



MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Municipal Services Building | San Tan Conference Room

22358 S Ellsworth Road

May 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:03 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dave Dobbs (left at 7:34 p.m.), Dru Alberti, Ashley Fuller, Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck (arrived at 6:08 p.m.) and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Daniel Babcock and Adam NeVille

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Benning

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

Public attendees: Jason Hammonds, AZ Soccer Club President

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

A. Consideration and possible approval of the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Marvin Smith

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

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

Hammonds, AZ Soccer Club President

Jason presented the end of season report to PRAC, the highlights include:

- Participant numbers
 - Winter 2021 – 749
 - Spring 2021 – 861 Total
 - Winter Total – 1555
 - Spring Total – 1846
 - TOPSoccer will restart in September/October

- Largest Recreational Year Ever
- Two Tournaments
 - Heritage Cup (2020)
 - 389 Teams
 - 6 New Mexico
 - 156 California
 - 227 Arizona
 - Copper State Challenge (2021)
 - 207 Teams
 - 2 New Mexico
 - 6 California (CA had just reopened to youth sports with the stipulation no out of state travel)
 - 199 Arizona
 - Over 3000 Registered Players

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Did AZSC send out a survey?
 - Yes, we did. We received 30-40 responses
 - We did get a response that we communicated too much about Covid safety.

C. Discussion and possible approval of the FY21/22 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Program - Alexis Ramirez

Alexis provided a review of the priorities in the FY22 PRAC Work Program.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- What is the CivicRec software?
 - It is a recreation registration and reservation software that would replace our current system ActiveNet. We've had issues with ActiveNet for years and switching systems will also come with year over year savings after the initial year of implementation. We will need Beta testers in the winter to work through any issues before opening it up to the public.
- Will events be back in person this year?
 - We were saving that for the end of meeting updates but yes events in the fall will be in person.

Motion to approve the FY22 PRAC Work Program: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Karl Kleinebreil

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

D. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation to Town Council on updated Public Park Regulations and Rules - Adam Robinson

Adam provided a review of the history of the updates and changes in the Public Park Regulations and Rules, including growth of leagues and rentals, pandemic related issues and planning for future park amenities.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Parents filming at youth sport games, drones would not be allowed for that purpose?
 - Yes, correct
- Want to emphasize the importance of what we are doing here, currently the Town does not have an ordinance/rule for drones. We would be creating one

- Most people do not realize that within 3-5 miles (unsure of exact distance) of an airport you cannot fly a drone without being a licensed pilot and filing a flight plan with the FAA
- My other concern is we are creating this great new PD and I do not want them spinning their wheels chasing after people flying drones
- Folks who have large lots with horses near Sossaman and Chandler Heights, could be a safety issue. Where and how do we distinguish between the Town and Historical Society property line?
- How was this site chosen as the designated drone spot?
 - Lack of other options with open spaces/non-programmed areas with parking
- Suggestion for retention space near Newell Barney behind the fire station as a better location for the drone zone. There are no major trails in this area but parking limitations.
- Why are we even trying to enforce or limit the use of drones? Has there been an issue?
 - While we haven't had any issues in Town, there have been injury and accident issues in other places. We are trying to proactively avoid any potential issues as we continue to grow and drones become more accessible and popular.
 - Would like to see the stats on this, such as probability of it occurring
- Right now we do not mention drones at all, so our two options are we can say every place is off limits or every place except these areas are off limits?
 - Staff understanding is that if you do not designate a space then you can not restrict or completely outlaw
- Trunk or Treat, Roots N' Boots and other events use drones for promotional purposes. Would like to see what the written permission request would look like, what is that process, is it a simple form or a review meeting.
- Identify the designated areas in Gilbert, Chandler and our neighboring communities and see what they allow or do not allow for events and youth sports.
- What about model boats at the lake, have we seen requests for those?
 - Yes, we have had a couple of requests but Manel Park lake is a fishing lake.
- Section 6 - Park, retention basin and wash in the title, paragraph states trails, washes and retention basins. Remove trails or add trails so it matches.
- As written it does not clarify the difference between one family taking photos in the park and a photograph advising multiple families throughout the day to set up in the park or wash as a photography location. It limits both as written.
 - Very hard to define and be able to enforce between a one time occurrence and a business working and providing services within the park all day
- Add any person in all sections not just any group, business, etc. so it will apply to all
- Suggestion to redefine as 15+(or some other number) making it totality
- Would it be better to state the following applies to individuals, groups, teams, etc. Is there a reason this bullet only applies to organized teams? What is an organized team?
- Number 2 states a person or group and not a business, so a business could bring in equipment
- Rule #3 says no alcohol but regulations allow for beer permits, this is conflicting
- Staff will gather information requested and share with PRAC, make changes discussed and bring the regulations back at the next meeting

E. Update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Adam

Adam provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including that most of the plan is currently not funded. Council has requested a resident survey that will provide context, list out the amenities and costs, what order do you want them built and includes questions specific to an aquatic center and recreation center.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- The master plan survey was three years ago.

- Everyone would give us a wish list, can we provide information on funding?
 - We are provided information on the costs of the big items (park, pool, recreation center)
- What is the purpose of this survey? Why do we need a different process from how Mansel Park was completed and funded? Mansel Park has been very well received by the community. What are we trying to get from this new survey?
 - To get updated information from residents on their priorities
- Does not see how priorities will have drastically changed in a few short years
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F. Department Updates - Adam and Alexis

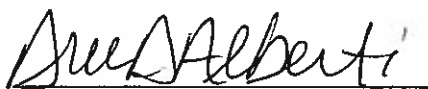
- Town staff are training to renew our department wide IBCCES Autism Certification
- The Senior Program is scheduled to resume on June 16
- Fall events will be back in person beginning with Founders' Day on Sept. 18 and Trunk or Treat on Oct. 16
- We have a new employee in Recreation, Kim Key is our Recreation Systems and Operations Coordinator who will lead the CivicRec implementation and procedural processes at the Rec Annex. Kim was previously with us as a Rec Tech overseeing the senior program.
- The parks and trails are very busy as usual
- The Town has switched to QueenCreekAZ.gov

G. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021.

5. **Announcements:** None
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.
Motion to adjourn: Marvin Smith
Second: Sylvia Tarin
Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on May 11, 2021

PASSED AND APPROVED: August 10, 2021



Dru Alberti, PRAC Vice-Chair