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Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Hybrid Meeting - Municipal Services Building | San Tan Conference Room

22358 S Ellsworth Road

April 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

PRAC Members present: David Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller (left 7:26 PM), Karl Kleinebreil (arrived 6:11 PM / left 7:12 PM), Adam Neville, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith

PRAC Members absent: Brady Hamilton, David Sobeck, Syliva Tarin

Council Liaisons present: Vice Mayor Brown and Council Member Benning

Staff present: Adam Robinson - Recreation Manager, Jennifer Lamis - Recreation and Communications Analyst, Dan Olsen – Deputy Finance Director

Public attendees: Jason Hammonds (arrived 5:58 PM / left 6:20 PM)

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

A. Consideration and possible approval of the October 12, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Dru Alberti

Second: Marvin Smith

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Presentation on AZ Soccer Club end of season report - Jason Hammonds, AZSC Executive Director

Jason Hammonds provided a review of the Arizona Soccer Club end of season report, including a PowerPoint. Highlights included:

- Registration up year-over-year 14%
- 73 teams overall, with 6 competitive teams

- 2021-2022 largest recreation year ever with over 3,000 registered players
- Hosted two tournaments
 - Heritage Cup (2021)
 - 330 Teams, 6 New Mexico
 - Copper state Challenge (2022)
 - 275 teams
- Planning for 2022-2023
 - Referee availability continues to be a challenge for the organization
 - Working on a program for GRP Certification through the Referee Association, starting in Gilbert and Queen Creek. The program will allow players/parents to become certified avoiding upfront costs/fees typically required of certification process

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Working on issues with trash access, as well as challenges with sharing a dumpster with baseball, etc.
 - Per Daniel Babcock (QC LL) after some investigation it was determined that it was some of their players who were physically unable to throw trash in the dumpster. They have since remedied the situation.
- Field set-up
 - Would it be possible to adjust field layout during different times of the year?
 - Jason on board with changing layout, starting Fall season will adjust and share new field locations with players, parents, etc.

C. Presentation and discussion on Permanent Base Adjustment - Dan Olsen, Deputy Finance Director

Dan Olsen spoke to the group about the upcoming opportunity to vote on the Permanent Base Adjustment (August 2 ballot).

D. Presentation on San Tan Youth Football League end of season report – Adam NeVille, STYFL President

Adam NeVille provided a review of the San Tan Youth Football League end of season report, including a PowerPoint. Highlights included:

- 22 year of youth football for Queen Creek
- 1,063 participants (840 = tackle and 223 = flag)
- Over 30,000 volunteer hours
- Donated \$10,000 in scholarships to Queen Creek families and delivered Christmas gifts to families within the league
- Survey results:
 - Overall experience 'Good'

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Problems with staffing referees? Yes, it has proven to be difficult especially with more games being played. Harder to find quality referees.

- As enrollment continues to increase are there concerns over availability of fields? Yes, the league will try to get flag football mostly done before tackle football starts. They have options and access to other facilities, i.e. charter schools, etc. - all games will continue to be held in Queen Creek.
- Have not seen an impact on registrations with the opening of Bell Bank Park.

E. Mansel Carter Oasis Park Phase II initial design layout presentation

Adam Robinson shared initial design concepts for Mansel Park Phase II.

- 2 options presented - both include:
 - 6 tennis courts
 - Restrooms
 - 6 sand volleyball courts
 - 4 pickleball courts
 - Outdoor fitness area
 - National Fitness Court
 - Passive (flat) park space - provides a buffer between park & homes behind the park, as well as an area for picnics, flying kites, etc.
 - Plan to remove existing volleyball courts and replace with a Pump Track
 - Option 1: 128 parking spaces
 - When driving in off of Appleby, first view will be chainlink fence of tennis courts
 - Volleyball courts separate pickle and tennis courts
 - Option 2: 204 parking spaces
 - Bigger buffer between tennis and residents
 - Restrooms, fitness areas are more centered
 - When driving in off of Appley, your first viewpoint is the open area of the park, sand volleyball, etc.
 - Pickleball and Tennis are adjacent to each other - could we create a bigger buffer between these courts? Yes, but will depend on design aesthetics.
- Phase II is land (dirt lot) on the west side of Park Drive
- Factors that impact this: 196th St will connect to Ocotillo in the next 9 months (before Phase II is open). A large majority of park traffic will use Ocotillo to access the park, making the use of the main parking lot easier to access.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Is the water of the lake enough to water turf? Yes, plenty to take care of the additional turf area.
- Is the committee being asked to choose between Option 1 and Option 2? Yes and any additional feedback/input.
- Are we in a position for the committee to share design/renderings with the public? Not just yet.
- We would like to get a final rendering to Council for approval as soon as possible.
- The consensus from the committee is Option 2. There were some concerns having pickleball and tennis courts so close to each other, but the additional parking is needed.
- Concerns on park goers crossing from Phase II parking to Phase I fields. Could fencing be added, similar to what is currently around the MPF's; or add enhanced crosswalk features? Will move forward with recommending adding fencing to line the parking lot.

F. Department updates - Adam and Jennifer

- CivicRec -
 - Fully launched January 3
 - More than half of registrations are being completed online
 - New feature allows ramada rentals to be completed online
 - Recently tested additional functionality of the system at Spring Into QC - allowing attendees to purchase wristbands with a debit or credit card. Will continue to test this 'cashless' option at future events. This also helps to eliminate numerous cash handling processes.
- Spring Into QC
 - 4,500 est. attendance
 - 35,000 eggs for Egg Hunts
 - 40 vendors/sponsor booths
 - 11 food trucks
 - 13 performance/live demos
- Five-Year Master Plan
 - Council adopted new park name - Frontier Family Park (formerly Queen Creek Sports Complex; AKA East Park site)
 - Home to Recreation/Aquatic Center
 - Sonoqui Wash Trail Project - improvements on track to be completed in the next month and a half
- Queen Creek Police Department working closely with Park Rangers
- Policies and Procedures to be completed with the goal of becoming Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) certified. Policies & procedures PRAC will be reviewing this upcoming year include:
 - Motorized vehicles
 - Youth sports partnerships
 - Concessions
 - Fee study
- Town Council committee report: April 20, 2022
 - David Dobbs to present

G. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022.

- JL to send calendar invite

5. Announcements:

- QCFMD ribbon cutting ceremony
 - Saturday, April 16, 9-11 a.m.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

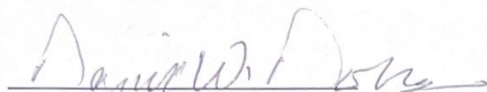
Motion to adjourn: Marvin Smith

Second: Dru Alberti

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Lamis on April 12, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED: June 14, 2022

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dave Dobbs", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair