



MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ

San Tan Conference Room

February 27, 2018

6:00 p.m.

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

PRAC Members present: Dave Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock (conference called in), Karl Kleinebreil (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Adam Neville, Cherie Richardson, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Soback and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Eileen Koceja

Staff present: Marnie Schubert-Communications, Marketing and Recreation Director, Scott McCarty-Finance Director, Adam Robinson-Recreation Superintendent, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communications Analyst, and Mindy Corpstein-Financial Services Analyst

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Benning

Public attendees: One public attendee (did not sign in)

2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Items for Discussion:**

A. Consideration and possible approval of the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve: Dru Alberti

Second: Sylvia Tarin

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Consideration and possible action on a recommendation to Town Council on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Scott McCarty, Finance Director (presentation attached)

- "Playing Catch Up" with Infrastructure Given Recent and Expected Growth

- Parks and Recreation LOS is More Subjective Because Some Amenities and Services are Provided by Private Sector (Barney Sports Complex, HOA Amenities, School Facilities, etc.) – Which is Not the Case with All Other Infrastructure
- Tables showing existing amenity inventory and estimated amenities surplus (deficit)
 - Many amenities would still be in a deficit of the recommended LOS if the Town developed all park acres currently owned
 - Deficit of 99 acres, 14 ballfields, 2 multi-use fields, 9 basketball courts, 6 volleyball courts, 22 tennis/pickleball and a dog park
- The schedule moving forward:
 - March 6 - Focus Group Meeting
 - March 7 - Town Council Update
 - March 29 - Focus Group Meeting
 - April 10 - Return to PRAC
 - Pending items: trails, neighborhood parks, comparison jurisdictions, dashboard/"what if" analysis, and focus group feedback

Questions/Comments:

- Get what you are saying about the neighborhood HOA parks but do not necessarily agree with it. As a whole the community does not have access to these parks and HOA parks lack basic amenities, such as restrooms. HOA park visits are a 30-60 minute trip before you have to go home.
- LOS benchmarking cities do not count those HOA parks and school playgrounds or fields in their LOS.
- Seems to be a huge correction to fees that were not set correctly.
- Kids in a neighborhood do not always end up on the same team so the team will not be able to use HOA fields for practice and the Town cannot program that space.
- If we can say this about parks, couldn't we also say that each community can provide their own mini fire department. But why don't we? It would not make sense that's why. Need to be aware of when to draw the line on what does not make sense for them to provide. The Town provides these types of amenities such as community parks and fire service because it's on a bigger and better scale.
- Is PRAC open to a discount on impact fees to offset the investment if developers go above and beyond the minimal open space requirement?
 - NO
- Not everyone(developers) are using the parks, but everyone is driving on the crowded roads.
- Displeased that so many investors who do not live in QC are member of this focus group advising the council in determining the impact fees. What is the proportion of residents versus non residents on the focus group?
- Can staff look up how many possible home permits are left to collect fees from?
- Hard pressed to find anyone on PRAC who would vote for anything less than the maximum allowed by law. Gave us those two options in your presentation but we want the most not less because we are already so far behind in our level of service.
- What PRAC is willing to recommend is the staff recommended LOS at \$68M (40 acres per 10k population) slide with the addition of purchasing the 99 acres within 10 years.

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

Upcoming Special Events

- 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 includes wing eating and grilling competitions.

- Youth Basketball Tournament on Sat. March 10 from noon to 4 p.m. at Founders' Park visit www.gnarlybrandusa.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.
- Roots n Boots is March 15-18
- Spring Into QC will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Desert Mountain Park.

D. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2018.

5. Announcements:

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

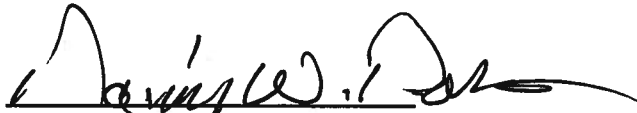
Motion to adjourn: Marvin Smith

Second: Dru Alberti

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on February 27, 2018

PASSED AND APPROVED: April 10, 2018



David Dobbs, PRAC Chair