



## **MINUTES**

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**

Hybrid Meeting - Municipal Services Building | San Tan Conference Room

22358 S Ellsworth Road

June 14, 2022

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:10 p.m.

**PRAC Members present:** David Dobbs, Karl Kleinebreil, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck (arrived 6:08), Sylvia Tarin, Ashley Fuller

**PRAC Members absent:** Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Adam Neville

**Council Liaisons present:** Council Member Benning, Council Member Wheatley (arrived 6:11)

**Staff present:** Adam Robinson - Recreation Manager, Erica Perez - Recreation Supervisor, Brad Greer - Recreation Coordinator, Jennifer Lamis - Recreation and Communications Analyst, Christian Cervantes - Recreation Aide

**Pubic attendees:** Josh Ortega (Webex), Roger Thomas (in-person), staff from DWL Architects - Michael Braun, Mary Ann Modzelewski and Sean Warfield

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

#### **A. Consideration and possible approval of the April 12, 2022 minutes**

**Motion to Approve:** Marvin Smith

**Second:** Michael Shirley

**Vote:** Unanimous

**B. Frontier Family Park - Recreation and Aquatic Center presentation - Michael Braun, Mary Ann Modzelewski and Sean Warfield - DWL Architects (DWL)**

With the objective to garner feedback from PRAC members, DWL Architects provided a presentation on the design elements of the Recreation and Aquatic Center, highlights included:

- DWL currently in the design/program phase. Will focus on a modern Agrarian architecture theme for the building facade, as well as the interior of the building (Agrarian: relating to cultivated land or the cultivation of land.) which aligns with the Town's architectural design standards.
  - Local and easily available materials.
  - Examples in Queen Creek include; Public Safety Building, Central Christian Church, Seasons at Harvest Community Center, etc.
  - Activate the building's front 'porch' entryway.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- LEAD certification? The Town strives for LEAD certification, but it is not required (per DWL, they follow LEAD principals w/out certification process).
- Member(s) feel that Queen Creek has an exterior building standard and this building should follow suit.
- Warmer colors in the interior (cooler colors do not typically withstand high use, harder to maintain), include indirect/natural light.
- Appreciate the emphasis on Queen Creek roots, to incorporate as much history as possible
  - San Tan Mountains, San Tan Regional Park
  - Wash/trail system
  - Agriculture remnants
- Will administration for recreation and aquatics be in the same bldg? Yes.
- Thoughts on leaving large walls in gymnasium to allow for an art/community project? Staff will look into this as an option.
- Is the building program available? Still being developed - CM Benning requested a copy once available, AR to send.
- The group was encouraged to think about what was presented and in the coming weeks continue to share their thoughts, ideas

**C. Update - Frontier Family Park site plan - Adam Robinson, Recreation Manager**

Adam provided an update on the park site plan. Highlights included:

- Park project webpage is live [New Park Projects](#), with information on the four (4) current park projects.
- Flipped site plan, yellow box on the map is the building footprint for both the recreation and aquatic center - maximizing efficiency and effectiveness of programming.
- 5 acre community fishing lake.

- Building will most likely face south, with the plaza area opening up/leading to the playground area.
- Pickleball/basketball court area might be adjusted to ensure efficiency.
- Park space that is not an active sports field, playground or play space will be a retention area.
- Will have a trail/path for walking, biking around the perimeter of the park.
- Confirm that all areas are inclusive and accessible beyond the minimum requirements.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Will there be a play area near the baseball fields? Yes, similar to Mansel Carter Oasis Park.
- Connectivity from park to trail system? The trails master plan accounts for an arterial trail path system that connects users through the town and to parks.
- Request for map of Ryan Rd. showing connectivity of arterial trails.
- GMP - concerns on rising costs? There are multiple plans and options to account for costs and/or supply chain issues. Currently, plans are to move forward with existing plans.
- Rendering shows 24 pickleball courts - for perspective, how many at Gilbert Regional? 16 courts at Gilbert Regional.

**D. Update - MCOP Phase II site plan - Adam Robinson, Recreation Manager**

Adam provided an update on the park site plan. Highlights included:

- Around 14 acres
- (6) Tennis, (4) pickleball courts, and (4) pickleball courts
- Outdoor fitness zone
- Restrooms

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Grand opening? A few weeks before Frontier Family Park in November 2023.
- Regulations for passive areas to avoid a team setting up practice? To an extent, yes. Area will not be lighted and not wide open, i.e. trees, landscaping in the area.
- Dash lines on the map? Represent hills/site grading; typically for viewing the associated activity.
- When does the south road open (196 St)? Later this fall.

**E. Discussion on Sports Partnerships and Field Allocations - Brad Greer, Recreation Coordinator**

This is an initial discussion to provide staff feedback and guidance as additional fields become available once Frontier Family Park opens.

- Options included:
  - Expand youth sports partnership policy? Or expand to multiple official partners?

- Keep the policy as is - one official partner per season.
- Youth sports coalition?
- Surrounding cities/towns all vary in how they handle field allocations.
- We want a well thought out policy in place before we bring additional fields online
- Action items:
  - Staff to research and provide a table comparing how other cities and towns manage field allocations.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Member(s) raised concerns about field needs increasing, especially considering new home construction in Queen Creek and surrounding areas, Mesa and Apache Junction.
- Prioritize community needs, but need to take into account potential revenue by allowing additional organizations to utilize fields, etc.
- Have other prospective partners inquired about field rentals? Yes, often.
- Ask prospective partners to share their growth/expansion plans.
  - What's a viable league in terms of participants and teams? And how many fields does that take? Answers to these questions could help us determine if we can or should take in another partner(s)?
- No reason why we couldn't expand the fall partnership opportunities right now - i.e. pony leagues. Pony league is currently using fields as a non-partner in the fall.
- Need to consider costs and competitive pricing, is there an opportunity to increase revenue? Can we be a little more revenue driven?
- Have our partners noticed a decrease in participation numbers with the opening of Bell Bank Park? No, not as of yet.

**F. Discussion and possible approval of the FY22/23 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Program - Jennifer Lamis, Management Analyst**

Jennifer provided a review of the priorities in the FY23 PRAC Work Program.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Trail updates, how does that play into planning, priorities, etc? Adam to provide a trail update (arterial trails) at the next PRAC meeting.
  - Access points, safer access at San Tan Regional Park?
    - Safety concerns, lack of street shoulder, blind spots, speed, etc.

**Motion to Approve:** David Sobeck

**Second:** Marvin Smith

**Vote:** Unanimous

**G. Department updates**

- a. Sonoqui Wash Trail Project
- b. Day-to-day operations update:

- i. Preparing for fall events; Founders' Day (9/17/22) and Trunk or Treat (10/15/22).
  - ii. July National Parks and Recreation Month - Splash Pad Party July 8, 6-8 @ Mansel Carter Oasis Park.
    1. Food trucks, DJ, P&R outreach
  - iii. Summer special interest classes have seen an increase in participation.
  - iv. The Senior Program has seen a notable increase in resident participants.
  - v. Front desk operations: rentals are very popular
- c. Committee Report presenter @ 7/20/22 TC meeting
  - d. Currently have (9) voting members and (1) non-voting member - will review interest forms and consider filling 2 vacant spots for FY23.

**H. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022.**

**5. Announcement**

- Communications, Marketing & Recreation will transition to Community services (FY23) and Grounds/Maintenance will merge and become part of the Community Services Department.
- The Aquatics Supervisor position is open, currently accepting applications.
- First Annual Juneteenth Celebration @ Desert Mountain Park, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**6. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

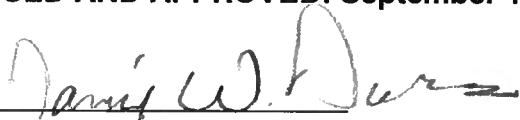
**Motion to adjourn:** Sylvia Tarin

**Second:** David Sobeck

**Vote:** Unanimous

**PREPARED BY: Jennifer Lamis on June 14, 2022**

**PASSED AND APPROVED: September 14, 2022**



**Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair**

