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## Public Comment for Item 5 City Council on Oct 8th (CF# 12-0899-S1).

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Public Comment

CF #12-0899-S1 - APHA&R report on challenges facing Park Ranger Division

October 7th, 2013

Honorable Councilmembers,

The Arts Parks Health Aging and River committee report is a good start, but it misses one important issue - that there is no qualified leadership of the Park Ranger Division.

The Park Rangers are a full POST-accredited agency and they require a fully-qualified Chief Park Ranger who is on the Rangers' POST roll.

Currently an AGM (civilian) and a capt from a different agency "run" the Park Rangers. Neither is in any way qualified to run the Division, and neither is on the Rangers' POST roll.

The lack of a qualified Chief is a fundamental "challenge" affecting:

- safety
- functionality
- morale
- training
- qualifications
- efficiency

and it is not being addressed.

Councilmembers, please correct this oversight:

1. require the Dept of Recreation and Parks to name a fully-qualified Acting Chief Park Ranger immediately.
2. direct the CAO to restore the Chief Park Ranger position to the Dept of Recreation and Parks budget within the next 2 months.

Thank you.

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