



MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

San Tan Conference Room

22358 S. Ellsworth Rd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

September 14, 2022

6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

PRAC Members present: David Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck (left at 7:01) and Sylvia Tarin

PRAC Members absent: Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Karl Kleinebreil, Adam Neville,

Council Liaisons present: None

Staff present: Tom Glow - CIP Project Manager, Stephanie Snow - CIP Assistant Project Manager, Adam Robinson - Community Services Deputy Director, Erica Perez - Recreation Manager, Joey LaNeve - Recreation Supervisor, Makayla Hardy - Financial Services Analyst

Public attendees: None

2. **Introductions:** Joey LaNeve - Aquatics Supervisor and Makayla Hardy - Financial Services Analyst

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

A. Consideration and possible approval of the June 14, 2022 minutes

Motion to Approve: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Michael Shirley

Vote: Unanimous

B. Discussion and possible recommendation to Town Council on aesthetic concept for the new Recreation and Aquatic Center - Michael Braun - DWL Architects

a. Aesthetics Discussion Follow-up Presentation

Michael provided a follow-up presentation on the aesthetics of the building

- Concepts presented included feedback received from the previous PRAC meeting.
- Renderings/massing provide a look at how materials might look to ensure they are headed in the right direction.
- Not a final design - concept design only.

- CMAR has been selected.
 - CMAR takes concepts and checks to refine programs and interfaces with the park, materials and develop a cost estimate.
 - DWL has met with CMAR
- Initial massing in grayscale - the front facade of the building
 - Allow for different materials
 - Glass is shaded a majority of the day, while also allowing for natural light and energy efficiency
 - Masonry, metal panel options - need to be flexible based on material availability, and keep the warm look/feel and character of Queen Creek
 - Fun elements options - sport figure panels that connect outside & inside or an art wall
- Conceptual design images - views of the building from various vantage points
 - Three elements: fitness rooms, main meeting room and classrooms
 - The fitness room will be connected to the outside (will have a barrier to separate)
 - The three areas are connected, but have their own space
 - Use of natural materials
 - Child watch area is well screened
 - Entry area has a plaza space for gatherings/performances
 - No specific block color chosen, but concept shows lighter/warmer color

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Appreciate the gym is "hidden"
- Consideration of bollards to keep vehicles from the plaza area, building entry?
 - Raised planters, trees, etc.
 - Will work with the team to establish barriers for safety
 - Removable bollards? Also have to consider emergency access.
- Broke up the volume quite a bit, some separation but yet homogeneous
- Gym flooring concrete or paved - are there concerns about tracking in rocks, dirt, etc. onto courts
- Supply chain - materials and differences that we may encounter?
 - Masonry will be most durable, efficient and economical to build the gym
 - Metal panels could be more embellished, detailed, etc.
- Will it include a concession stand area?
 - No concessions inside of the building
 - There is an area to allow for food trucks
- Appreciate leaving flexibility for materials relative to supply chain
- For the group: does the overall esthetics and building feel like a Queen Creek building?
 - Overall feedback from the group very positive
 - Move to recommend Town Council as presented

Motion to approve a recommendation to Town Council on the aesthetic concept for the New Recreation and Aquatic Centers as presented: Dru Alberti

Second: David Sobeck

Vote: Unanimous

C. Update of Frontier Family Park site plan - Adam Robinson, Community Services Deputy Director

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

- No major changes to the site plan
- Working on selecting equipment for the playground
- Refined the layout around the basketball and volleyball courts
 - Can save on lighting by having the basketball courts next to each other
 - Volleyball courts will move south
 - Corporate ramada will move north
- Will have playground graphics and updates at the next PRAC meeting
- Considering changing parking lanes to east/west versus north/south; allows for more parking spots
- The track that borders the entire park will have a 10ft concrete bike lane for two-way bike traffic, 6ft multi-use path and 6ft sidewalk
- South end of the park, Mesa Gas will install pipeline and just north of that is box culvert for flood waters
- Baseball/softball fields are all 315, skinned infield that can be used for adult softball and youth baseball up to high school age, as well as hold special events as well
- Working on finishing touches and final refinement of the entire park site layout
- Still on target to open November 18, 2023
- Hunter Contracting is the CMAR

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Is dirt being added to elevate the playground, similar to Mansel?
 - Will provide some play value that includes raised areas, no hill like Mansel
 - Most likely an earthen berm ramp that allows accessibility to towers, etc.
 - Want to create a destination playground with a point of focus to keep as inclusive as possible
- Will the park have elements on 'Frontier Families', i.e. educational/historical information, etc.?
 - Earthen berm might offer an opportunity to include Queen Creek history on the wall space? The goal is to integrate the Town's history into the park and celebrate the past
- At one time there was discussion on having the playground near the ballfields?
 - As the site has developed overtime, focused on keeping the playground central allowing access from both sides of the park
 - There will be a small play area in the ballfield area
 - The park is large, but allows visitors the ability to get to any part of the park including the playground without having to cross a street and/or parking lot, driveway
- Number of parking spots in relation to the park, amenities?
 - Plan to have more parking than the minimum recommendation, anticipating all park amenities being used at the same time
 - The park site will be over-parked
- Plans for widening road, Signal Butte?
 - No, not at this time or in future plans

D. Update of Mansel Carter Oasis Park Phase II site plan - Adam Robinson, Community Services Deputy Director

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

- No major changes
- Initial feedback from previous PRAC meeting:
 - Build a parking lot, the site is over-parked

- 6 tennis courts, 4 pickleball courts, 6 volleyball courts and 2 fitness areas
- Based on previous PRAC input, we're including a screen wall to encourage pedestrians to use the cross walks and not cross in the middle of the street
- Roadways are complete

E. Department Updates

- a. Sonoqui Wash Trail Project
 - Ribbon Cutting later this month, calendar invite coming soon
 - Reviewing options to add a crosswalk at Crismon High School signal on Riggs Road
- b. Volunteer Opportunities
 - i. Founder's Day - September 17, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
 - ii. Trunk or Treat - October 15, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
- c. Frontier Family Park Groundbreaking
 - Will share video via email
- d. Pocket Park for Pups - new video
 - Will share videos via email
- e. PRAC vacancies
 - Two recommendations to be presented at 10/5 Town Council Meeting
- f. Committee Report for 10-5-22 Town Council Meeting
 - David Dobbs will present

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Westside of Sonoqui Wash, Sossaman Family discussed moving connectivity trails off of Sossaman Road to go through the neighborhood. A neighborhood meeting announced that the trail would be bike and pedestrian only, no equestrian.
 - The master plan verified that the trail should be multi-use for all
 - Adam will discuss with Development Services
- Arterial connectivity to the trails, priorities? How will the trail connections work with new parks and neighborhoods?
 - To be discussed at the November meeting, will bring trails map to review
- Who can members reach out to regarding volunteer opportunities?
 - Erica Perez, Recreation Manager, erica.perez@queencreekaz.gov
- Were there a lot of candidates for vacancies?
 - Received 6 applications who listed PRAC as their first choice

F. Schedule future meeting - Meeting scheduled for November 29, 2022

5. Announcements:

- November 5: Pancake Breakfast at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre
- November 5: Friends of Horseshoe Park Poker Ride
- December 9 & 10: Friends of Horseshoe Park/Roots N Boots A Cowboy Christmas and NFR viewing party

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Sylvia Tarin

Second: Marvin Smith

Vote: Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Lamis on September 14, 2022
PASSED AND APPROVED: November 29, 2022

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

David Dobbs, PRAC Chair

