



Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Town of Queen Creek, 22350 South Ellsworth Road
San Tan Conference Room
July 13, 2010
6 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting starts: 6:05 p.m. PRAC Members present: David Dobbs, Dan Babcock, Marvin Smith, Jason Weber, Dru Alberti, Mike Shirley, Barbara Young.
PRAC Members absent: Nancy Uptain, Eric Kerr, John Lewis
Staff present: Debbie Gomez, Tracy Corman, Troy White, Wayne Balmer, Adam Robinson, Anthony Baumann, Joey Perry
2. **Introductions:** None.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Items for discussion and possible action:**
 - A. *Consideration and possible approval of February 9, 2010 meeting minutes*
Motion To Accept: Dru Alberti
Second: Daniel Babcock
Vote: Unanimous
 - B. *Consideration and possible approval of February 16, 2010 meeting minutes*
Motion: Dru Alberti
Second: Daniel Babcock
Vote: Unanimous
 - C. *Update on General Plan Amendment GP09-58-R209-60*
 - a. Wayne Balmer gave update on General Plan that was approved by Town Council on 5/19/2010
 - i. The new alignment for road would not split the park. The service yard on will be on one side.
 - ii. Now waiting for deployment plans to come forward
 - iii. Questions:

1. Jason Weber – who pays for balance of road? Wayne Balmer – adjacent property owners, the Town is responsible for road though park.
2. Dru Alberti – How many homes per acre are in Medium High Density area? Wayne – 5 homes per acre. The developer has indicated they would like to 4.5 homes per acre. Their target is 975 dwellings.
3. Dru Alberti – With the 6 lane road bisecting park, do we lose any footage? Troy White – The Town might actually gain footage because of where the road is.
4. Dru Alberti – Are we going to have any ingress/egress issues like we have at Desert Mountain Park? Staff – There will be multiple connections. We still have design work to do on the east side.

D. Trails Update Presentation on Sonoqui and Queen Creek Wash

- a. Troy White gave trails update.
 - i. Trail link Hawes to Desert Mountain Park
 1. Proposal going to Town Council July 21, 2010.
 2. Construction starts in August, and anticipate 60 working days to complete.
 3. Presenting two alternatives to Council.
 - a. Put in sidewalk from Ocotillo along Hawes to Victoria as part of the project.
 - b. Add DG in landscaping area. This is not in current budget, but will be proposed as an alternate for Town Council to approve.
 - ii. Sonoqui Phase II
 1. Chandler Heights to Crismon -
 2. Chandler Heights to Ellsworth – construction over the next 14 months.
 3. Bridge at Riggs and Sonoqui – MCDOT agreed to put in.
 4. Ellsworth to Crismon will be completed as funding permits.
 5. Coordinating construction with HPEC events. There will be a lot of construction in that area over the next 14 months.
 - iii. Sonoqui Phase I
 1. Heard a lot of complaints about uprooting too much native vegetation.

2. During Phase 2 the removal of native vegetation will be limited
3. Due to dust control issues we will include riprap along edges of wash with equestrian egress ramps.

iv. Other trails update

1. Applying for another grant to complete the Queen Creek Wash from Ellsworth to Desert Mountain Park.

v. Questions:

1. Jason Weber – Queen Creek Wash rest areas were washed out during the big storm. Can we go back to the contractors to fix them, or is it a design issue? Troy White – In the wash there are no guarantees since you cannot predict how the water may move. Staff is applying to FEMA for funding to fix them. Debbie Gomez – The funding would be through the site emergency fund, but it is taking too long just to get approval. John Kross has authorized going forward with repairs on two rest stop areas and some areas where the trail is eroded now, and then keep trying to get reimbursed through FEMA.
2. Dru Alberti – Any word on trail areas to be done by developers to connect to the washes? Debbie Gomez – The planned trails are shown on the PTOS map, and as developers come through to plat, reviews are done by CIP and Parks and Recreation to make sure developers put in the trail. There may be sections that dead-end that were approved before PTOS map was approved. Those areas will be the Town's responsibility.
3. Dru Alberti – Anything coming up? Wayne Balmer – 11 of 14 dormant subdivisions have been purchased by builders. Queen Creek Road and Sossaman road developer has a buyer, and they are finishing up site work. The southwest corner of Sossaman and Queen Creek would have mini-park and retention basin and a fire station.
4. Jason Weber – Can PRAC recommend approval of the budget proposal for the trail link to Desert Mountain Park to the council to help? Troy White – A recommendation would definitely help. The Council has already approved trail connections, but just not the two proposed alternates. David Dobbs – We don't have agenda item to recommend. Can staff relay general consensus of support? Troy White – Staff can communicate that during the presentation.

E. Discussion and approval of Memorial Plaque at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre(HPEC)

- a. Adam Robinson stated that the Friends of HPEC wanted to do a memorial plaque for Rich Ferguson who recently passed away.
 - b. Questions:
 - i. Daniel Babcock – The only deviations from the policy are the size and amount of wording? Adam Robinson – Yes, the rest fits Town policy. The Friends of HPEC thought square 6x6 would look better.
 - c. **Motion To Accept**: Barbara Young
 - d. **Second**: Dru Alberti
 - e. **Vote**: Unanimous
 - F. *Department Updates*
 - a. Given by Debbie Gomez
5. **Announcements**: (Debbie)
- A. PRAC was informed of Department re-organization by Debbie Gomez
 - a. Parks & Recreation
 - i. Adam Robinson – Recreation Superintendant – overseeing Recreation Division
 - 1. Anthony Baumann - Youth/Adult Sports and Youth & Teen Center
 - 2. Joey Perry - School District Liaison/Little League Partnership/Senior Program
 - 3. Dina Lopez – Special Events
 - ii. Tracy Corman – 50% each Parks & Recreation & Town Manager
 - 1. Budget/Finance/Customer Service/CDBG/Solar Energy Rebate Program/Administration
 - iii. Rich Purcell – Grounds
 - iv. 10 positions were lost in last 24 months
 - b. Troy White – CIP/Public Works/Fleet/Traffic
 - c. Wayne Balmer – Planning/Building & Code Enforcement
 - d. HPEC was transferred to Economic Development headed by Doreen Cott
 - i. HPEC General Manager Tim Lynch was hired out of Oklahoma. He will start on Aug 16th.
 - ii. HPEC staff remains in place.
 - iii. HPEC management is unique. There is a leadership team formed to assist with the transition. The transition does not reflect dissatisfaction with

Parks & Recreation. It was felt that HPEC was on opportunity for economic development.

- B. Questions:
- i. Dru Alberti – Have they figured out how to track any sales tax increase during events? Debbie Gomez – Doreen is working with the Chamber to work with businesses to track sales when there are events.
 - ii. Dru Alberti – Restaurants and Gas Stations probably the biggest increases. Debbie Gomez – We will also start tracking for Parks and Recreation special events.
- C. The Friends of HPEC is being formed, headed by Jon Wootten. Operational decisions are now transferred to a new group specifically for HPEC.
- D. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings are now quarterly. Staff will send the new meeting schedule. Please keep second Tuesday of the month open in case something comes up.

6. **Adjournment:**

- A. **Motion:** Daniel Babcock
- B. **Second:** Marvin Smith
- C. **Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 7:04 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Tracy Corman, July 13, 2010.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: 10/12/2010.



David Dobbs, PRAC Committee Chair