

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Town of Queen Creek, 22350 S. Ellsworth Road
San Tan Conference Room
January 12, 2010
6 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m. Committee Chair David Dobbs called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present at time of roll call: David Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Barbara Young, Daniel Babcock, Nancy Uptain, Marvin Smith, Michael Shirley. Member Eric Kerr arrived 5 minutes after roll call and Jason Weber arrived 10 minutes after roll call.

Members not present: Cathy Miner, John Lewis.

2. **Introductions:** None.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Items for Discussion and Possible Action:** Please note that the order of item B. and C. were switched for discussion purposes.

- A. *Consideration and possible approval of November 10, 2009 minutes.* Dru Alberti asked that item 4.H., be corrected to read London's Run. David Dobbs asked for approval of the minutes with the modification.

Motion to approve: Dru Alberti; second: Barbara Young. Approval: unanimous.

- C. *Presentation on Home Rule.* Patrick Flynn, Assistant Town Manager gave the committee an explanation of the Home Rule Option and its history. Patrick advised the committee that programs are built surrounding funding. He further explained the Home Rule Option is a renewal from the State of Arizona and if not overridden, will impose a State mandated budget for at least two years. This will necessitate the shelving of CIP projects, recreation programs, etc. in order to comply with the State limitations. A question and answer session was conducted. Further explanation of the program was detailed along with what was being done to educate the public on this issue.
- B. *Presentation on General Plan Amendment GP09-58-Z209-60 (correction from GP09-58-R209-60).* Wayne Balmer, Planning Manager for the Town, introduced the proposed amendment, described future freeway alignment with Sossaman and Meridian roads and how the proposed amendment would potentially affect the future Queen Creek Sports Complex site. He then introduced Ken Barney, property owner, Jason Barney, Developer and Ralph Pew property attorney. Jason Barney introduced four conceptual designs that could potentially accomplish the same or better functionality should the council approve a land swap to accommodate the proposed

general plan. Jason Barney entertained general discussion regarding the concept designs and answered questions from the committee. Jason Barney asked the committee to review the design concepts and provide feedback at the February 9, Parks and Recreation meeting. He also stated a public meeting would be held on February 9, before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee scheduled meeting for the general public to comment on the proposed concepts.

5. **Department Updates:** Debbie Gomez, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a department update via report in the committee packet. Additional Comments:
- *Upcoming Events:*
 - *London's Run:* Not a Town event. Town provides in-kind services.
 - *Farmers Market:* Michael Shirley asked if there is a criterion on vendors; Debbie replied yes. Also, Debbie stated it is a struggle to bring in fruits and vegetable vendors and asked the committee to assist in seeking vendors who may be interested. Committee vice chair Dru Alberti, recommended AZ Farm Bureau website link: "Fill Your Plate." In addition, she suggested produce vendors indicate where a product comes from, i.e., Patagonia, Yuma, Mexico, Ever Crisp, etc. Debbie indicated she would ask staff member Katie Crevda, Management Assistant to attend the February 9, committee meeting and provide the committee with an update to the next Farmers' Market event.
 - *Passport to Discovery:* It was reported the name and event goals of Spring Family Celebration have been changed to Passport to Discovery.
 - *Recent Events/Programs/Projects:*
 - *Queen Creek Hometown Christmas:* Businesses who were surveyed reported an increase in traffic and were pleased with the outcome of the event being held in the downtown area.
 - *Holiday Festival and Parade:* Town provided in-kind services. Parade route is being re-evaluated as the current route is presenting some challenges.
 - *HPEC* – An inquiry was made regarding measuring the fiscal impact of Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre. Debbie Gomez stated the fiscal impact on secondary benefits is currently being evaluated and a method to measure is being worked on by staff.
6. **Announcements:**
- C. *Employment postings listed:*
 - 1) HPEC event specialist – part time has been hired
 - 2) M&O specialist for Horseshoe Park are being interviewed week of Jan. 12.
 - D. *Next PRAC meeting:* Tuesday, February 9, 2010.
 - E. Open House will be held on February 9, 2010 for public input for the General Plan Amendment GP09-58-Z209-60 as it relates to the future park site. A February 16, 2010 Parks and Recreation Meeting is scheduled to finalize discussions on the pro's and con's of the General Plan Amendment as it relates to the Queen Creek Sports Complex.

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7. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: Barbara Young; second: Dru Alberti. Approval: unanimous. Meeting concluded at 8:04 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Coleen Alonzi, January 13, 2010.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: 2/9/10

Dru Alberti for David Dobbs
David Dobbs, PRAC Committee Chair