



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Municipal Services Building | San Tan Conference Room
22358 S Ellsworth Road
August 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:02 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dru Alberti, Ashley Fuller, Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: David Dobbs, Daniel Babcock, Adem Neville and David Sobeck

Council Liaisons present: Council Member Benning and Council Member Brown (left at 6:56 PM)

Staff present: Adam Robinson, Recreation Manager and Jennifer Lamis, Recreation and Communication Analyst

Public attendees: Connor Weiss, Leonard Flores, QC Heat President, Derrick Glum (arrived at 6:05 PM / left at 7:18 PM)

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

A. Consideration and possible approval of the May 11, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Marvin Smith

Second: Sylvia Tarin

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Initial discussion on a program to honor QC residents who have had a positive impact on QC Parks & Rec and how to handle future requests - Adam introduced Connor Weiss who presented the idea for a program to honor QC residents, namely his father David Weiss, who had a positive impact on Queen Creek Parks & Recreation. Initial thoughts to name a field. Connor provided some background information on the importance of recognizing those who were instrumental in parks & recreation programs, i.e. little league.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- How do we do this in a really good way that sets a standard for residents that have had a significant impact and/or historical past contributions?
- Will this interfere with sports partners, i.e. QC Little League?
- Are there current guidelines set that the honoree has to be deceased?
 - Consensus from the group that honoree does not need to be deceased.
- Should a new program be created, including criteria on who, what, where, when, why?
 - Who has done or had the most community involvement
 - Public nomination process
 - Community nominates yearly
 - Set standards to be met
 - Annual community nomination
 - Person of the year (similar to 'Good Neighbor')
- Ideas include: naming a concession stand, scoreboards, field dedications, wall plaques 'wall of honor', dedication wall, etc.
- Is there a process in place to honor Park Rangers (staff nominations)?
- Consider having an action plan for situations where honorees face ethical/legal situations.
- Need to ensure there is a separation between honoring those who contributed and those requests to memorialize a family member or family name, etc.
- How to fund:
 - Should those who are requesting for someone to be honored also present ideas on funding options?
 - Option to seek donations from those who were impacted by honoree.
 - Conducting yearly could be cost prohibitive.
 - Dedication wall - residents/communities pay themselves.
- Recognize the importance of enacting a program like this that honors residents/community members yearly, etc. This can have a significant impact and encourages building community and motivation to be involved in the community.

Action items:

- Pull memorandum guidelines
- Research what other communities are doing

C. Presentation on Queen Creek Little League Heat Softball end of season report -

Leonard Flores, QC Heat President

Leonard provided a review of Queen Creek Little League Heat Softball end of season report, including a powerpoint. Highlights included:

- Faced challenges due to covid restrictions, etc.
- League required face masks and estimated they lost 30-40 players. Noted that 50-60 players would only play if masks required.
- Relied on volunteers for coaches and umpires
- 2020 players: #544 / 2021 players: #516
- 2020 volunteer coaches: #138 / 2021 volunteer coaches: #102
- All 3 teams won district: Majors (8-10) / Jr Majors (9-11) / Majors (11-12) hosted at DMP

- Currently have 10 board members, adding 2-3 would be ideal, but the goal is to have 15 board members

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Facility requests:
 - Sprinkler access behind pitcher's mound - need for dust control, would be ideal behind pitcher's mound - Adam to make note and discuss with staff.
 - Additional electrical outlets for concessions - cannot use ext. cords, outlets needed for coffee maker, hot water, popcorn machine, microwave.
 - Additional storage inside concessions for perishable items.
 - Would like to thank Field Maintenance Staff, the team rec'd many compliments during the State Tournament, as well as Brad G. for always making himself available.

D. Discussion on Recreation Survey Results - Adam Robinson

Adam provided a review of the recent survey provided to residents based on the Master Plan approved back in 2018. Survey results were 100% consistent with previous surveys conducted in years past, as well as resident feedback.

Survey presented 3 different options:

- Stand alone recreation center
- Stand alone aquatic center
- Combo: recreation /aquatic center

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Does the picture of the facility in the survey results, pg 19, accurately represent the cost of \$50-\$60 million? Yes. Are cost estimates relevant today? Yes.
- PRAC members fielded a number of calls because Desert Wells proposed amenities were very different than previously suggested; arena, etc. Noted this could have skewed results?
- Aquatic center was not originally part of the approved master plan.
- Current parks are great, but they are overused (level of service).
- Survey results were presented to the Town Council, initial feedback; how will this be funded?

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

Adam provided an update on Parks rules and regulations with recommendations provided by PRAC from the previous meeting.

- Corrected spelling errors, updated policies on permits and use of drones in Town Properties.
- Section 6 - Park Operations: clearly defines what requires a permit and what does not.
- Need to adjust copy to read 3 business days instead of 72 hours, where listed, i.e. liquor permit.
- Where can model rockets be operated within town boundaries? There are currently no areas allowing for model rockets.
- Do other cities and towns allow model rockets? Most do not. Those that do, strictly define where and when they can be used due to significant safety concerns.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Section 6 - Permits, a minimum of (3) business days, what is the policy currently? 72 hours, does not count business days.
- Were model toys and aircraft systems discussed last meeting? No
- Section 6 - Permits, the idea of not having a # for commercial use, removed? Yes
 - No personal business can operate out of public spaces.

- Concerns that parks should be able to be utilized without requiring a permit.
 - Can verbiage be added that explains to businesses who may want to use the parks, but do not want to obtain a permit, are able to utilize special interest class options; Stroller Strides, etc?
 - A permit averages \$15 per hour
 - Copy: *Failure to comply with park regulations and policies may result in the permit being denied or revoked as determined by the director - applies to subsection C PERMIT.*

Motion: Motion to approve a recommendation to Town Council on the updated Public Park Regulations and rules, excluding Section 7 and changing all references to “72 hours” to “three (3) business days.

Motion made by: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Marvin Smith

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

F. Department updates - Adam and Jennifer

- Sonoqui Wash Trail: bid went public, vendor selected, kick-off meeting TBD
 - Trail segment: Hawes to Crismon
- East Park: designing to 60%
- Senior Program - attendance averaged 56 participants for the month of July
- Rental/Facilities Revenue: July \$11,962.26 (July is a slower month for rentals, most fields are closed for maintenance)
- SIC Revenue: July \$20,496.49
- PRAC upcoming volunteer opportunities; Founders' Day, September 18th and Trunk or Treat, October 16
 - JL to share link to sign up with the Committee
- Schedule future meeting (November 09)
- Little League to present end of season report at the next meeting

G. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for November 09, 2021.

- JL to send calendar invite

5. Announcements:

- October 30th, Friends of Horseshoe Park hosting poker ride, walk, or run - partnering with Manes & Miracles

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Marvin Smith

Second: Ashley Fuller

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Lamis on August 10, 2021

PASSED AND APPROVED: October 12, 2021



Dru Alberti, PRAC Vice-Chair