



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ
San Tan Conference Room
October 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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

PRAC Members present: Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Karl Kleinebreil, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck, and Sylvia Tarin (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)

PRAC Members absent: Dave Dobbs, Brady Hamilton, and Adam Neville

Staff present: Adam Robinson-Recreation Superintendent, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communications Analyst, and Brad Greer-Recreation Coordinator

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Wheatley (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Public attendees: N/A

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

A. Consideration and possible approval of the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Karl Kleinebreil

Second: Dave Sobeck

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Discussion and possible action on rentals of splash pad shade structures at Founders' Park - Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent

The four shade structures at Founders' Park are a shared space for all visitors but customers frequently inquire about renting or reserving the shade structures. Staff is proposing opening up some of the shade structures for rentals to increase revenue and provide residents an additional space for birthday/family celebrations. The Founders' Splash Pad has seen a decrease in use in the last month since a second splash pad opened at Mansel Park.

PRAC decided to discuss the topic in two parts and make two separate motions:

Motion to approve and recommend to Town Council the rental of the red small and green shade structures at \$20 an hour for residents/non-profits and \$30 an hour for non-residents/commercial use: Ashley Fuller

Second: Daniel Babcock

Vote: Approved; unanimous

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- What are your thoughts on renting out the two shade structures and are the small red and green the right ones to rent out?
 - Every member of PRAC was open to renting out the two red small and green shade structures
- What if the splash pad gets shut down for water quality issues?
 - We would provide a refund.
- PRAC requested staff bring name suggestions for the shade structures to the next meeting.

Motion to approve and recommend to Town Council the rental of the complete splash pad at Founders' Park at \$150 an hour for residents/non-profits and \$225 an hour for non-residents with the following conditions: Karl Kleinebreil

- **Not available to rent on holidays and weekends or during the months of June and July**
- **No restrictions on time of day they can be rented**

Second: Sylvia Tarin

Vote: Approved; unanimous

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- \$150 seems like a low price point for impacting so many people - would recommend \$250 an hour
- In favor if it can only be reserved on certain dates and times - not on weekends and holidays
- Be very specific that is on weekdays only.
- What would be the rate for non-residents?
 - We would follow the same pattern of adding 50% to the \$150/hour.
- Non-profit rate is resident rate and schools would qualify for it.
- For context on pricing, Mesquite Groves is \$600+ for two hours and includes lifeguards and pool. More limited on hours and certain weekends.
- During the summer months there is not a slow time.
- Suggestion for weekends only available during the first few hours.
- We should either rent it out or not rent it out at all. One or the other. Seems complicated with all the restrictions.
- Staff would advertise in advance that the splash pad is closed for a set amount of hours.
- Pricing should be based on actual cost - true overhead of staff, maintenance, etc.
- We could also not recommend it now and come back in a year to review and record interest calls.
- The precedent is already set in renting entire facilities - If I take my kid out to play catch on the multipurpose fields and a football team reserved it for practice then my kid and I have to leave and find somewhere else to play.
- Is there a limit to the number of people who can be in the splash pad?
 - It's a large open space with the grass area so more of self selective
- PRAC requested that staff work on policies and details for refund, rain, closing of splash pad, and certain features not working.

C. Discussion on sports field rental fee comparison - Adam

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Do we want to increase fees incrementally every year or jump up a little more and skip a couple years?
 - PRAC concluded it would be best to jump up a little more and avoid raising fees for a couple of years (2+).
- Club teams will pay whatever fees are set.
- PRAC concluded that the following fee increases are reasonable:
 - \$6.00 for non-partners
 - \$2.00 for partners
- Pony baseball, QC Heat fall ball, spring football/soccer would get the \$6.00 increase as well since they are not official partners.
- PRAC discussed creating a policy to allow full-season rentals for leagues outside of the "in-season" dates set aside by the Youth Sports Partnership Policy. The suggested fee is \$12/hour, equating to a \$2/hour increase to the current \$10/hour fee.
- Staff will continue researching and bring back to next meeting for a potential recommendation to take to Town Council.

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

- San Tan Youth Football League has their rescheduled Flag Tournament this Saturday at QCMS. 20 teams are participating in the tournament. Games were rained out this past Saturday. The Tackle season is in week 3. Almost 1,000 youth are participating in the league this year.
- AZ Soccer is open for registration for their winter soccer season in Queen Creek. Games will be played at Mansel Carter Oasis Park and begin in January.
- Adult Kickball wrapped up their early fall season and will begin their late fall season this weekend. There are Monday and Friday night league options.
- Men's Adult Softball has 8 teams playing a Saturday/Sunday league at Aldecoa Field. This is in partnership with Paladin Sports Outreach.
- The AZ Game and Fish Department conducted a free fishing clinic at Mansel Carter Oasis Park on Saturday, Oct 6. 130 people registered for the clinic and took advantage of free poles and waived licenses for the 4 hour clinic.
- The Boys and Girls Club Queen Creek Branch had an average of over 100 youth each day during the fall break. The club is participating in a flag football league playing against other East Valley clubs.
- QC Heat Softball is playing fall ball at Desert Mountain Park and Pony Baseball is at Mansel Carter Oasis Park for their fall season.
- Lim Karate has 42 enrolled in their October Karate classes.
- ABC 123 Preschool Classes has 75 students enrolled in their October/November session.
- 8 Count Dance has 140 enrolled in their October/November session of dance, tumbling and cheer classes.
- Trunk or Treat: 10/20/18
 - Trunks - 68 *(sold out)*
 - Food Vendors - 11 *(sold out)*
 - Carnival Games - 48 *(sold out)*
 - Vendors - 43 *(sold out)*
 - Town Center Tricks and Treats - 9
 - New Activities:
 - Nerf Battle Zone
 - Escape Rooms (on roadway)

E. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018.

5. Announcements: None

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Karl Kleinebreil

Second: Daniel Babcock

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on October 16, 2018

PASSED AND APPROVED: November 13, 2018



Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair