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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-222

DATE November 19, 2020

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DONATION ACCEPTANCE OF A HORSE FOR THE PARK RANGER DIVISION

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Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept a donation of a horse "Poncho" for the Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit and direct that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

The Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit (Division) is responsible for patrolling park trails, conducting presentations for interpretive programs and representing the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) at various events. Well-trained horses that will remain calm in various interactions with the public are required for this job. Jeff Zinder, a private citizen, has graciously offered to donate his horse, "Poncho" to RAP for use by the Division. Poncho is an 11-year-old Missouri Fox Trotter gelding that is of good health and temperament and would be well suited to the work of the Division.

Accepting this donation would allow the Division to keep up its current stable of four sound horses, as another of our horses has reached the end of his serviceability and is due to be retired from service soon.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 3: All parks are safe and welcoming

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Accepting this donation, with an estimated value of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000), will save RAP the cost of purchasing another horse to replace the horse that is due for retirement. All care and feeding costs will be transferred from the retired horse to this horse, resulting in no additional impact to RAP's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Adam Dedeaux, Mounted Unit Supervisor