



MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ
San Tan Conference Room
February 11, 2014
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:05 pm.

PRAC Members present: David Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Eric Kerr, Cherie Richardson, Daniel Babcock, Sylvia Tarin, Adam Neville, Michael Shirley, Barbara Young, and David Sobeck II

PRAC Members absent: Eileen Koceja, and Council Member Julia Wheatley.

Staff present: Adam Robinson, April Petersen, Brad Greer, Chris Anaradian and Marianne Fulton

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

- A. *Consideration and possible approval of the November 12, 2013 minutes.*

Motion to Approve: Dru Alberti

Second: Barbara Young

Vote: Unanimous

- B. *Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley, Queen Creek Branch Quarterly Report*

Eric Rodriguez, Branch Manager, updated the committee on the second quarter of FY 2013-2014. The branch has 253 members with a daily attendance average of 54. Average age is 10 years.

Ariana Ruof, Senior at Queen Creek High School, has been nominated for the Boys and Girls Club student of the year college scholarship.

Third quarter plans include Spring Break Camp March 10 – 21, Torch Club Conference February 22, Tee-ball program with two other branches, and annual Quiz Bee Competition.

C. San Tan Youth Football League Partnership Closeout

Adam Neville, STYFL President, gave an overview of the 2013 Tackle and Flag Football seasons. There were 845 participants in total program, 630 in tackle and 215 in flag. 72 scholarships were given, mainly full amount. STYFL is financially stable and only raised tackle rates by \$5 for the 2013 season.

The club in whole believes the delay in the tackle season was a success. Allowing for no tackle games to be played in over 100 degree weather was appreciated by all.

Seven out of eight clubs had at least one team that advanced to quarter finals and five teams went to the championship games. A number of past STYFL participants have signed commitments to major college programs for the 2014 season.

STYFL donated \$12,500 to Queen Creek families in need and sponsored food drives for the St. Mary's Food Bank. Players and coaches played Santa to many families that would not have had Christmas presents without the club's donations.

2014 Season registration begins on March 1. Fees will have a nominal increase, if any.

A question was asked by the committee if the clubs success were promoted by the Town. Staff responded that yes we try as much as possible to announce all success. A major initiative on staff's part to promote partner success stories is a current goal.

D. Update on Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan

Chris Anaradian, Development Services Director, handed out maps to committee members of the updated trails system within Town boundaries. He asked committee members to review, markup, and comment on what they are seeing on the maps as well as areas that may need more attention. Council and Development Services are in the process of reviewing and working on a 5 year CIP plan that will include Parks and Trails. Send any feedback to Chris Anaradian or Adam Robinson.

Questions were asked by the committee concerning alternate funding for Parks and Trails. As new staff is coming to the Town, new ideas and knowledge is coming in concerning funding. The Town is also acquiring additional information and seeking partnerships as available.

E. Discussion and possible approval to select Dru Alberti as vice-chair until August 2014

Motion to Approve: Michael Shirley
Second: Sylvia Tarin
Vote: Unanimous

F. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Council regarding park rules for the Pocket Park for Pups.

Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent, reviewed the staff report citing comparisons that were made between other cities that have dog parks. The committee reviewed and discussed each park rule as presented. Questions were asked if the park rules in other cities were park specific or city wide. Staff research showed that the rules were city wide. Question was presented if rules should be more specific due to size of park? Staff determined that size of park should not matter.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend the following rules to be approved:

1. Dog handlers must carry a leash for each of their dogs using the dog park.
2. Dogs must be leashed during entrance and exit.
3. Handlers must clean up after their dogs.
4. Limit of three (3) dogs per visit.
5. Dogs must be under voice control and the handler must be within the enclosure at all times.
6. Any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior must be leashed and removed immediately.
7. Dogs must be licensed, vaccinated and wear a visible and current license.
8. Dog using the park must be older than four (4) months.
9. Spayed or neutered dogs recommended.
10. Dog treats and food are not allowed in the park.
11. No smoking in the dog park.
12. Female dogs in heat are not allowed in the dog park.
13. Handlers are responsible to cover holes or turf damage caused by dogs immediately.
14. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
15. The facility was created for dogs and their handlers. It is not a playground for children.
16. Keep small children and infants under strict supervision and do not allow them to run in the area or chase after dogs.
17. Park users and handlers assume all risk related to the dog park.
18. The dog agility equipment is for dog use only. Do not play or let children play on it.
19. The facility is open to dog handlers and dogs complying with the parks posted regulations. Those not following park rules will be asked to leave by Town Official.

Motion to Approve: Dru Alberti
Second: Adam Neville
Vote: Unanimous

G. Department updates

April Petersen, Recreation Specialist, gave an update on the upcoming Passport to Discovery event on April 12, 2014, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is Discovering Queen Creek, celebrating the Town's 25th anniversary. The egg hunt is back with 25,000 eggs. Waffle Crush Food Truck is making a special 25th Anniversary peach waffle. Rudy's Restaurant is sponsoring the food court. Entertainment includes the finalists in QC's got talent and a free concert by Firefly. Train ride will include stops at the 5 "C's" of Arizona, cotton, citrus, climate, cattle, and copper. Displays are being put together by Eagle Scouts for the San Tan Historical Society. Art Adventure is being sponsored by SRP with a water safety theme. QCFD will have a booth for kids to pledge to be "water safe". Exciting for this year is a 180' zip line and Preventive Pest Control is sponsoring "Spider Mountain" rock wall for the younger participants. Hensley will be a non-alcoholic beverage sponsor with sports drinks.

Brad Greer, Recreation Coordinator updated that the Spring 2014 brochure is out and registration has begun. Valentines Day Love Bug Dance on Friday, Feb. 14 is almost sold out, and should be a fun family night with food, dancing and crafts. Arizona Soccer Club is half way through their season and Queen Creek Little League and Queen Creek Heat Softball Little League have completed their registrations and are beginning to set teams.

Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent, handed out the Town's Corporate Strategic Plan to the committee and reviewed the new items that include acknowledging the need for Parks and Trails.

H. Schedule future Meetings

Next regular PRAC meeting will be on May 13, 2014 at 6 p.m.

5. Announcements:

Dru Alberti, Friends of Horseshoe Park committee member, announced that the Root's and Boot's Rodeo is coming up quickly on March 7 – 9. Volunteers are still needed. Early Bird sales on Carnival tickets are now available at the Recreation Annex.

6. Adjournment:

- A. **Motion to adjourn:** Cheri Richardson
- B. **Second:** Daniel Babcock
- C. **Vote:** Unanimous

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Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Marianne Fulton February 16, 2014

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: Feb, 13, 2014

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Dobbs", written over a horizontal line.

David Dobbs, PRAC Chair