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Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ
San Tan Conference Room
August 13, 2019
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dru Alberti, Dave Dobbs, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Karl Kleinebreil, Adam NeVille (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Brady Hamilton and David Sobeck

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

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Brown

Public attendees: 6 attendees from CLI Veterans Memorial (Derek, Ed, Chris, Brittany, Jermiah, Brian), 4 attendees from QC Heat (Jackie, Christy, Shelly, Davijo), 2 other attendees

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

A. Consideration and possible approval of the May 14, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Marvin Smith

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Presentation and discussion on the Citizen Leadership Institute group project to design and build a veterans memorial in the Town of Queen Creek

Derek Zeigler introduced his group members and provided an overview of the project inception and planning process.

- The group has memorial conceptual designs and renderings.
- The fundraising plan includes corporate donations and the sale of 35 bricks for \$1,000.
- Moved flags over to the side to allow for a podium and sitting during events.

- Location is the main concern to pinpoint.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Group is working on setting up a 501(c)3, do not have a timeline on the process yet
- Estimated funding is based on the first design
- Designer is working with them for estimates and budget constraints
- Cost estimation does include trees/bushes but not infrastructure
- Liked the idea of a quiet place in a park
- 1,300 veterans between QC and San Tan Valley
- Make sure the group sets parameters for what to do with the money if you raise more money than you need for the project or if the project falls apart.
 - Want to have a fund to be able to support maintenance, such as fixing a flag pole
 - Can be a charitable organization and can donate to the VFW, etc.
- What activities have you seen at other parks and venues to know the size of the facility to host a ceremony?
 - Host a ceremony of 100-150, be a statement piece but maintain the reverence
 - Space that is only used a couple times a year needs to be weighed with limited park space - designing it to be open for events without taking up a huge space
- Why this and not the San Tan Valley Regional Park/Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial?
 - Want a memorial specific to the Queen Creek community
- Is the area outside of the Community Chambers adaptable to build it there?
 - Did consider it but really wanted to provide a quiet space for reverence
 - There is ample parking for events but there is potential for heavy traffic in area
 - The building also includes law enforcement and want the memorial specifically for Veterans and not public safety
- There are no flags in the parks right now due to staff limitations for making sure flags are up at proper times and half staff
- Perhaps outside of the library - cost concerns and competitive use of space
- Ultimately the TC would want a recommendation from PRAC for the site location
- Competing uses at East Park for holiday weekends with sport tournaments as it is the main sport facility park
- Sossaman and Chandler Heights/Desert Wells Stage Stop location - would need funding for parking (decomposed granite), site is 30 acres and about 10-12 acres for actual park and parking, would need to bring water and sewer for restrooms, in the master/CIP plan to build in 4 years and the design concept is circular
- Memorial will be half acre to an acre in size

C. Presentation and discussion of QC Heat Little League closeout report

Jackie Nepl provided the QC Heat closeout report and highlights included:

- 579 players and 171 coaches
- Over 10,500 volunteer hours
- Up 42 players since the 2018 season
- Minor Division Regional Playoffs was hosted at Desert Mountain Park
- Increased profits from concessions and upgraded appliances

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Boundary changes and updating the website with the correct boundary map
- What is the plan going forward with all the resignations?
 - Following the constitution and will hold elections
 - Meet with Brad during transition period to get what the Town needs from the league
- For future presentations, prefer to see survey results, percentage of QC residents, cost of program

D. Presentation and discussion of Queen Creek Little League closeout report

Dan Babcock provided the QCLL closeout report and highlights included:

- 623 participants and 51 teams
- Baxter from AZ Diamondbacks and Justin Germano, MLB pitcher attended opening night
- Attended Arizona Diamondback Little League Night on April 13 at Chase Field
- Hosted the D14 8-10 All Star Tournament for the first time at Mansel Park
- 8-10 All Star Team won the District 14 and Arizona State Tournament and went undefeated in both
- 12U All Star Team won District 14 Tournament
- 20,000+ volunteer hours: 17 board members, 49 team managers, 119 assistant managers and 35 team parents
- Provided 9 player scholarships in 2019
- 84% of survey respondents rates the QCLL positive or very positive

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Put own kids through the umpire training and provided them pizza
- Credit card processing fee went from 5% plus \$3.00 to 1.6% by switching to Dick's

E. Discussion on the revised Standard Form Bylaws for Designated Town Committees and Task Forces

Alexis Ramirez provided a review of the additions and changes for the revised Standard Form Bylaws.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Members had a couple comments about the addition of term limits

F. Discussion and possible approval of the FY19/20 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Program

Alexis provided background information on the new work program and status of last year's work plan.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- PRAC requested the addition of a policy for sponsorship guidelines under Priority #2.
- Suggestion to add trail rules on water bottles at trail opening events
- Special event parking concerns

Motion to approve with the addition to Priority #2 C. Sponsorship guidelines for equipment donations and shared use.: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Adam Neville

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

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

- STYFL Flag Football games begin this Saturday at Desert Mountain Park. New for this year, there will be some Tuesday and Thursday night games. Tackle practices start after Labor Day.
- Pony Baseball has a tournament at Mansel Park on August 23-25.
- New Park Ranger Johannah Downs has joined the team as a part-time temporary position.
- New Rec Technician Jen Lamis is focusing on special events and the senior program.
- Founders' Day is Sept. 21 at Founders' Park from 5-9 p.m.
- QC's parks and recreation team are now Certified Autism Center through IBCCES
- Mansel Carter Oasis Park will be awarded the Natural Resources and Outstanding Facility awards at the Annual Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Conference.

- Mansel Park is also up for Healthy Communities and Sustainability Champion awards from Arizona Forward.
- Mansel Park as awarded by Engineering News-Record.

H. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for October 22

5. Announcements:

- 2020 is the 20th anniversary for Roots n Boots - starting fundraising efforts

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

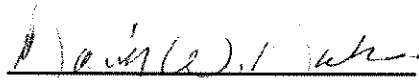
Motion to adjourn: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Dru Alberti

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on August 13, 2019

PASSED AND APPROVED: October 22, 2019



Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair