



Public Naming Process for The West Park Site

October 4, 2017

Park Naming Policy



Names for the park had to adhere to the following criteria:

- Geographical location of the park or facility; or
- Natural or geological features proximate to the park or facility; or
- Cultural or historical significance to the Town or surrounding neighborhood*; or
- The family name of an individual or a family that has made a significant contribution to the community, country, state or the field of parks and recreation*.
- Use of the park.

** Historically significant names must include information to explain significance. Submissions including the name of a family or individual who is deceased must include written approval from the next of kin.*

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Public Outreach:

- Form on Town Website
- Social Media
- News Release
- 80 Qualified Responses



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PRAC Recommended Options:

- Queen Creek Adventure Park
- QC Lakeview Park
- QC Community Park

Queen Creek Adventure Park

So many fun things to do at the park it's like an adventure every time!



Queen Creek Lakeview Park



Lakeview Park - *The Lake will be one of the most exciting features of the park. It will differentiate it from other neighborhood parks and will not be confused with San Tan Valley.*

Sossaman Lake Sports Park - *Steve Sossaman has done so much for the town, and continues to do so. I thought it would be fitting to have one of the entrances to the park be off of Sossaman Road and just North of the new Sossaman Agritainment area. Also included in the name is what the park is about.*

Appleby Lake Park - *I like how it contributes the name of the street it's on and the awesome lake being built within the park!*

Queen Creek Community Park

“The lake should be named Sossaman Lake. The names represent what the park will do for our town, bring us together as a community for events that are sporting, recreational, charity, and neighbor gathering. The name for the lake represents a family that was instrumental in founding our town.”



Other Favorite Name Options



Mansel Carter Park – Aside from the fact that Mansel Carter is a beautiful name that we have yet to use inside Queen Creek, he has history inside of our town as seen in the San Tan Historical Museum, he was a man who lived in the area, who was quite the celebrity of his time. Visitors came from all over the world to visit him, according to our town website. "He had a way with small animals and birds; a respect and understanding that can only come from the heart" (Town of Queen Creek Website), it only seems fitting to honor him by naming the park after him.

David Croxell Park – Dave was a senior building inspector for the Town from 2001 until his passing in 2015. During his tenure, he held a supervisor position, was interim Building Official, and performed fire construction inspections after the Fire Marshal position was eliminated during the Great Recession. He touched every commercial project and a large percentage of the residential houses that were constructed from 2001-2015. Dave was ill for several years while working for the Town, but rarely missed any work, even during radiation and chemo treatments. It was not unusual for Dave to meet contractors at the job site at 4 a.m. when testing and inspections were necessary. Even though he would be here that early, he still worked until his normal quitting time. Dave was well respected and liked by staff and contractors. Many contractors attended his memorial.

Other Favorite Name Options

Doodle Bug Park – This was what some people called the original "commuter" train in queen creek and the train is one part of queen creek I always remember growing up and even now. I don't know how many times I was late to school because of that doodle bug. Doodle Bug is historically significant. "The Doodle Bug" switch was located just blocks away from this park site. The train was known as "The Doodle Bug" since it consisted of just an engine and a coach. Area residents could hop aboard for a ride into Mesa, Tempe, Phoenix, or Tucson. The railroad car was the preferred mode of transportation nearly 80 years ago. This early version of the commuter train was once part of the daily life for Queen Creek residents. Also – the name is just plain FUN!

Appleby Lake Park – One of the criteria is the geographical location of the park, and because it isn't on a major roadway, aligning the name with the road it's on is helpful. "Appleby" is a fun and memorable word. This park will house the Town's first lake!

Parky McParkface's Revenge – Since the parklet was not named Parky McParkface, this park name is out for vengeance!



DISCUSSION / ACTION

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Queen Creek Lakeview Park
Queen Creek Community Park

Mansel Carter Park
David Croxell Park
Doodle Bug Park
Appleby Lake Park

