



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting
September 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:08 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil, Adam NeVille, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Dave Dobbs

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Benning

Staff present: Adam Robinson-Recreation Manager, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communication Analyst and Brad Greer-Recreation Coordinator

Public attendees: Jason Hammonds, AZ Soccer Club and Leonard Flores, QC HEAT Softball

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

A. Consideration and possible approval of the August 11, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Adam NeVille

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Presentation and discussion on AZ Soccer Club end of season report - Jason Hammonds, AZ Soccer Club

Jason provided a review of the AZ Soccer Club season, highlights include:

- 1,472 participants
- Largest tournament to date with 283 teams, 90 out of area and 22 out of state
- Mansel Park was the tournament's favorite field
- AZ Soccer Club is the largest soccer organization in the Southeast Valley
- Challenges include field availability, COVID-19 and different municipalities' rules for social distancing

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Thank you for the feedback on the field usage issues.

C. Presentation and discussion on Queen Creek HEAT Little League Softball end of season report - Leonard Flores, QC HEAT

Leonard provided a review of the Queen Creek HEAT season, highlights include:

- Participation numbers
 - Pre-COVID registrations
 - 544 participants
 - 102 coaches
 - 2020 season
 - 249 participants
 - 61 coaches
- \$26,991.09 of account credits due to COVID-19
- Return to play protocols lead to a successful 2020 spring season

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Appreciate you addressing the refunds and account credits, will that impact you next season?
 - Will not, many parents are donating their account credits back to the league

D. Presentation and discussion on Queen Creek Little League end of season report - Daniel Babcock, Queen Creek Little League (QCLL)

Dan provided a review of the QCLL season, highlights include:

- 602 participants
- Opening night celebration with Bret Prinz (former AZ Diamondback pitcher) and former QCLL player Trey Reynolds
- Dick' Sporting Good Shopping Events and Little League Spring Training Days
- \$9,588 was donated to the league through COVID-19 reimbursement options
- 5,500 plus volunteer hours
- Provided 10 player scholarships

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Glad to see the financials recovered through the pandemic.
 - Yes, it was very administratively challenging and would much rather be out on the field playing

E. Discussion on E-bikes on trails - Adam Robinson, Recreation Manager

- Adam provided a brief summary of the discussion on electric bicycles at the August meeting and a recap of the three classes of e-bikes.
- Staff provided PRAC with a monthly count of e-bike and electric scooters encountered on the trails and in the parks during 2020.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Request for more information about Arizona requirements regarding licensing
- You mentioned that the bikes continue to advance and increase in speed/power, do the classes change and how would we address that?
 - Yes, the classes could change. We will have to address that by creating our own standards and listing both the classes and speed range in our regulations so we cover it all.
- Have recently seen five or six e-bikes on the trails in the last two weeks or so, it's hard to notice them but it doesn't seem very different from someone riding a normal bike, it depends on how the user uses the tool, did notice the demographic seems to fit that it is mostly older individuals using them, doesn't seem like a much different use than a regular bike
- What is a scooter, is that an electric scooter?

- Yes
- Where is the line between electric bikes and golf carts?
 - That is a big large hard line, electric golf carts are a different motorized vehicle, if they are licensed they can be on the road and travel to the parks as any other vehicle can but not drive throughout the park or on the trails, golf carts have their own safety concerns and issues
- Are we going to address the golf cart issue at the same time as e-bikes?
 - Yes, we will try to be all encompassing
- Are we intending to allow it on trails at some point or are we never going to allow it?
 - Are you referring to e-bikes, scooters or golf carts? We will need to determine individual safety concerns and write specific and clear regulations for each

H. Department Updates

- Sonoqui wash trail segments - please watch the video and fill out the form with feedback
- Legacy Sports Complex in Mesa, AZ is breaking ground soon
- Businesses in the parks continuing discussion at next meeting
- There is an upcoming Trunk or Treat Candy Fundraiser at Papa Johns from Friday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 20
- Founders' (Day) Celebration is continuing until the end of the month
 - The Battle of the Badge is underway on our Facebook page
 - Scavenger Hunt with Agritainment discounts and Census 2020 emphasis
 - From Rittenhouse to the QC watch party on Sept. 26 at the Central Christian parking lot
- Trunk or Treat
 - Candy Fundraisers
 - Hay QC!
 - Skeleton Trail Walk
 - Opportunity to be a Trunk or Treat virtual contest judge - we need three judges for each contest and judging will occur the week of Oct. 26
 - #HouseGhouls Decorating - Spookiest House, Best Door & Window Decor, Most Creative and Best Halloween Spirit
 - Pumpkin Decorating
 - Two age groups: 12 year & under and 12 years & older
 - Three categories: Scariest Pumpkin, Prettiest Pumpkin and Most Creative Pumpkin
 - Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume - Canine, Equine and Critter
 - Spooktacular Costume
 - Three age groups: 0-5 years, 6-12 years and 13 years & older
 - Three categories: Scariest, Best Group/Duo and Best Makeup

F. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for Oct. 13, 2020.

5. **Announcements:** None
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.
Motion to adjourn: Karl Kleinebreil
Second: Marvin Smith
Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on September 15, 2020
PASSED AND APPROVED: October 13, 2020

Dru Alberti
Dru Alberti (Oct 22, 2020 13:09 PDT)

Dru Alberti, PRAC Vice-Chair








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