



**MINUTES**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**  
22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ  
San Tan Conference Room  
**October 22, 2019**  
6:00 p.m.

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

**PRAC Members present:** Dave Dobbs, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck and Sylvia Tarin

**PRAC Members absent:** Dru Alberti and Adam Neville

**Staff present:** Adam Robinson-Recreation Manager and Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communication Analyst

**Council Liaisons present:** Council Member Wheatley (arrived 6:02 p.m.)

**Public attendees:** Ken Key (Census Count Committee) and Kristi Davis

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

**A. Consideration and possible approval of the August 13, 2019 meeting minutes**

**Motion to Approve:** Daniel Babcock

**Second:** Karl Kleinebreil

**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**B. Presentation and discussion on 2020 Census - Ken Key, Census Count Committee**

- The committee was created to educate and notify the public about the upcoming 2020 Census.
- Committee members attend public and community events to provide information and give away 2020 Census swag.
- PRAC participated in a quiz like game of the 2020 Census.

**Discussion/Questions/Comments:**

- Who created the census committee?
  - Town created and includes community members from different backgrounds

### **C. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the Town Public Park Regulations**

Alexis provided a review of the housekeeping style changes for clarification, to fix grammar issues or updates related to ARS changes.

#### Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Intoxicating liquor definition, isn't most beer less than 5%?
  - The regulation is half a percent
- Do the partner/leagues still have exceptions in their contracts for golf carts?
  - Yes
- Thought dog park leash length was 6 feet?
  - That's state law

#### Motion to recommend to Town Council the edits and updates to the TOWN OF QUEEN

CREEK PUBLIC PARK REGULATIONS.: Ashley Fuller

Second: Karl Kleinebreil

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

### **D. Discussion on East Park design process and schedule**

Adam Robinson provided a review of the process and schedule. The design process will include 60% park plans and the amount of water the site will be taking on will determine most of the layout.

#### Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- How big is MCOP?
  - MCOP is 45 acres, lake is 5 acres
  - DMP is 29 acres
  - East Park is planned to be about twice the size of MCOP
- Can you change things from 60% plans to 100% plans, if park trends change over the 5 years in between?
  - Yes, you can change specific items based on trends but the layout will stay the same
- Does staff attend conferences or how do you stay up to date with trends?
  - Yes, staff attends APRA and NRPA and read articles about park trends.
- Sounds like J2 is completing full design, what about construction?
  - J2 Engineering and Environmental Design are contracted to design the earthwork portion of the plans to 100% and the park to 60%. The Town will administer separate public procurement processes for the earthwork portion of construction, taking the design of the park from 60% - 100%, and construction of the rest of the park.
- Are we doing this because we agreed to take on water for the housing development?
  - Originally the park was planned as the Town's sport complex and sport fields typically do not take on water. As each development develops they take on so much water, have to meet retention and detention requirements, slows it up so system doesn't have to take on as much.
  - Typically you cannot take on water for more than 24 hours, parks can keep water for 48 hours
  - Sounds like we made concessions to get developments
- Did we swap land at some point?
  - Yes based on flight patterns. East Park was planned as a long rectangle, it has been swapped twice. Land swaps are not acre for acre but based on equal value
- Public input
  - Will create schedule in the next few months and is based on once we know the depths of flood waters taking on

- We have the list of amenities we need in the park but have limited land, more focused on different layouts
- Who do you see are the major stakeholders for this park? The local residents, entire community? Who will show up for the meetings?
  - We have a long list of stakeholders and we invite them all, including football, soccer, baseball/softball, school district is building across the street, mainly the users
  - For the skate park stakeholder meeting for Mansel Park, we went across the street and asked the teens to come over to talk with the skate park designers
- Do you get a lot of people in your public meetings?
  - What do you consider a lot? Its relative
  - For MCOP we had 75-80 people at meetings
  - In 2024 this will be way past over needed and demand will be high
- Vision for parks has always been regional parks - viewing QC as one region - and not intended to just serve individual neighborhoods but the legislature threw a wrench with the 30 acres rule
- Can staff track partner leagues registration? Are they turning down players, etc.
- As a club team we have been able to reserve the field one time in a year. It has been booked since opening with partner use and maintenance.
- What about the field cost increase?
  - Haven't heard complaints about cost but there are complaints about not being able to get on the fields since they are all booked basically year around
- We have been hearing that soccer wants to go year around but they cannot.

#### **E. Department Updates**

- Trunk or Treat Updates
  - 72 trunks, 14 food vendors, 45 vendors, 48 carnival games, 2 stages of entertainment, 14 participating businesses in Tricks & Treats in Town Center
  - NEW attractions - Haunting on Heritage (hosted by QCHS FFA) and Nightmare on Ellsworth
  - THANK YOU to PRAC members able to volunteer at the event!
- STYFL is in the middle of their Tackle season. Games are held at DMP with practices held at both DMP and Mansel Park.
- Arizona Soccer Club is open for registration for their Winter Partner Recreation season. Games and practices will be held at Mansel Park from January through early March.
- Punisher Softball will have a Fall Classic Tournament at DMP November 2-3. 20 teams are registered.
- Arizona Soccer Club will host the 2nd annual Heritage Cup at Mansel Park November 15-17.
- An informational meeting for Arizona Soccer Club's adaptive soccer program TOPSoccer will be held on November 13, 7 p.m. in the Zane Grey Room at the Library. This adaptive season for those with special needs will be offered by the Club in the spring.
- Our "Abuse in Youth Sports" workshop will be held on November 18, 7 p.m. at the Zane Grey room in the Library. Detectives from the Mesa PD will address abuse in youth sports and the warning signs for league administrators, coaches and parents.
- Pancake Breakfast is Nov. 16 from 9-11 a.m. in the Town Hall courtyard
- Sonoqui Wash Trail Design Concept project update
- Veterans Memorial Project is leading towards Community Chambers site

**F. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020.**

5. **Announcements:** None
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.  
**Motion to adjourn:** Daniel Babcock  
**Second:** David Sobeck  
**Vote:** Approved; Unanimous

**PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on October 22, 2019**

**PASSED AND APPROVED: January 14, 2020**

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**Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair**