Don	Bibb County, GA
Mitchell, Bill	Bucks County, PA
Nickovich, Bob	Lake County, IN
Pasteris, Michael	Will County, IL
Romero, Paul	Santa Clara County, CA
Scalzo, Bill	Maricopa County, AZ
Schreiner, Tim	Grand Traverse County, MI
Welsh, Cindy	Loudoun County, VA
Wise, Annette	Buncombe County, NC

Members Absent:

Burns, Mary	San Mateo County, CA
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Benson, Ron	Douglas County, CO
Frandsen, Paul	Riverside County, CA
Messerli, Steve	Lake County, IL
Richard, Ralph	Oakland County, MI
Skea, Graham	Orange County, NY
Trowbridge, Glenn	Clark County NV
Weber, John	Baltimore County, MD

There being a quorum present, the business of the Association proceeded as follows:

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Tim Schreiner, seconded by Gary Haller, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the October 11, 2000 meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 1. Membership**—Mr. Andal distributed the membership report (attachment A) and noted that the organization has 14 Corporate members (attachment A1) and 126 General memberships.
- 2. Membership status**—A membership report (attachment B) was distributed reporting for the the period of October 1999 to present showing that the organization has gained 4 new members which the same number last year during the same time period. \$8265 was obtained from membership income which is short of the \$13,000 budget goal. The new fee structure is based on agency annual budget and 46 members were in the >\$100,000 category, 70 members are in the \$100,000 to \$500,000 category, and 29 members are in the >\$500,000 category. The average membership fee income is \$68.59 per member.
- 3. Financial**—A financial report was distributed (attachment C). Mr. Andal indicated that \$1500 was transferred from a certificate of deposit account to operating fund to guarantee cash flow. Also, \$3000 was transferred from savings to the operating

fund for cash flow purpose. The net worth of NACPRO is \$29,173.97, a decrease of \$1454.34 when compared to last fiscal year. New revenue will compensate for losses.

- 4. Proposed Budget**—Mr. Andal proposed a "rollover" budget (attachment D) without suggesting changes.

-Moved Mike Pasteris, second Dan Gooch, --Increase Awards video by \$1000 for total of \$2000.

-Moved Tim Schreiner, second Dan Gooch,--Increase park tours revenue by \$500 to balance income to expense for total of \$1000.

-Moved Gary Haller, second Bill Scalzo—Decrease donation to NRPA by \$200 in lieu of affiliation. Reduce to \$100 next fiscal year (budget 01-02).

-Maintain education presentation allocation to \$1000.

-Not-for-profit filing fee of \$25 is allocated as discretionary expenditure.

-Moved by Bob Nickovich, second by John de Bessonnet— Increase award banquet complementary dinners by \$1000 to total of \$4000.

Upon motion of Tim Schreiner, seconded by Bob Nickovich, the Board unanimously approved the report of the Executive Secretary including the budget modifications.

VIII. NACPRO/NACo BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Chair Dan Gooch distributed a written report (attachment D) and indicated that he will attend the Public Land Committee meeting of NACo on Saturday and Sunday. He will also attend the NACo Board meeting on Monday. The Affiliates met in Idaho, last December, and will present "relationship" issues to the Board on Monday. The spring meeting will be held in Hilo, HI and followed by the Philadelphia, PA meeting. The fall meeting will be held at New Mexico.

In reference to Bill Beckner request, Dan Gooch asked NACo to recognize NACPRO on all items pertaining to funding of park and recreation activities that may come to NACo. Mr. Gooch

indicated that NACo agreed to “do their best” to contact NACPRO on issues that may concern us. Dan indicated that Affiliate groups are getting better recognition from NACo staff. NACo Board moved to support CARA at the past Board meeting.

Dan referenced a March 1983 document stipulating that NACo will provide staff support to affiliates funded by a grant to NACo. Lou Witt, staff assigned to NACPRO affiliate, is funded by a Federal grant and is not paid by NACo. Dan Gooch recommended that NACo appoint another staff member to NACPRO that is not funded by grant money.

Moved by Dan Gooch, seconded by Tim Schreiner to forward a letter to NACo requesting assistance in maintaining NACPRO records, membership list, and billing annual dues pursuant to letter of March 01, 1983. Motion approved unanimously.

X. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Awards**—The Awards Committee reviewed applications for 13 award categories with possibility of presenting 18 awards. The Committee recommends 14 awards to be presented at the Philadelphia meeting. No awards will be presented in 3 categories; outstanding public official, fellow, and outstanding contributor. Moved by Dan Gooch and seconded by Mike Pasteris to accept recommendation of Awards Committee. Motion unanimously approved.
2. **By Laws**—Jon Brady presented the by-laws Committee recommendation on changes for board member attendance language. The recommended changes are shown in Attachment F (2) and stipulate in part “If the Board member fails to give the President proper notice, the President shall so state following any Board roll call. The absence will be recorded as unauthorized. If the absence has been authorized, the President shall so state following any Board roll call. The absence will be recorded as authorized. Each member will be permitted one unauthorized absence and up to two authorized absences within his or her two-year term. Any second unauthorized absence or any third absence (authorized or unauthorized) will result in termination of the Board member’s current Directorship.” Moved by Dan Gooch, seconded by John de Bessonnet the motion to accept the proposed

by-law amendment as presented in Attachment F (2) by the By-Law Committee. The motion was amended by John de Bessonnet, seconded by Bill Scalzo to present By-Law Committee recommendation to the membership at the annual meeting in July. The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously.

3. **Membership Committee**—No report.
4. **Nomination Committee**—John Brady distributed a written report (attachment G) and stated that three current Board members will not serve next term. Members Haller, Burns and Messerli has expressed their desire to decline Board status. John Brady, Committee Chair, will contact potential Board members and inform them of the condition and rules for Board membership and present a slate to the President for consideration prior to the annual meeting.
5. **Legislative Committee**—Bill Scalzo, Committee Chair, indicated that CARA was enacted but the Parks and Recreation profession did not get all that was wanted. Currently, CARA II is introduced with a funding consideration of \$3.1 billion. Interior Secretary, Gail Norton, supports full funding of stateside allocation. President Bush, at this time, supports full funding of Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$900,000 million). CARA II comes with attachments that may prevent it from getting congressional support. On Monday, Bill will present a request for NACo support of CARA II and LWCF program.
6. **Professional NRPA/NACo Education**—No report.

X. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Accreditation Committee**—Bill Mitchell reports that two new organizations received accreditation and two renewed their accreditation. Six organizations are now in the accreditation process.
2. **Historian**—Bill Scalzo, NACPRO Historian, is interested in collecting information of members that are also recognized in other professions. That information will be deposited in the historical files of the organization and reported in the newsletter.
3. **Internet Communications**—Chair John

deBessonnet distributed a written report (attachment H) and stated that the Corporate memberships have doubled the amount of projected income from this membership category. He is working on attaining more Corporate members and would like to distribute a NACPRO membership list, on request, to new corporate members as an incentive. Moved by John de Bessonnet, seconded by Bill Scalzo to make NACPRO membership list available to new Corporate members on request. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Newsletter**—A written report was prepared by Bill Palmer and is attached to these minutes (attachment I). Ms. Carolyn Andal submitted a proposal to prepare the NACPRO newsletter for \$1000 per issue. The newsletter would be placed “on-line” and added to the NACPRO website. Moved by Tim Schreiner, seconded by John de Bessonnet to have newsletter distributed by website except for the winter issue which we be printed and mailed to membership. The motion was amended to have postcards sent to members noticing the change of newsletter presentation. The motion was unanimously approved. Moved by Bob Nickovich, seconded by John de Bessonnet to add \$1000 to the newsletter budget account to allow for appropriate money to cover anticipated expense. Moved by Gary Haller, seconded by Bob Nickovich to authorize President to negotiate contract with Carolyn Andal to prepare and edit the NACPRO newsletter. Both motions were unanimously approved. Moved by Bob Nickovich, seconded by Bill Scalzo the Award Committee is to recognize BRECC/ Bill Palmer for newsletter leadership and the outstanding contribution to NACPRO. Motion was unanimously approved.

5. **Organizational Future**—Dan Gooch stated that the Association incorporation process has progressive steps that require By-Law changes to clarify the NACPRO’s purpose. Moved by Mike Pasteris, seconded by John de Bessonnet to recommend to the membership at the annual meeting by-law changes to reflect clarification of NACPRO purpose for alignment with IRS protocol. Moved by Mike Pasteris, seconded by Dan Gooch to change Articles of Incorporation as presented in attachment J of these minutes. Both motions were unanimously approved.

6. **NRPA Relations**—Gary Haller recognized Dan Gooch and President Welch for their participation in the affiliation process. The affiliation papers have been submitted and Gary is awaiting response. Pending Federal Legislation document distributed by NRPA staff is attached to these minutes (attachment K). Candidates for NRPA Executive Secretary have been screened with a recommendation to the NRPA Trustees for consideration at the Spring meeting. Fifteen names have been forwarded.

