

**Minutes**  
**Parks, Trails, Open Space Committee**  
Town of Queen Creek  
Town of Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road  
Council Chambers  
May 13, 2008  
6:03 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting commenced at 6:03 p.m. Introductions made were Nancy Uptain, new member of the PTOS Committee.

PTOS Members present: Chair Council Member Lisa Coletto-Cohen, Council Member Joyce Hildebrandt, J.C. Larson, Brent Theim, Dru Alberti, Dan Babcock, John Lewis, Eric Kerr, Nancy Uptain.

PTOS Members absent: Michael Shirley.

2. **Public Comment:** Eric Kerr: Are the public schools building a pool? Yes. Is there input from the Town on construction? Debbie Gomez, Director for Parks and Recreation, responded that there has been no input from Town staff on the construction of the school district pool.

3. **Items For Discussion:**

- A. *Consideration and possible approval of March 11, 2008 minutes.* Motion to approve minutes was made by J.C. Larson; motion seconded by Dru Alberti. Minutes approved unanimously.

- B. *Department Updates:* Troy White provided updates on the following:

- (1) *Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre update:* Building is 40% complete, 25% of budget has been spent. One-half of overflow parking lot on landfill to be built. Barn construction pretty much up. Masonry on restroom/business office/maintenance building proceeding. Main arena roof being constructed. Entry monument being constructed. HPEC website being redone which has up-to-date information, pictures and FAQs.

Dru Alberti asked for a timeline on HPEC. Park on track to be opened as planned. Would like a tour in the next 35-40 days. Debbie Gomez related that the management budget is on the council agenda for May 31. Once the budget is determined, hiring for HPEC will be done in July. Debbie outlined revenue and what areas will be opened: two arenas in the event center and a community arena. J.C. Larson asked about budget constraints – asked about addressing using the facility as fully functional. Debbie discussed council budget concerns and the reasoning why HPEC is opening only in part. Discussion with Eric Kerr

regarding running events, fees, staffing. Further discussion of various options, ideas.

- (2) *Queen Creek Wash*: Working with MC Flood to come up with a solution for the damage to the crossover sidewalk near Power. Developer contributions will help pave path under the bridge on Hawes to Desert Mountain Park.
- (3) *Sonoqui Wash Landscaping*: On track with landscaping and irrigation by the end of the month and landscaping by the end of fall.

Dru Alberti had a question on where the 1300 trees to be planted will be located. Troy White outlined that area.

- (4) *State Trails Plan*: Submitted to get entrance. Should be hearing from them by the end of July.
- (5) *Founders Park*: Restroom is due to be delivered by the first part of June and opened mid-June.

C. *Presentation on Recreation Needs Assessment*: Creighton Wright gave a Power Point presentation regarding the Needs Assessment study done in January and February 2008. He went over the findings and both Creighton and Debbie Gomez answered members' questions regarding the data.

D. *Discussion and possible recommendation to Council for Park Names*. Troy White presented a Power Point presentation regarding the potential park names for the Five Parks Master Plan. Presentation outlined the park name contest as well as the results of the surveys given to committee members asking them to rank their preferences of the names the contest produced.

- (1) *West Park*: Names discussed. Lisa Coletto-Cohen made a motion to recommend Homestead Park as a name to council. The motion was not seconded; therefore, dropped. J.C. Larson motioned to name the park Memorial Park. The motion was not seconded; therefore, dropped. More discussion. Motion made by J.C. Larson to wait to name the park. Motion seconded by Dru Alberti. Vote was unanimous.
- (2) *East Park*: Names discussed. J.C. Larson motioned to recommend the name Queen Creek Sports Complex to council. Dan Babcock seconded the motion. Motion carried with one nay vote by Dru Alberti.
- (3) *Chandler Heights Park*: Names discussed. Joyce Hildebrandt motioned to recommend the name Desert Wells Park to council. J.C. Larson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

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- (4) *San Marqui Park*: Names discussed. Joyce Hildebrandt motioned to recommend the name Sonoqui\* Wash Park to council. J.C. Larson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (\*Spelling of name debated: Sonoqui vs. Sonokai.)
  - (5) *Sossaman and Cloud*: Names discussed. Brent Theim motioned that the naming of this park be deferred to a later time. Joyce Hildebrandt seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
4. **Announcements**: J.C. Larson thanked Lisa Coletto-Cohen for her work on the PTOS Committee. Joyce Hildebrandt joined in the thanks.
5. **Adjournment**: Meeting concluded at 7:58 p.m.