



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ
San Tan Conference Room
February 13, 2018
6:00 p.m.

1. Call To Order and Roll Call: Meeting started at 6:04 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dru Alberti, Dave Dobbs(arrived at 6:49 p.m.), Karl Kleinebreil, Eileen Koceja(arrived at 6:26 p.m.), Adam Neville(arrived at 6:13 p.m.), Cherie Richardson, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Daniel Babcock and David Sobeck

Staff present: Marnie Schubert-Communications, Marketing and Recreation Director, Scott McCarty-Finance Director, Adam Robinson-Recreation Superintendent, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communications Analyst, Brad Greer-Recreation Coordinator, Gloria Moore-Budget Administrator, and Mindy Corpstein-Financial Services Analyst

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Wheatley and Council Member Benning

Public attendees: Pat Walker and Kevin Burnet (consultants)

2. Introductions: None

3. Public Comment: None

4. Items for Discussion:

A. Consideration and possible approval of the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Cherie Richardson

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. San Tan Youth Football League close out report - Adam Neville, STYFL President (presentation attached)

Highlights of the season include:

- Total Participants: 972 similar to previous years

- Tackle: 716
- Flag: 256
- STYFL is involved in the community by donating time, resources and money.
- Each year the coaches have to reapply and take coach and concussion classes to increase quality of coaching and safety.
- The league plays the national anthem before each game and the parents and spectators really enjoy it.

Questions/Comments:

- Committee members commented on having to turn away players due to field limitations. The new park will the league to expand a little and get out of the school fields.
- The Town paid for the lights at the middle school. We need to get back to working with the school and build up that partnership to take back our investment of the lights.
- During the high school playoffs, local news station showcased three athletes and all three kids played for STYFL. In addition, 3 of the 4 3A state football playoff teams were Queen Creek schools.
- Takes a lot of volunteer hours but STYFL is a great and special program.
- All of the leagues have boards and presidents, there is usually a high turnover rate of presidents because of the amount of time it takes but Adam has been the president for over a decade.

C. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Finance Department presentation - Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent and Scott McCarty, Finance Director (presentation attached)

Adam provided a brief update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Scott provided an introduction of the Finance staff in attendance and the consultants.

- HPEC is removed as park acreage because it does not fit the usage of parks definition.
- The Town needs to purchase an additional 99 acres of park land to maintain the level of service (LOS).
- The Town wants a master plan that can be fully built out in 10 years.
- The Town strategy was not to buy property and then develop a park on it and then go buy another piece of land for the next park. We bought significant park land for the future and never developed it, and then the laws changed on how you can develop parks.
- You cannot charge for future growth, the law states you can only charge for what you have now (current park acreage LOS).
- This plan will build 261 acres so you are protecting the total acreage numbers.
- Finance staff will plans to come back to PRAC in March with updates/more details.
- PRAC recommendation will go to the Town Council at the March 7 meeting.

Questions/Comments:

- PRAC had general concerns about programmable space at some of the parks. Specifically Eagle Park not being a true park as it does not fit the use of other parks and is mostly trails. San Marqui does not have parking and the Desert Wells site does not have adequate space for be programmable.
- The only programmable parks are QC Sports Complex and Sossaman Cloud parks which reduced that 261 acres to 126 acres.
- Concerns about the estimated cost to purchase new park land, not figuring inflation rates into calculation.
- Council also has to be accountable for not building those other parks. We claim to be a livable, quality of life community but we cannot make those claims if we do not make the investments.

- Suggestion to advance the QCSC, increasing the park acres LOS to then increase the impact fee for parks. The push needs to be to increase the acreage and get those bigger amenities.
- Suggestions to reassess impact fees in 5 years.
- Request to come back and present on LOS for all park amenities, such as fields, splash pads, playgrounds, etc.

D. Review of Queen Creek Sports Complex (East Park) List of Amenities - Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent

Staff show PRAC members and meeting attendees two rough draft designs of East Park (attached). The public works yard and resulting retention areas for neighboring areas will need to be developed in the next two years. In order to reduce repetition, staff is proposing completing the design of the park and full project site in FY19.

E. Department Updates - Alexis Ramirez, Recreation and Communications Analyst

Special Events Post Report

- The Senior Program held the annual “Thanksgiving Potluck” in November and the annual “Holiday Potluck” in December with around 85 senior attendee at each.
- In December the Senior Program took a field trip to look at the holiday lights at the Mesa, Arizona Temple Grounds. 10 Seniors from the program participated in the field trip.
- The 35th annual Holiday Festival and Parade was held on December 2 in Town Center. The event received great reviews from many of the estimated 12,000 attendees. The event featured a three day carnival, vendors, pictures with santa, stage entertainment, tree lighting and over 80+ participating flotats.
- The inaugural S'more Sweets Festival was held on Saturday, Jan. 27 at Founders' Park. The event had an estimated 1,400 attendees and 52 vendors. The event featured magicians, stage entertainment, pie eating contests and kids zone with inflatables and interactive attractions.
- The 5th annual Love Bug Dance was held on Friday, Feb 9. There were 140 attendees and the event sold out 5 days prior to the event.

Partnerships

- The current seasons of Adult Kickball are being played at Desert Mountain Park on both Friday and Monday evenings.
- The winter 2018 recreation season of the Arizona Soccer Club is underway. Games and practices are held January through March at Desert Mountain Park. This will mark our 6th season partnering with the club as our official youth sports partner.
- Queen Creek Little League Baseball and QC Heat Softball are finalizing rosters and holding coaches/parents meetings in advance of their spring seasons. Practices and games will be held at Desert Mountain Park beginning in February. Opening night for baseball is scheduled for March 2, and Softball Opening Night is set for March 5. Both events will take place at the ball field complex at Desert Mountain Park.
- Lim Karate will be holding two free self-defense seminars on Saturday, February 17 at the Recreation Annex. There will be a women's only class at 10 a.m. and a general class at 10:45 a.m.

Upcoming Special Events

- The State of the Town is on Wed. Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the QC Community Chambers.
- QC Block Party on Sat. March 3 from noon to 6 p.m in Town Center. The block party will have a sports theme and community members are invited to host a fan zone area.
- Youth Basketball Tournament on Sat. March 10 from noon to 4 p.m. at Founders' Park visit www.qnarlybrandusa.com
- The splash pad will open on Saturday, March 10 for the season. Daily hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Young at Heart Senior Health & Wellness Expo on Wed. March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Rec Annex. Event will include health screenings, educational displays, information tables, lectures, community resources, and demonstrations.
- Spring Into QC will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Desert Mountain Park.

F. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2018.

5. Announcements:

- Roots n Boots is March 15-18 and this year's Queens are local young ladies from the QC. In need of volunteers, please email volunteers@rootnboots.org for more information.
- Saturday, February 17 is Coffee with a Cop.
- Thursday, February 15 is Coping Skills for Suicide Prevention.
- Thursday, February 22 is Gangplank grand reopening.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

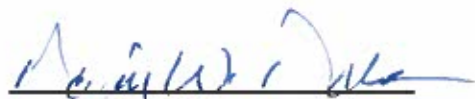
Motion to adjourn: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Dru Alberti

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on February 13, 2018

PASSED AND APPROVED: February 27, 2018



David Dobbs, PRAC Chair