7. **Scholarship**—No report.

8. **Audit**— Chair Paul Romero reported that the next audit is schedule for next fiscal year. No further action is needed at this time.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Statistics Report

Bill Beckner distributed a revised Park, Recreation and Conservation Operations Comparative Survey. The revised document is attached to these minutes (attachment L).

XII. FUTURE MEETINGS

2001 NACo Annual Conference - Philadelphia, PA (July 13-14, 2001)

2001 NRPA Annual Congress - Denver, CO (October 3-7, 2001)

2002 NACo Annual Conference-Orleans Parish, LA

2002 NRPA Annual Congress – Tampa, FL (October 16-19, 2002)

2003 NACo Annual Conference - Milwaukee, WI

On July 13, 2001 the Board will meet in the afternoon at Philadelphia, PA. A facility tour is scheduled on July 14, 2001, hosted by Bill Mitchell. The tour will consist of visiting three sites including Independence Hall. Individual cost of \$50 is anticipated.

The Board recognized Gary Haller for his outstanding contribution to NACPRO. Gary is retiring from public service in July 2001. A newspaper article describing Gary's accomplishments is attached to these minutes (attachment M).

III. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of John de Bessonnet, seconded by Bill Scalzo the meeting was adjourned by President Welch at 1:40 P.M.

WHAT IS NACPRO?

NACPRO is an independent organization, affiliated with the National Association of Counties (NACo), with its own chartered constitution. NACPRO is comprised of county parks and recreation professionals throughout the United States. The Board of Directors is composed of 24 Directors and four Officers: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President. Officers and directors are elected by a majority vote of active members.

To advance the cause of county park and recreation agencies on a national level;

To stimulate interest in securing, planning, developing, maintaining and preserving county park and recreation resources;

To encourage cooperation and coordination of all park recreation agencies with similar objectives;

And to provide a forum through which members may network and exchange ideas.

COMMITTEES

There are several committees upon which members may serve, offering their input in their areas of expertise such as Federal, State and Local Issues; Resolutions; Public Information; Membership; NACo/NRPA Liaison; Conferences; Nominating and Awards.

COMMUNICATION

As a member of NACPRO, you'll be updated on issues affecting county park and recreation agencies on a monthly basis. You'll receive *NACPRO News*, the organization's monthly newsletter featuring Board of Directors' meeting minutes, legislative reports and committee updates. NACPRO news will also provide you with the opportunity to promote your park facilities. In the near future, the NACPRO website will include information on county park and recreation facilities and programs. NACPRO membership affords you the opportunity to network with colleagues throughout the country to exchange ideas.

AWARDS

Membership entitles your parks and recreation agency with national recognition by competing in the **NACPRO Annual Awards** program. The most progressive park and recreation agencies across the nation submit their most innovative projects each year for evaluation by the awards committee. The awards also recognize outstanding public officials, volunteers and programs. The winners receive national recognition at the Annual Conference.

PARK TOURS

During both the Annual Conference and the Legislative Conference, special daylong tours of county parks and facilities are available for members. These important visits highlight creative and innovative facilities and practices. In addition, they are an ideal time to network with other park and recreation officials.

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**Invitation to join:
NACPRO Membership**

The National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO), an affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo), cordially invites your office to become a member of this professional organization.

Our goals are to discuss and evaluate issues and to adopt recommendations concerning many legislative matters that generally affect our member agencies, as well as the broad leisure services profession. These recommendations are then passed on to the appropriate NACo committee for incorporation into its platform and strong national voice. Our activities also include an annual awards program, periodic newsletter and tours of other agencies at the various meeting locations.

To our old friends renewing their memberships, I need not speak of the values and benefits offered by participation in our activities. To potential new members, who may not be familiar with NACPRO, we offer a complimentary copy of our most recent newsletter which perhaps best reflects our organization and its various activities. Simply write to NACPRO News; Attn. Carolyn Andal, Editor; 9450 Montevideo Drive; Wilton, CA; 95693 or telephone (916) 687-7285 or fax (916) 687-4508.

Become a part of this common national cause. Meet other professionals. See creative projects. Keep current on significant issues.

We would most appreciate a reply showing name/address/agency information in order to keep our files current (use application to right). I hope that you will also include your agency's membership check for \$55, payable to NACPRO, and return to: **Gene Andal, NACPRO Treasurer, 9450 Montevideo Drive, Wilton, CA 95693.**

Please keep in mind that the National Association of Counties is the only national organization representing county government. Should you wish further information, do not hesitate to write or call with your questions.

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