

Meeting Notes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Town of Queen Creek
Town of Queen Creek, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
San Tan Conference Room
August 25, 2009
6 p.m.

RESULTS

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting commenced at 6:04 p.m. Roll was called. Self introductions were made.

PTOS Members present: All members were present. They include: Dru Alberti, Eric Kerr, Michael Shirley, John Lewis, Barbara Young, Cathy Miner, Nancy Uptain, Daniel Babcock, David Dobbs, Ed Smith, Jr., Jason Weber.

2. **Public Comment:** None.
3. **Items For Discussion:**

Roles and responsibilities of committee members. Debbie Gomez related the roles and responsibilities of this committee. The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) is to assist and advise Town Parks and Recreation Staff. The PRAC also acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in the development and continuing review of goals and objectives for Queen Creek's parks, trails and open spaces as well as recreational programs and events. In addition to an advisory role, the PRAC serves as the primary advocates for all functions of the Parks and Recreation Department. The committee may advocate to the public on behalf of the department as well as advocate for the public back to the department. The committee serves at the pleasure of the council.

- A. *Committee member appointment terms.* Six positions for 2 year terms were open. Committee members were asked to volunteer for these positions. Volunteers were: John Lewis, Michael Shirley, Cathy Miner, Daniel Babcock, Dru Alberti and Jason Weber. The remainder of the members will serve one year terms.
- B. *Overview of Parks & Recreation's responsibilities.* A Power Point presentation was given by Debbie Gomez on the responsibilities of each of the four divisions within the department as well as some interesting "Did You Know" facts. Also highlighted in this presentation were the Five Parks Master Plans; Parks, Trails & Open Spaces Master Plan; and Founder's Park Master Plan.
- C. *Department Updates.* Creighton Wright provided the following updates:
 - (1) *Programming/Activities.* Skate Park is being expanded. It will be closed Monday (August 31). Concrete is being added. New ramps will be installed. It will reopen the end of September. A grand opening is being planned.

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- (2) *Youth Commission.* Merging of the Boys & Girls Club with the Keystone Club. Meets on council Wednesdays.
 - (3) *Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre:* Every Friday there is team roping and gymkhana. Will be adding team sorting. There will be a clinic this Saturday (August 29) and Clinton Anderson will conduct a Clinic September 4, 5 and 6. The following weekend there will be an Arabian event as well as a gymkhana.
 - (4) *Special Events.* Punt, Pass & Kick Grand Opening this weekend (August 29) at Desert Mountain Park.
 - (5) *Trunk or Treat.* 5-9 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. Expect approximately 6000 people. Events and activities outlined. Will have an extra hour this year because it will be held on Saturday.
 - (6) *Special Interest Classes.* Fall class registration begins in October. Please see the brochure which is available for pick up.
 - (7) *Youth & Teen Center.* Is open with opportunities for teens. Four different programs are being offered.
 - (8) *National Day for Kids.* Are partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to celebrate kids.
 - (9) *Youth & Adult Sports.* Little Athletes, basketball is currently in session through the second week in October.
 - (10) *Senior Program.* Meets every Wednesday morning in the Recreation Annex; events are planned.
 - (11) *Partnerships.* San Tan Youth Football has flag football and registration is open. Queen Creek Performing Arts Center has rehearsals for Willie Wonka. Update on Little League championships.
 - (12) *Fall Ball.* Queen Creek Little League at Desert Mountain Park.
- D. *Election of Chair and Vice Chair.* Debbie outlined the roles and responsibilities of the chair and vice chair. Nominations were held. The following people have been elected as chair and vice chair:
- (1) Chair – David Dobbs. Approval: Unanimous.
 - (2) Vice Chair – Dru Alberti. Approval: Unanimous.

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E. *Schedule future meeting dates and times.* Debbie Gomez gave a brief history of past committee meeting days and schedules. Frequency of meetings was discussed. Items to be addressed at future meetings were outlined. The current schedule is to meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month until the Committee Work Plan is done. December's meeting has not been determined at this time. *Next meeting: October 13, 2009.*

4. **Announcements:** Debbie Gomez asked members if there was anything that they have been hearing from the community – questions or comments? Eric Kerr asked about Horseshoe Park and whether volunteers are needed? He also asked if the Town will be continuing the current programs past the end of the month, referencing fees for roping and gymkhana. Debbie clarified and stated the roping aspect of the program was held via promoter and noted his questions and would get back to the committee on the remainder of the programs offered.

Jason Weber inquired about trails and whether a certain material has been considered for natural surfaces rather than paving to save money. Debbie stated the current trail plans call for paved and decomposed granite surfaces opposite sides of each other to accommodate its multi-use intent. Mr. Weber stated he would forward information on a certain type of natural surface material the Parks and Recreation Department may want to consider for future construction of trails. Department.

5. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting: Dru Albert; second: John Lewis. Vote: unanimous. Meeting concluded at 7:39 p.m.