



## MINUTES

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**  
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ  
San Tan Conference Room  
August 15, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:04 pm.

**PRAC Members present:** David Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Eileen Koceja, Adam Neville, Sylvia Tarin, Eric Kerr, Cherie Richardson, Mike Shirley, David Sobeck III, and Barbara Young.

**PRAC Members absent:** Daniel Babcock and Council Member Julia Wheatley.

**Staff present:** Adam Robinson, Vince Micallef, and Marianne Fulton

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

- A. *Consideration and possible approval of the June 11, 2012 meeting minutes.*

**Motion to Approve:** Eileen Koceja

**Second:** Adam Neville

**Vote:** Unanimous

- B. *Discussion regarding the committee's purpose, mission, goals, and objectives*

Adam, Recreation Superintendent, lead a discussion with the committee to determine first "What is our purpose?" Some of the descriptive words that came forward were: Guide, Decide, Create, Provide, Preserve, Improve, Envision, Contribute, Enhance, Promote, Serve, Assist, Review, and Advocate. Final purpose statement was:

*"Serving the community of Queen Creek by preserving its unique character and enhancing the quality of life for its residents."*

The next discussion was then moved on to the committee's mission. "Are we and active or passive group?" Final mission statement:

*"To advocate for recreation facilities, programs and partnerships to meet the community's current and future demands."*

Discussion on the committee's goals included:

What do we do?

- Serve Residents and Visitors, advocate needs, seek to understand, proactive, visionary, meeting demands of today and future, strive to enhance services.
- Survey what the people **want** now.
- Survey what the people **need** now.
- How can we advocate if we do not know what is in demand?
- If General Plan is allowing higher density, then does this requires greater services?
- Advocating means committee members going out and asking citizens their needs and wants. Committee members should be suggesting that citizens communicate with council members or that they go to Council Meetings to stay on top of what is happening. Committee members should be talking to partners to hear what their needs and wants are. Part of the committee's role is to communicate all this information to Town Council.

Final goals included:

1. Survey Residents – needs, wants, etc. Review level of service. Survey new residents with water turn on.
2. Improve communication – to and from Council
3. Be an active participant – volunteer at upcoming events, talk to participants, talk to neighbors.

*C. Discussion of the committee's 2014 Work Plan*

This item was tabled to the September meeting.

**Motion to Approve:** Dru Alberti

**Second:** Eileen Koceja

**Vote:** Unanimous

*D. Schedule Future Meeting*

September 10, 2013.

**5. Announcements:**

A. Trunk or Treat

- i. Volunteers are needed – Hospitality, survey taking, judging pet costume contest.
- ii. "Running of the Dead" – race sponsored by QCEF
- iii. Zombie Film Fest – teen event coordinated by the Boys & Girls Club
- iv. Two trunk lines this year – encouraging committee members to sponsor a truck.

B. Roots N Boots

- i. First committee meeting of the year is Sept 18
- ii. Volunteers interested in being a committee chair are encouraged to come to this meeting

C. General Plan Amendment Open House Meetings

- i. Two meetings are scheduled – August 28 6-8p.m. Library Zane Grey Room or September 25 6-8p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers

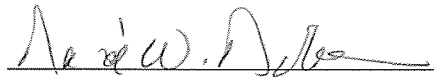
6. **Adjournment:**

- A. **Motion to adjourn:** Dru Alberti
- B. **Second:** Eric Kerr
- C. **Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Marianne Fulton August 19, 2013

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: Sept. 7, 2013



David Dobbs, PRAC Chair