



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

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

**PRAC Members present:** Dave Dobbs, Dru Alberti (arrived at 6:13 p.m.), Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), and Sylvia Tarin (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

**PRAC Members absent:** Adam Neville

**Staff present:** Adam Robinson-Recreation Superintendent, and Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communications Analyst

**Council Liaisons present:** Council Member Wheatley (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

**Public attendees:** N/A

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

**A. Consideration and possible approval of the October 16, 2018 meeting minutes**

**Motion to Approve:** Daniel Babcock

**Second:** Karl Kleinebreil

**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**B. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Council for the naming of the splash pad shade structures at Founders' Park - Alexis Ramirez, Recreation and Communications Analyst**

**Discussion/Questions/Comments:**

- Overall likes that the names stick to the theme of the ramadas
- One member was not a huge fan of the name canyon

- If we decide to rent the other two shade structures at a later date, we will need two more C names
  - Creek is a future suggestion

**Motion to approve and recommend to Town Council the names of “Cactus” for the green and “Canyon” for the small red splash pad shade structures at Founders’ Park:** Karl

Kleinebreil

**Second:** Daniel Babcock

**Vote:** Approved; unanimous

**C. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Council on adding the splash pad shade structures at Founders’ Park to the ramada rental policies - Alexis**

**Discussion/Questions/Comments:**

- Should the policy just state inclement weather or lightning in place of rain
- Why would the splash pad actually close?
  - Lightning
  - Severe dust storms or rain
- Concluded the policy clearly state will close for lightning and other severe weather
- What if the water quality issue is caused by the renting group during a complete rental?
  - Should have a statement that if entire splash pad is rented, refunds will not be provided for water quality issues caused by the user group

**Motion to approve and recommend to Town Council the addition of the splash pad shade structures at Founders’ Park to the ramada rental policies with the following minor adjustments:** Sylvia Tarin

Sylvia Tarin

- Replace rain with “lightning or other severe weather”
- Add water quality issues directly caused by renting party clause

**Second:** Ashley Fuller

**Vote:** Approved; unanimous

**D. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Council on sport field rental fees - Adam**

**Discussion/Questions/Comments:**

- If the leagues grow then wouldn't the per participant increase be less?
  - That could be true but in general the increase in participants will require more field use for games and practices. They should run pretty evenly.
- Is Little League getting close to splitting?
  - Probably not this year but it is coming very soon
- After speaking with various teams/players who use the fields
  - Biggest concern is the limitation of the hour and half time slot
  - Gates do not open til 6:05 p.m. and then need to set up the bases
  - Need to open the gates 5-10 min before a scheduled rental to get the teams on the field on time
  - Pricing isn't a huge concern
- As a parent with 4 kids, I would be okay with the \$4 increase
- Would prefer the incremental increases, 20% over time, gradually increase over time
- How much would we need to increase to equal a gilbert/chandler rate?
  - Staffed pulled up the comparison sheet from the Oct. meeting
- How much would a \$4 increase cost? Would the league be able to absorb the cost?
  - Right now with the move to Mansel Park, the league is starting over on concession equipment such as commercial freezer, commercial refrigerators, etc.

- Suggestion to go to ASU surplus/warehouse sale for discounted equipment
    - Implementing other cost saving measures, such as changing registration software with less fees
    - The league would likely just absorb the cost for the \$2-4 per hour increase
  - With the increase in fees, the additional revenues will go to the general fund. How do we make sure the fields stay in the same condition?
    - Town has a level of service for maintenance throughout the entire park, they will not change.
    - If current staff cannot keep up with opening the gates, making sure the lights on, we may need to add site supervisor type positions to open the gates, setup bases, etc.
  - After Oct. meeting the fee suggestions was:
    - \$2 increase for partner leagues to a total \$9
    - \$2 increase for non partner leagues to a total of \$12
    - \$6 increase for everyone else to a total of \$16
  - New suggestion for fees:
    - \$2 increase for partner leagues to a total \$9
    - \$4 increase for non partner leagues to a total of \$14
    - \$10 increase for everyone else to a total of \$20
  - Second suggestion for fees:
    - \$2 increase for partner leagues to a total \$9
    - \$6 increase for non partner leagues to a total of \$16
    - \$10 increase for everyone else to a total of \$20
  - Large majority of rentals are partner leagues and non-partner leagues.
    - QC Heat, Pony Baseball, San Tan Youth Football, AZ Soccer Club
  - A \$6 non partner league fee increase would equate to around \$15 per participant a season. Is that still a range PRAC is comfortable with?
    - Consensus was yes
  - Note that you can rent the field for an hour and a half and it is still cheaper than renting 2 batting cages for an hour.

**Motion to approve and recommend to Town Council the \$2 increase for partner leagues, \$6 increase for non partner leagues, and \$10 increase for general use: Ashley Fuller**

**Second:** Michael Shirley

**Vote:** Approved; unanimous

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

- AZ Soccer Club will be hosting a tournament at Mansel Park this weekend. They are using the park as part of their Inaugural Heritage Cup that will be played in Gilbert and Chandler as well. Games will be played Friday evening through Sunday.
- AZ Soccer Club is open for registration for their upcoming winter 2019 grassroots recreation season.
- San Tan Youth Football League is continuing their tackle season. Playoff games will begin at the end of the month and continue into December. The Flag Tournament was held on October 20, with 20 teams participating over 3 different age divisions.
- The First Friday Drumming and Music series held on November 2 had about 30 people in attendance. These special musical programs will take place at Mansel Park, free of charge on the first Friday of every month through March. The fun begins at 6 p.m. at the peninsula ramadas.

- Pancake Breakfast and Touch a Truck is this Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Historic Town Hall.
- Holiday Festival and Parade is Saturday, Dec. 1 in Town Center.

**E. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8, 2018.**

5. **Announcements:** None

6. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.  
**Motion to adjourn:** Dru Alberti  
**Second:** Daniel Babcock  
**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on November 13, 2018**

**PASSED AND APPROVED: February 5, 2019**



**Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair**