

Meeting Minutes
Parks, Trails, Open Space Committee
Town of Queen Creek
Town of Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
August 12, 2008
6:05 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m. Self introductions were made to new committee member, Council Member Craig Barnes. Introductions were made of Caleb, who was attending with his father. Caleb is working on a badge for Boy Scouts.

PTOS Members present: Council Member Joyce Hildebrandt, Council Member Craig Barnes, J.C. Larson, Brent Theim, Dru Alberti, Dan Babcock, Eric Kerr, Nancy Uptain (via telephone), Michael Shirley.

PTOS Members absent: John Lewis.

2. **Public Comment:** None.

3. **Items For Discussion:**

- A. *Consideration and possible approval of May 13, 2008 minutes.* No corrections or changes were recommended to the minutes. Motion by Brent Theim to approve the minutes; seconded by Eric Kerr. Minutes approved unanimously.

- B. *Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.*

- (1) A motion was made by Joyce Hildebrandt to nominate Dru Alberti for the new chair of the PTOS Committee. The motion was seconded by Eric Kerr. Dru Alberti accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- (2) A motion was made by Joyce Hildebrandt to nominate Eric Kerr for the new vice-Chair of the PTOS Committee. The motion was seconded by Dru Alberti. Eric Kerr accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- C. *Department Updates.*

- (1) Founders Park bathroom. The bathroom should be done in 2-3 weeks. Completion has been slower than anticipated. It will be ready for the high use in the cooler weather season.

- (2) Queen Creek Wash. Council has approved funding to improve the trail under the bridge from Desert Mountain Park to Power Road.

Sonoqui Wash. Council kept 1300 trees for this project in the budget. Problem: project is short a couple full time employees, but is still on the schedule. Trees will be on a drip irrigation system. Eric Kerr initiated a discussion regarding flooding damaging landscaping. Troy responded that the trees will be placed mid-bank and higher. Natural vegetation will be in place mid-bank and lower.

- (3) Park Naming. Council approved the three recommended names: East Park to be Queen Creek Sports Complex; Chandler Heights Park to be Desert Wells Park; and San Marqui Park to be Sonoqui Park. Those who suggested these names will be recognized as per contest rules. The two other parks not named (West Park and Sossaman & Cloud) will be named at a later time closer to their actual development.
- (4) Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre (HPEC). Project is on schedule and on budget. De-rocking is occurring presently. Details were provided by Troy White as to what has happened and will be happening to the exterior and interior development of the park. Grand opening will be January 1, 2009.

Creighton Wright gave a Power Point presentation on HPEC. Questions answered re marketing and fees. Discussion ensued regarding cattle pen set-ups. Need to speak to Town risk manager re liability issues regarding this. Item was also recommended as a possibility for next meeting's agenda. Creighton enumerated various RFPs that are out for bid currently. Discussion regarding reservations, non-profit groups, concessions, vendors, fees, alcohol policy, policy for events.

- D. *2007/2008 Committee Accomplishments.* Troy White gave a Power Point presentation that recapped the work the PTOS Committee accomplished last year: HPEC logo, HPEC entrance monument, East Park site re-design (relocating public works yard), QC naming policy, identification of future park land level of service, integration of agricultural preservation, modification of trail system, naming of future five parks.
- E. *Discussion and possible approval of 2008/2009 Committee Work Plan.* 1) Skate park ramps – discussion of urban vs. bowl, mobility of ramps, improvements, enlarging. 2) Finish QC Wash – paving path from DMP to Power Road. 3) New park locations and phasing options. 4) Other tasks from council. 5) Trails update plan; may or may not need to re-align system (used as a place holder).

Motion by J.C. Larson to approve the work plan. Motion seconded by Dan Babcock. Discussion by Eric Kerr – new park phasing options – discussed tasks; number of meetings not part of approval. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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- F. *Committee Meeting Schedule.* Troy White handed out a proposed calendar for 2008-2009 for the PTOS Committee to meet. One change made – November 11, 2008 to November 18, 2008. E-mail reminders to go out to all committee members. Any meetings necessary that are not on the calendar can be called and invitations sent out to members.
4. **Announcements:** Dru Alberti addressed Caleb asking him which parks he used and what amenities he would like to see in future parks. No further announcements.
5. **Adjournment:** Motion by J.C. Larson to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Craig Barnes. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote and concluded at 7:34 p.m.