

Minutes
Parks, Trails, Open Space Committee
Town of Queen Creek
Town of Queen Creek Town Hall, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
Council Chambers
March 11, 2008
6:03 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting commenced at 6:03 p.m. Introductions made were Mike Roche, Project Manager, Coleen Alonzi, Sr. Administrative Assistant.

PTOS Members present: Chair Council Member Lisa Coletto-Cohen, J.C. Larson, Brent Theim, Michael Shirley, Dru Alberti, Dan Babcock, John Lewis.

PTOS Members absent: Council Member Joyce Hildebrandt, Sharon Steinhauer, Eric Kerr

2. **Public Comment:** No comments.

3. **Items For Discussion:**

- A. *Consideration and possible approval of November 13, 2007 minutes.* Motion to approve minutes was made by J.C. Larson; motion seconded by John Lewis. Minutes approved unanimously.

- B. *Department Updates:* Troy White provided updates on the following:

- (1) *Founders Park:* Prefab restroom being built off site.
- (2) *Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre:* Offsite sewer, water and fire are done. Riggs Road will be done next week. Vertical construction and block fence now starting. Maricopa County dedicated an additional 1.66 acres for the community arena area.
- (3) *Sonoqui Wash:* McFlood landscaped with native seed. Council approved town staff to landscape with 1300 trees. Council suggested getting donated trees. Press release for donations will be sent out. Members stated it would be helpful to mention in the press release what kind of trees the Town would like donated. Check with Home Depot, Wal-Mart and Target if they would be willing to donate trees. Need 15 gallon trees. Will be doing two neighborhood meetings regarding this. Letters have been sent out.
- (4) *Queen Creek Wash:* Developer has issued cash in lieu for Hawes and Ocotillo to do the improvements there. Discussion on the location and type of improvements.

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- (5) *Park Naming Process*: Extended deadline for another month. Need more name suggestions. Contest over at the end of March. Let the VFW know about the contest. No further questions.
- C. *General Plan Update presentation*: Wayne Balmer, Planning and Development Manager, gave a Power Point presentation regarding the results of the open house and what the final plan appears like. Plan will go to the voters in September. A hand-out was provided and discussion ensued regarding the bulleted points, especially about what makes Queen Creek unique.
- D. *Discussion on greenbelt recreation area in Queen Creek Wash*: Part of the strategic initiative – trails to be updated along the Sonoqui and Queen Creek Washes. Mike Roche, Trails Project Manager, gave a Power Point presentation. Q&A during presentation on various points along washes regarding greenbelts being used for soccer fields. Problems with this include access, parking, etc. It was pointed out that these are really pocket parks, not greenbelts. Town is experiencing a shortage of soccer fields. Committee Chair Lisa Coletto-Cohen Concern expressed concern regarding council member Mortenson intent and purpose of wanting staff to look into greenbelts. Discussion occurred regarding the height of bridges, especially around the Victoria development. Sonoqui portion of trails presented and discussed. Dru Alberti wondered how to get water to greenbelt areas. Next step is to find out intent of presentation.
- E. *Discussion and possible recommendation to Council on an opportunity to obtain a 10' decomposed granite trail from*: Troy White, Parks Planning Manager, gave a Power Point presentation discussing the possibility of realignment of a trail segment along Sossaman and Cloud Roads. Committee voted in favor of realignment. Staff to look into acquisition options for council consideration.

Lisa Coletto-Cohen asked for a motion regarding taking this to council. J.C. Larson motioned to recommend realignment of a 20 foot trail to just east of the San Tan Vistas subdivision. Motion seconded by Dan Babcock. Motion passed with one nay (John Lewis).

4. **Announcements**: No announcements.
5. **Adjournment**: Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Coleen Alonzi, March 12, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: May 13, 2008.



Dru Alberti, PTOS Committee Chair