**Mississippi River Parkway Commission**

**Culture & Heritage Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

**Agenda**

1. Interpretive Centers

* Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Visitor Center, Onalaska, Wisconsin – Discuss accepting application and forwarding to the board or not based on our new rolling review ability.
	+ Sabrina Chandler, Refuge Manager, will join us at the start to answer any questions you have.
* Cold War Museum, Arkansas – no updates
* Wildlife Heritage Center, Mississippi – no updates
* Tom Lee Park – Update and discussion of what this IC application might look like
* Status of your state’s ICs. Verify that all are active and sound.

2. Interpretive Centers - Online Application Discussion

* Leave up or take down? Voted at September meeting to take down.
* What do we need to ensure that we receive an adequate application online?
	+ Provide the Discovery Park of America application and, if approved, the Upper Mississippi River application noted above.

3. Checklist

* Remove Covid 19 questions from online version
* Remove: What do you need from us? Redundant of question above.
* Remove: Have you worked with the MRPC in the past? Requires an explanation.
* Add a new questions?
	+ On pollinator gardens or natural areas that provide pollinator habitat. Y or N
	+ Funding Sources: Optional selections:
		- Government (Local, State or Federal)
		- Private
		- Non-Profit Donations
		- Principal Staffing: Permanent or volunteer
		- Volunteer Staffing: Percentage of staff capacity
* How to put this online with past year’s form so that all ICs have to do is update new information.

4. How to engage ICs with each other

* How we convey our mission to ICs and how do we become familiar with theirs.