



**Minutes
Joint Meeting
Queen Creek Town Council
Gilbert Town Council**

Queen Creek Library, 21802 S. Ellsworth Rd.
Zane Grey Room
August 23, 2011
6:00pm

1. Welcome and introductions of Gilbert Council Members and Queen Creek Council Members.

Mayor Barney welcomed everyone and asked for self-introductions. Those in attendance included:

Queen Creek Council: Mayor Barney; Vice Mayor Brown; Council Member Alston; Council Member Barnes; Council Member Benning; Council Member Oliphant and Council Member Wheatley.

Queen Creek Staff: Town Manager Kross; Town Clerk Robinson; Assistant Town Manager Flynn; Development Services Director Condit; Economic Development Director Cott and Intergovernmental Liaison Kaserman.

Gilbert Council: Mayor Lewis; Vice Mayor Daniels; Council Member Cook; Council Member Cooper; Council Member Petersen; Council Member Ray and Council Member Sentz.

Gilbert Staff: Town Manager Banger; Assistant Managers Ryall & Skocypec; Development Services Director Tilque; Town Engineer Gillespie; Business Development Specialist Patton and Deputy Clerk Comeaux.

Mayor Lewis commented on how Queen Creek and Gilbert work well together.

Town Manager Kross commented on the design and use of the Queen Creek Library building and that it is the first LEED certified building in Queen Creek and that Rio Salado will be breaking ground on a community in 2013.

2. Gilbert Strategic Initiatives – presentation and discussion on Gilbert’s Vision and Strategic Initiatives.

Mayor Lewis gave an overview of Gilbert’s five strategic initiatives and General Plan.

Arizona Corporation Commissioner Gary Pierce commented on Queen Creek’s foresight during the recent line siting process.

3. Queen Creek Corporate Plan – presentation and discussion on Queen Creek’s Corporate Plan.

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Mr. Kross reviewed the Town's Corporate Strategic Plan Executive Summary which is a 5-year plan reviewed annually by the Council.

4. Economic Development – presentation and discussion on Queen Creek and Gilbert economic development initiatives and updates.

Ms. Cott discussed the Economic Development Strategic Plan and the Queen Creek Incubator; ombudsman program; Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre and Shop Queen Creek program.

Ms. Patton discussed the mission and focus of Gilbert's Economic Development Department, employment corridor and opportunities for growth.

Collaborative efforts between Queen Creek & Gilbert include: Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport; East Valley branding; GPEC & ACA and other affiliated industry groups; Tourism and Chambers of Commerce; and East Valley Partnership.

5. Transportation – update on Queen Creek and Gilbert transportation projects, including status of the Power Road widening project.

Mr. Condit discussed linking transportation with economic corridors and recent roadway/transportation projects in Queen Creek.

Mr. Gillespie presented the Power Road improvement project in partnership with Maricopa County and City of Mesa and updates on recently completed projects on Riggs Road; Queen Creek; and Greenfield.

6. Administration – discussion and possible identification of opportunities for future partnerships and assistance between Gilbert and Queen Creek.

Mr. Kross commented on how transportation project coordination has improved over the years.

Mr. Lewis mentioned the Southwest Ambulance regional contract.

There was also some discussion on working together to bring the Queen Creek Fire Department on-line; streetlight maintenance and the upcoming intergovernmental agreement between the Towns for fleet maintenance.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Gail Barney, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

I, Jennifer F. Robinson, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the August 23, 2011 Joint Session of the Queen Creek Town Council and Gilbert Town Council. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Jennifer F. Robinson, MMC

Passed and approved on September 21, 2011.