



## MINUTES

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**

21802 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ

Queen Creek Library - Zane Grey Room

**April 9, 2019**

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:10 p.m.

**PRAC Members present:** Dave Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck (arrived at 6:28 p.m.), and Sylvia Tarin

**PRAC Members absent:** Adam NeVille and Michael Shirley

**Staff present:** Marnie Schubert-Communications, Marketing and Recreation Director, Adam Robinson-Recreation Manager, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communication Analyst, and Brad Greer-Recreation Coordinator

**Council Liaisons present:** Council Member Wheatley

**Public attendees:** Cullen Chapman (Logan Simpson), Brad Remme (Logan Simpson), Chris Behler (AZSC), Paul Schweitzer, Tom Alberti, Jeff and Cindy Hammond, and S. Combs

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

#### **A. Consideration and possible approval of the February 5, 2019 meeting minutes**

**Motion to Approve:** Sylvia Tarin

**Second:** Marvin Smith

**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**B. Presentation and discussion of Sonoqui Wash Trail Design Project** - Cullen Chapman and Brad Remme, Logan Simpson  
Brad Remme from Logan Simpson provided a brief overview of the project and Sonoqui Wash Trail.

**Discussion/Questions/Comments:**

- Maintain the uniqueness at each location, all four are different.
- Regards to the different themes, repetitive elements to show complete trail theme
- Concerns with maintenance costs of actual shade structures vs sail shading
- Will there be parking at any of these areas?
  - Only at the stage stop; these are not trailheads - more of rest nodes
- Functional standpoint - will there be seating, tables, drinking fountains
  - The Town will provide water wherever possible, focus mostly at parks
- Timeline for the project
  - April 9 at 5:30 p.m. - PRAC and public input
  - May 14 at 5:30 p.m. - Public and PRAC review
  - July 17 at 7 p.m. - Town Council first review of concepts
  - August 7 - Town Council final concepts
- Timeframe for when funding will be made available and which would go first
  - Working with capital projects to determine as it will be mostly funded through impact fees
- Items that PRAC absolutely loves:
  - Windmill
  - Hohokam tower that has a sense of place
  - Community art piece in the middle, art in general
  - Incorporating the play in the design of each concept
- Historical signage will definitely be considered and could be subtly intertwined
- All nodes include places to sit either under tree canopies or shade structures
- Hohokam #1 - is it climbable? - Will need to pass the climb test - See rock climbing wall
- Hohokam #2
  - Like the modern twist and children could play on design
  - Expects the shade canopy would last no more than a couple of weeks
  - Historically people did not cover their equipment with sail shading it was more structures
  - Include a mix of both structure and sail shading
- Equestrian #1 & 2
  - Nice element to add is horseshoe posts to incorporate play at this area
  - Nix the ground corral and the human based equipment, add equestrian obstacle course such as three logs or bridge 6 inches off the ground
  - Liked that the entrance structures match the parks
- Community #1
  - Love this one, favorite of all concepts
  - 10-12 spaces in the parking lot
- Community #2
  - Should be a stagecoach on this one that defines why is this stop here
  - Don't see any tractors either - perhaps include tractor tire marks in design
  - Shade will be provided as artificial turf reaches 130 degrees when it is 110 outside with the sun beaming on it
- Agriculture #1
  - Love the community garden idea but knows it would not be protected from the wild animals - Perhaps could plant some cotton or alfalfa instead
- Agriculture #2
  - A merge of the two designs
  - Windmill should be designed not to be climbed
- Will we be getting cost estimates for these designs, to make sure we can afford to fund and build the concepts

**C. Presentation and discussion of Arizona Soccer Club closeout report - Chris Behler**  
Chris Behler provided the close out report for Arizona Soccer Club. Season highlights included:

- 791 winter season participants
- Families are excited to use Mansel Park. Stated it is part of the reason they are playing in the league and were happy with the access to bigger and better fields.
- 1,910.5 volunteer hours

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- A PRAC member's children had a great experience playing in the league.

**D. 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.

**E. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Council on permitting liquor consumption in parks - Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent**

Staff provided background information on this topic.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Would ramada rentals increase if we allow alcohol permits with them?
  - No, we do not think it would have a great impact and it would be very hard to measure.
- Open to only allowing it at the peninsula for weddings, events and other adult parties
- Great to provide options and don't imagine it would cause major issues - wouldn't be interrupting splash pad activities
- People are going to drink in the parks regardless but they just hide it right now
- For the league, would it be "bring your own" or sales of beer as well
  - Just bring your own, no selling would be allowed
- It's more of a quality of life discussion, allowing residents to enjoy our amenities completely
- When renting a hall sometimes it is required to hire security
  - When we looked at it, it would greatly increase hourly cost
  - MCOP would be notified when a liquor or beer/wine permit is sold so they would be aware if they got a call

Around the PRAC table

- Limited to peninsula and maybe adult leagues, not ramadas on their own
- Open to peninsula and adult leagues but not to ramadas and rest of the park
- Same, peninsula for special events only
- For the ramada rentals, leagues and peninsula to be more of the average
- Beer and wine (include the wine), absolutely for peninsula and adult leagues - mixed feelings on general use for ramadas
- Specific to the ramada locations that are away from play areas would be open to it - the ones near the splash pad should not - open to peninsula
- Open to the peninsula and adult league, kinda open to the ramada - some limitations on them
- Open to all 3, responsible enough as adults, having the option, don't imagine raging parties at the park
- Open to peninsula and adult leagues - I play volleyball right next to the playground in Scottsdale and it is never a problem - open to ramadas as well

**Motion to recommend to Town Council approval of liquor, beer and wine permits at the peninsula and beer and wine permits at adult recreational leagues: Ashley Fuller**

**Second:** Dave Sobeck

**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

PRAC did not include beer/wine permits for general ramada rentals, as they were split on this item. Options included not having any type of permit for general rentals to limiting beer/wine permits to specific ramadas that are not right next to playgrounds or splash pads.

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

- San Tan Youth Football League is open for registration for the 2019 season.
- The Boys and Girls Club - Queen Creek Branch had another amazing Youth of the Year finalist - Cami Hartman. Cami did an amazing job on her speech and is a great representative of the Queen Creek community.
- The free First Friday Family Drumming series held at Mansel Park during the winter averaged about 15-20 participants per night.
- 9 Adult Kickball and 8 Adult Softball teams are currently playing Friday night leagues at Founders' Park.
- The Triple Crown Baseball Tournament held at Mansel Carter over spring break had 10 games using Field 4 over a 3 day period. teams came in from places like Fort Collins, CO and Walnut Creek, CA.
- Brad Greer represented Queen Creek as a CAPRA visitor to Round Rock, TX in March. CAPRA is the official accreditation organization governed by the National Recreation and Parks Association. Brad was a member of a 3 person visit team that reviewed Round Rock's parks and recreation programs, parks and procedures.
- Erica Perez and Adam Robinsion became Certified Parks and Recreation Professionals.
- QC Recycles for Earth Day on April 20.

**G. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for May 14**

**5. Announcements:**

**6. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn:** Dru Alberti

**Second:** Daniel Babcock

**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on April 9, 2019**

**PASSED AND APPROVED: May 14, 2019**



**Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair**