



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Community Chambers
20727 E Civic Parkway, Queen Creek, AZ
May 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.

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

PRAC Members present: Dave Dobbs, Ashley Fuller, Adam Neville (arrived at 6:29 p.m.), Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck, and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Brady Hamilton and Karl Kleinebreil

Staff present: Adam Robinson-Recreation Manager, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communication Analyst, Marnie Schubert-Communications, Marketing and Recreation Director, Brad Greer-Recreation Coordinator, Scott McCarty-Finance Director, Ryan Fielder-Sr. Budget Analyst, Doreen Cott-Economic Development Director, Debra Kufner-Marketing Specialist, and Torin Sadow-Management Assistant

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Wheatley (arrived at 6:58 p.m., left at 8:01 p.m.)

Public attendees: Cullen Chapman (Logan Simpson), Brad Remme (Logan Simpson), Pat Walker (Walker Consulting), Shery Babyak, and Todd Taylor

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

A. Consideration and possible approval of the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: David Sobeck

Second: Sylvia Tarin

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Presentation, discussion and possible recommendation to Town Council on Sonoqui Wash Trail Concept Design Project - Cullen Chapman and Brad Remme, Logan Simpson

Brad provided a brief review of the project process and status while Cullen provided an overview of edits and updates to the Sonoqui Wash Trail concept designs.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- PRAC appreciated Logan Simpson quick turn around of the design concepts.
- Love all the play elements incorporated in the concepts.
- Intent of each area is to be a rest area and a destination point.
- Agriculture #1 and #2
 - Why was the agriculture location picked, it is surrounded by Gilbert.
 - Part of agreement to improve this area as it is the entrance to the Town's trails and part of the complete trail system.
 - One concept is very modern and the other is very traditional - really want a mix of the two concepts in one design
 - Like the shape of Agriculture #1
 - Want the windmill to be added to concept #1
 - Appreciates that concept #1 allows users to be away from the street
 - Prefer option #1 but there is no shade for equestrian, please add shade
 - Potential issues with the windmill and powerline
 - Really like the water pump as a play feature
 - Overall, prefer concept #1, want the shade structures, love the water feature, no consensus on the windmill
 - Want the ranch gateways to represent the history and have a sense that you know you are in the QC
 - Common theme is shade and preference of trees and the natural look
 - Maybe incorporate windmill in the design of panel
- Community #1
 - Likes the tables but not needed in this area, just need a place to rest
- Community #2
 - Remember this site will be incorporated into a future park
 - Like the design simplicity put concerns about sloped grass with shade and viability of turf
 - Nice clean lines
- Equestrian #1
 - Like concept #1 but the equestrian community requested elements in option #2
 - Equestrian users did not say they did not like option #1 but they did say #2 was not equestrian friendly so we did update based on those comments
 - Prefers this concept, simpler is better in this area especially when equestrian center is right across the street, do not want to duplicate
 - There are currently no obstacle style courses in the community arena across the street
- Equestrian #2
 - Like the equestrian obstacle course additions
 - Flip flop the shade and equestrian course
 - Replace the entrance structures with the ranch style entrance design
 - Leaning toward option #2 with some elements of option #1
 - Option #1 with elements of option #2 and move the equestrian obstacles to the community arena across the street
 - Option #1 with added curvature of #2, leave it to TC if they want to include equestrian obstacles, with added shade from #2
- Hohokam #1 and #2
 - Like concept #1 as you can see it from the side of the road
 - Add shade over the design feature

- Multiple concerns over climbing the structure
- Discussion about including play surfacing under the structure for safety
- Remove exercise stations

Dave Sobeck motions to recommend to Town Council the

- **Agriculture option #1 with the following edits:**
 - **Add mixture of vegetation and structure shade**
 - **Include the water pump feature from option #2**
 - **Incorporate the windmill in some fashion**
- **Community option #2 with no significant changes**
- **Equestrian option #1 with the following edits:**
 - **Move canopy to center for both pathways and modify shade canopy for consistent elements**
 - **Add curvature and additional spacing of option #2**
 - **Potential for trail obstacle course elements or move them to HPEC**
- **Hohokam option #1 with edits:**
 - **Add shade over the feature/structure (integrated)**
 - **Design structure to be climb safe (limited climb height and play surfacing)**
 - **Removal of exercise stations**

Second: Michael Shirley

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

C. Presentation on impact and capacity fee updates - Scott McCarty, Finance Director, Ryan Fielder, Senior Budget Analyst and Doreen Cott, Economic Development Director
 Scott McCarty provided a brief presentation on the impact and capacity fee updates highlights included:

- Impact fees for parks and trails will go down for individual homes but nonresidential fees will go up (office space, retail)
- Town is exploring the possibility of paying the impact fees downs for industrial and other uses needed in the community as an Economic Development incentive

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Why would we reduce the residential and try to make it up with commercial and industrial?
 - Results of changing the formula to allocate public safety to retail and restaurants/bars to match growth patterns and actual use
- Industrial, office and retail will still have an allocation to parks. Can this be changed at some point?
- Items that are indirect, can be changed if another study is shown later?
 - Yes, that is correct.
- If we pay the fee down for office and industrial and the allocation changes, where does the money come from?
 - It would have to come from the Town operational budget.
- We are on this committee because we value quality of life, do not want to see a reduction in impact fees for parks and quality of life in the short term because it will have long term impacts. Quality of life plays a big part of Economic Development and don't want development to be detrimental to parks or the overall quality of life.
- If there is already an attraction to live and build homes here then there is no need to reduce the impact fees, so why would we reduce them?

D. Discussion on Citizen Leadership Academy volunteer project of a Veteran's Memorial in the Town of Queen Creek - Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent

Adam notified PRAC that a group from CLI is working on a potential Veteran's Memorial project and the item will be presented to TC on May 15.

E. Presentation and discussion of San Tan Youth Football League closeout report - Adam NeVilla, President of STYFL

Adam provided the STYFL closeout report and highlights included:

- 20th year of STYFL
- 949 participants
- Donated \$10,000 to QC families in need for the holiday season
- Provided 56 full or partial scholarships for this year

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Who does management include?
 - Management includes the board and the general manager of 5 divisions
- Size wise, were you able to use Mansel Park- how do numbers compare year over year?
 - We grew a little, maybe 20 overall
- Thank you for your dedication to helping youth in the community stay active.
- Youth sport tourism is going up overall but the number of youth participants is going down.

F. Discussion on trail safety - Adam Robinson, Recreation Superintendent

Staff provided background information on this topic. Signs are not the solution to everything, short term will focus on education plan that includes social media videos on trail etiquette.

- Sign
- Design
- Educate

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Agree with not wanting to over sign an area.
- Do speed bumps actually work? I know they were installed at DMP.
- Rumble strips might work better on the trail
- Use more natural elements in design

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

- The Founders' Splash Pad employees have transitioned to Site Supervisors due to increase use at all parks, especially Mansel Park. They roam all parks and assist with minor clean up, trash, reservations, stocking of items, etc.
- New Park Ranger - Mitch Adair
- Park Rangers are now working out of an office in the MCSO Public Safety Building.
- Both QC Heat Softball and QCLL Baseball are wrapping up their tournaments and will begin working on All-Stars in the coming weeks. Both leagues are hosting postseason play at our Queen Creek parks in June.
- The Splash Pad Party will be at Mansel Carter Oasis Park on Saturday, July 13 from 6-8 p.m. This year there will be a DJ, food trucks, games and activities. Last year was hosted at Founders' Park with an attendance of 950.
- Registration just opened for the summer session and there are a variety of new and exciting classes that will keep everyone in the family busy. We welcomed six new instructors starting in our summer session teaching music, photography, etiquette, theater, instructional driving class, and S.T.E.A.M based classes. Popular dance, fitness,

sports, and martial art classes continue through the summer and ABC/123 will be graduating another Kindergarten class this month.

- Friends of Horseshoe Park and Roots N' Boots Rodeo are offering a unique Adaptive Special Interest Program for individuals with special needs centered around a rodeo roundup on Thursday, June 20 from 6-7:30 pm at the Recreation Annex.

H. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for August 13

5. **Announcements:** None
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Motion to adjourn: Sylvia Tarin
Second: Marvin Smith
Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on May 14, 2019

PASSED AND APPROVED: August 13, 2019



Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair

