

Meeting Notes
Parks, Trails, Open Space Committee
Town of Queen Creek
Town of Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
November 18, 2008
6:23 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting commenced at 6:23 p.m. Trails Project Manager Mike Roche introduced three personnel from Dibble and Associates: Dave Wilson, Duane Dana and Kevin Roberts.

PTOS Members present: Council Member Craig Barnes, J.C. Larson, Brent Theim, Dru Alberti, Dan Babcock, Eric Kerr, Nancy Uptain, Michael Shirley, John Lewis.

PTOS Members absent: Joyce Hildebrandt.

2. **Public Comment:** None.

3. **Items For Discussion:**

- A. *Consideration and possible approval of August 12, 2008 minutes.* Dru Alberti recommended changes to Items for Discussion C(4): the grand opening for the new Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre is changed from January 1, 2009 to January 17, 2009. Motion by John Lewis to approve the minutes; seconded by J.C. Larson. Minutes approved unanimously.

- B. *Discussion on Queen Creek Wash trail connection to Desert Mountain Park.* Dave Wilson, Duane Dana and Kevin Roberts from Dibble and Associates explained the project on the corner of Ocotillo Road and Hawes Road and discussed possible improvements. Discussed locating the trail and sidewalk on the north side of Ocotillo; will connect from under the bridge east of Hawes and north of Ocotillo to the trail at Desert Mountain Park. Trail going under bridge will be dug down to pass on the north side of the bridge's piers. Discussed landscaping concept. Dibble is open to comments on granite. Dru Alberti asked about maintenance and weeds which may be desert material but not a manicured look. 11x17 drawings were passed out to the members. Dibble is proposing irrigation with solar controllers on top of the bank. Eric Kerr suggested plants stand on their own without irrigation. This was discussed with Rich Purcell, Grounds Maintenance Manager, and this is a possibility.

- C. *Department Updates.* Updates were provided by Troy White:

- (1) Town of Queen Creek Parks and Recreation won two state awards: Young Professional: Anthony Baumann; and Outstanding Program: Operation Wounded Warrior.

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- (2) RAB and PTOS may be combined. Staff is directed to come up with details to council in early December with a possible first meeting in February.
 - (3) Skate Park expansion: Will begin in January 2009. Traci Hall will be the project manager.
 - (4) Committee Work Plan: approved at last council meeting. Plan is in the packet.
 - (5) Founders Park restroom is open. Port-a-Potties are leaving.
 - (6) Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre – Susie Crossland will be the program specialist. Council has approved an alcohol policy for the park. Items created: philosophy, manual, interim brochure. 18 events are booked already. Grand opening: January 17, 2009. Nancy Uptain, writes for Bit and Bridle, will contact Marnie Schubert re article for this publication.
 - (7) State trails system- QC trails have been admitted into the State Trails System.
 - (8) Next meeting will be February 2009.
4. **Adjournment:** Motion by John Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by J.C. Larson. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote and concluded at 7:23 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Coleen Alonzi, November 19, 2008

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: 2/17/2009

Dru Alberti
Dru Alberti, PTOS Committee Chair