



**MINUTES**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**  
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ  
San Tan Conference Room  
**May 22, 2018**  
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:03 p.m.

**PRAC Members present:** Dave Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Karl Kleinebreil, Eileen Koceja, David Sobeck (conference called in) and Sylvia Tarin

**PRAC Members absent:** Adam Neville, Cherie Richardson, Michael Shirley and Marvin Smith

**Staff present:** Marnie Schubert-Communications, Marketing and Recreation Director, Adam Robinson-Recreation Superintendent, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communications Analyst and Marianne Fulton-Customer Service Coordinator

**Council Liaisons present:** Councilman Hoffman and Council Member Wheatley (left at 6:55)

**Public attendees:** Council Member Benning

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

**A. Consideration and possible approval of the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes.**

**Motion to Approve:** Sylvia Tarin

**Second:** Karl Kleinebreil

**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**B. Discussion on rental policies - Alexis Ramirez, Recreation and Communications Analyst**

- Staff provided an overview of the department's current rental policy practices.
- Staff is seeking PRAC's input and guidance on policies relating to the new amenities at Mansel Carter Oasis Park, such as the larger ramadas.
- PRAC requested more details on current rental reporting, including the amount of rentals completed by residents and non-residents, most popular ramadas rented and frequency patterns related to time of year and hours.

- Staff estimates the following:
  - resident/non-resident split is 60/40
  - the average length of rentals is 2 hours
  - Palo Verde ramada at DMP is the most popular ramada rented
- PRAC discussed and came to a consensus on the following policy guidelines:
  - Continue with hourly rates
  - Increase the minimum rental to 2 hours
  - Premium pricing based on size and location in the park/access to amenities (splash pad and peninsula)
  - The entire peninsula can be reserved up to 2 years in advance
  - Prior to 60 days before the entire peninsula must be reserved (special event process), after the 60 days individual ramadas can be reserved
  - All partner leagues pay the same ramada rate to encourage leagues to celebrate and take pictures at the park they play at
- Can we look into alcohol permits at the peninsula venue?
  - Current policy allows a director to approve a permit for alcohol, would most likely can be denied at this time
  - Staff can take alcohol permitting to Town Council for further guidance
  - Look into the Olive Mill, Schnepf Farms and other local venues for destination venue pricing for the entire peninsula rental.

#### **C. Discussion on name ideas for the ramadas at Mansel Carter Oasis Park - Alexis**

- The ramadas at Town parks are named after nature. Staff is proposing the ramadas at Mansel Park be named after Arizona lakes or popular game fish as this park will include the Town's first public lake.
- PRAC preferred naming the ramadas at Mansel Park after fish:
  - Large peninsula ramadas: bluegill and sunfish
  - Small peninsula ramada: perch
  - 3 by the splash pads: bass, trout and catfish
  - Last two are muskie and pike
- PRAC asked staff to look into installing informational signs about each fish at the ramadas.

#### **D. Discussion on lake policies - Alexis**

- In anticipation for the Town's first public lake opening, staff has started to develop lake policies and guidelines. The lake at Mansel Park will be a part of the AZ Game and Fish Community Fishing Program so fishing will be regulated by their guidelines. Other uses such as swimming and boating are left up to the Town.
- PRAC requested staff research fishing during early morning hours (at sunrise) before the park opens.
  - Currently parks are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Proposed fishing hours are sunrise to sunset
- PRAC came to a consensus that the primary purpose of the lake at Mansel Park will be fishing.
- PRAC proposed creating policies limiting feeding, swimming and all types of boating and flotation devices.
- PRAC wants staff to monitor lake use and public requests during the first year and bring back findings for further lake policy discussion.

**E. Department Updates - Alexis**

- Both Queen Creek Little League Baseball and QC Heat Softball are winding down their spring 2018 seasons. Both leagues are working on post season all stars and tournaments.
- STYFL is open for fall 2018 flag and tackle football registration.
- The Boys and Girls Club was open for extended hours during the recent teacher walk out and are now focusing efforts on their busy summer programs.
- Adult Kickball and Softball just finished their spring seasons with close to 150 adults participating. Both leagues were held at Founders' Park.
- We are in discussions with a local league to begin offering Adult Sand Volleyball at Desert Mountain Park this fall.
- Summer special interest classes are open for registration, including many specialty and sports camps for youth as well as our popular favorites all summer long.

**Special Event**

- Luau Splash Pad Party, July 14 at the Splash Pad at Founders' Park from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Aloha! The Town of Queen Creek invites you to celebrate Park and Recreation month at this year's Luau Splash Pad Party! Join us after hours for a fun evening of hawaiian-themed games, food, music, and more. The night will feature Hula Dancers and a Fire Dance demonstration.

**F. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018.**

**5. Announcements:** None

**6. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

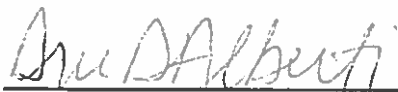
**Motion to adjourn:** Dru Alberti

**Second:** Daniel Babcock

**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on May 22, 2018**

**PASSED AND APPROVED: June 12, 2018**



**Dru Alberti, PRAC Vice Chair**