



MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

22358 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ

Zane Grey Conference Room

February 9, 2010

7:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call** The meeting commenced at 7:02 p.m. Committee Vice Chair Dru Alberti called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Members present at the time of roll call: Barbara Young, Daniel Babcock, Dru Alberti, Eric Kerr, John Lewis, Michael Shirley, and Nancy Uptain. Nancy Uptain left the meeting at 7:20 due to personal illness.

Members not present: Cathy Miner, David Dobbs, Jason Weber, Marvin Smith

2. **Introductions** None.

3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on items not on the printed agenda. Please observe a time limit of three minutes.

No public comment.

4. **Items for Discussion**

- A. **Consideration and possible approval of January 12, 2010 minutes.**

Approved 7-0

- B. **Presentation and Discussion on Farmers' Market.**

Katie Sipes, Management Assistant for the Parks and Recreation Department presented an overview of the Farmers' Market program and announced future event dates; March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5, 2010, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

- C. **Review, discussion, and possible recommendation on Alternative development plan for the QC Sports Complex as part of the Barney Farms GPA request.**

Wayne Balmer, Planning Manager for the Town of Queen Creek began the discussion with a Power Point presentation of General Plan Amendment GP09-58-Z209-60.

Jason Barney introduced Dave Wilson of Environmental Planning Group, Inc., Dave Wilson, who presented 4 conceptual alternatives for the current Queen Creek Sports Complex Park.

Broad discussion on all four conceptual drawings took place among committee members resulting in a preference between alternative 2 and 4. The committee asked the consultant to modify both alternatives based on the discussions in an attempt to improve the functionality of the park.

Constant concerns expressed by the committee during discussions were: the abutment of residential next to the park site and the possible impacts it could have on the intent of the park, which was designed to be an active park, with the potential of attracting local and state tournaments; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and the possible impacts the regulations could have on the proposed site alternatives; and shape of the park as it relates to the efficient use of athletic fields and configuration of amenities.

The committee also voiced concerns on the short amount of time given to address issues related to the future park.

Other questions and concerns expressed by committee members:

1. Aircraft over-flight – balance of flight path with a park: will FAA approve (e.g. lake, lights)?
 2. Committee hesitation on decision without 100% knowledge of FAA constraints.
 3. Features of park – passive uses would be squeezed out; lose passive uses due to loss of usable park space by buffer setback requirement on road improvements.
 4. Frontage buffer/setback is more in new plan, with more egress and ingress issues
 5. Equal Land Value
 6. Increased Signal Butte road improvement costs – more setbacks, more costs, more O&M, more offsite costs, more egress/ingress roads. Less in original plan.
 7. Possible Environmental Issues
 8. Why does the road need to move? Why here? Could Signal Butte move?
 9. Increased Community Park Level of Service due to new residential
 10. Loss of employment and tax dollars
 11. Need more time for analysis – don't want to rush; want to evaluate with much due diligence. Want to avoid cost of future re-do's.
 12. Unfunded 802 east of Ellsworth – want Signal Butte Re-alignment to be timed with 802 freeway (802 is unfunded at this time)
 13. Long term planning (Meridian is on the current grid and future improvement by Mesa could eliminate the need for a Signal Butte Road realignment to Meridian in Queen Creek)
5. **Announcements** None.
6. **Adjournment** Motion to Adjourn: John Lewis; Second: Barbara Young. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

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David Dobbs, PRAC Committee Chair