



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ
San Tan Conference Room
February 5, 2019
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:05 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dave Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Ashley Fuller, Karl Kleinebreil, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Daniel Babcock, Brady Hamilton, Adam NeVille, and David Sobeck

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

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Wheatley

Public attendees: Cullen Chapman (Logan Simpson) and Brad Remme (Logan Simpson)

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

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

Motion to Approve: Dru Alberti

Second: Karl Kleinebreil

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Presentation and discussion of Sonoqui Wash Trail Design Project - Cullen Chapman and Brad Remme, Logan Simpson

Adam Robinson provided a brief introduction of the project and introduce the staff from Logan Simpson. Brad Remme and Cullen Chapman summarized the progress of the project, including previous meetings and feedback they have received. Major focus of the project is being uniquely Queen Creek and creating an identity for Sonoqui Wash.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Is section D in Queen Creek?
 - Yes, it is right on the border.
- The sections of the trail that are already built will get improvements.
- Branding for the trails in Queen Creek
- Great concept to give it some functionality and identity
- The striping could be designed to echo the theme of that area
- Appreciate the Hohokam theming and preservation of the history
- Install stay to the right signs at entrances to the trail to teach trail etiquette
- For the informational signs are QR codes still used?
 - Yes but not as popular although people still use them at the airport
 - Did a vote of the room and about half have used them recently
- What is the latest trail technology and innovations?
 - Scavenger hunts and geocaching
 - Charging stations
- Would prefer access to water instead of a trough, Town has already removed all of the public troughs for disease prevention
- City of Phoenix has built burrowing owl habitats in Laveen - AZ Game & Fish has a program/grants for the construction of habitats the Town could look into
- Quick overview of project timeline with completion in mid-June
- Three sections of the project: data gathering, initial designs and get feedback, final review and approval
- PRAC's role in the project is to review the design concepts and provide feedback
 - Timeline and scheduling is slightly different from previous design projects
 - Timeline could change to allow PRAC to make an official recommendation to Town Council
- We don't want to go get public input and then not take it into consideration. How was public input gathered?
 - The community meeting and directly commenting on the social media post/page and emailing staff directly
- A PRAC recommendation is important and it is helpful for Council to know the committee completely vetted
- This project is impact fee funded
- Are the trails used more during spring break?
 - Yes, we see an increase of all outdoor recreation use
- Can we put temporary signs up in the park and trails for awareness of the project?
 - Yes, we could and the more input the better

C. Presentation and discussion of San Tan Youth Football League closeout report

Item was not discussed. Adam Neville was unable to attend the meeting. The closeout report will be provided at the next PRAC meeting.

D. Discussion on tobacco use in parks - Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent

This is an initial discussion to provide staff feedback and guidance.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Is this an issue with juveniles or do Park Rangers have issues with it?
 - Biggest issue is all the cigarette butts left in the park system
- Agree that we should have a no smoking policy
- What are the consequences? Who can enforce it?
 - Park Rangers are more education base and customer service
- For the most part people follow the direction of the Park Rangers

- Policy would need to include vaping, chewing, everything.
- Could push them out to the parking lot or designated areas
- Prefer designated spaces instead of a complete ban
- PRAC requested staff look into the typical penalties
- Are there certain areas where this is a problem, maybe just address those areas first
- In many experiences, the smokers walk away from large gathering areas
- Not a big issue here quite yet but do we want to be proactive
- Either be a none or a designated areas with receptacles to keep the butts contain
- In general PRAC has not experienced smokers in their park use
- Suggestion for maintenance staff to put a receptacle in the areas where they see many cigarette butts
- Many people who fish also smoke so have seen cigarette butts around the lake
- PRAC asked staff to keep a closer eye on things and come back if we notice any major issues with users, maintenance, etc.

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

- Adaptive Special Interest Program hosted by Roots n' Boots Queen Creek
 - Held at the Rec Annex from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 - Rodeo theme on Feb. 7 and Farm theme on Apr. 11
- Love Bug Dance on Friday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at Rec Annex
- Spring into QC on March 30 at Mansel Park
- The sport field fee changes and splash pad rental fees are currently on the website but we have not received much feedback yet
- RFP updates on Community Center daytime lease and East Park design
- State of the Town on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

E. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled TBD based on Sonoqui Wash Project (April 9)

5. Announcements:

- Roots n' Boots is March 14-17
 - Special Kids Rodeo
 - Town Celebration for 10 years for HPEC
 - Need volunteers, specifically with security

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

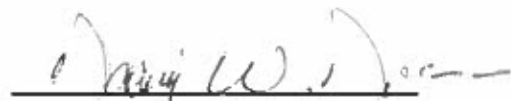
Motion to adjourn: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Dru Alberti

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on February 5, 2019

PASSED AND APPROVED: April 9, 2019



Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair