



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 14, 2025

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from November 12, 2024**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
5. **PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION**
 - a. Presentation from AYSA
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Election of 2024 Chair and Vice Chair**
Annual election of the Recreation Commission Chair and Vice Chair.
 - b. **Approval of Meeting Schedule for the Calendar year of 2025**
Approval of the meeting schedule for both regular meetings and work sessions.
7. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**
 - a. **DIVISIONS**
 - i. **Community Services Division Monthly Report - January 2025**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - ii. **Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - January 2025**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Cultural Arts Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - iii. **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - January 2025**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - iv. **Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Monthly Report - January 2025**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.
 - v. **Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Monthly Report - January 2025**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.
 - vi. **Senior Operation Monthly Report - January 2025**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Senior Operations of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

b. DIRECTOR - January 2025

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Director of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

8. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Sarah Bausano

Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:

Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from November 12, 2024

Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Administrative Office Coordinator, Sarah Bausano, prepared a synopsis of the pertinent information that occurred during the Recreation Commission meeting on November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance – November 12, 2024, Recreation Commission Meeting:

Recreation Commission Members – Present

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)
- Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
- Derek Kaighin
- Cheryl Rand
- Paul Slavik
- Karla Piedrahita
- John Norton
- Brad Bowers

Recreation Commission Members – Absent

- Shuntel Beach

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 11.12.24 - RC Minutes (Unofficial)



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

The public is advised that the following minutes are not a verbatim transcription of business presented at the Council Meeting of the date shown; but are a synopsis of pertinent information. The public is further advised that the video recording for said meeting is a matter of public record and is available to be viewed at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours or viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/alpharettagov>.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

• Recreation Commissioners Present

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)
- Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
- Karla Piedrahita
- Cheryl Rand
- Brad Bowers
- John Norton
- Paul Slavik
- Derek Kaighin

• Recreation Commissioners Absent

- Shuntel Beach

• Staff

- Deanna McKay, Communications and Engagement Manager
- Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Division Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Eric Milley, Park Services Division Manager (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Downtown Districts), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Matt Casey, Park Services Division Manager (Western District & Equestrian), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Recreation Commission Minutes from October 8, 2024

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion.
 - Commissioner Slavik offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from October 8, 2024, Recreation Commission meeting.
 - Commissioner Piedrahita seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (7-0).
- ❖ Commissioner Rand arrived after the vote.

V. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. DIVISIONS

i. Community Services Division Monthly Report – November 2024

- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department was not present, and the Commission has the Staff Report and attachments to review.

ii. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – November 2024

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department was not present, and the Commission has the Staff Report and attachments to review.

iii. Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – November 2024

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
- Christine Young spoke highly of the Wire & Wood Songwriters Festival and how wonderful the Staff did to make it the best. Christine presented that approximately 25,000 people attended.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Wire & Wood was a great success, beautiful weather, exceptional performances.
- Boo Bash was a hit with over 30 vendors and fun for all.
- Staff attended the GRPA Annual Conference in Columbus, November 4th through November 7th: Leadership Series, Mentor Program
- Veterans Day Luncheon on November 4th at Preston Ridge Community Center was an honorable event, thanking our Veterans for serving our country.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Season of Celebration kicks off with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 23rd. Festivities begin on the stage in front of City Hall at 5:00 p.m., with the tree lighting at 6:30 p.m., and the fun continuing until 9:00 p.m.
- Season of Celebration Food Drive runs from November 23rd through December 15th. Drop-off locations are at City Hall and recreation facilities.

- Santa's Mailbox opens at the Community Center on November 15th and will take letters for Santa through December 13th, ensuring special delivery to the North Pole in time for Christmas.
- Holiday Hop & Shop is back with four shopping opportunities on Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Shops will be held at the Community Center, Innovation Academy, Avalon, and the Hamilton Hotel with shuttles available for transportation between the locations throughout the day.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Boo Bash

Q Where did everyone park for Boo Bash? (Rand)

A All over town and at Amana Academy. (Young)

Q What was the age range for Boo Bash? (Saha)

A Elementary school age mostly, lots of great costumes. (Young)

RE: Food Drive

Q Are we doing the can trees again this year? (Rand)

A Yes, they have worked well. We have to empty them almost daily. (Young)

RE: Holiday Market

Q Potential vendors need to have insurance in hand before they even apply and they do not know at that time if they will be a part of it. Is that true? (Saha)

A Alpharetta Business Association is who manages this, that would be a question for them. (Young)

RE: Tree Lighting

Q Last year the tree lighting was over Black Friday weekend, was it moved up due to lack of attendance? (Kaighin)

A It was not impacted really by that, it is more due to the fact that Thanksgiving is later this year. There are actually 3 tree lighting the weekend of ours, Avalon, ours and The Hamilton Hotel. (Young)

iv. Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) – November 2024

- Eric Milley, Park Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- We have an approved purchase order to move forward and replace the fencing on field #2 at Innovation Sports Complex.
- We are starting to replace declining/dead plants and trees in North Park, Encore Park, the lot next to the Log Cabin, Brooke Street Park, and City Center.
- We now have power back at the North Main Street Pocket Park and will have the fountain and lights back up and running. The power was down due to some of the road work on Highway 9.
- We are wrapping up fall athletic activities aside from soccer in all the parks and will soon begin our winter maintenance and field repair program.

- We added two more seasonal plant beds at the entrance to Publix and Thompson Street around the roundabout off Haynes Bridge Road.
- We have over seeded fescue areas at Brooke Street Park, the Arts Center, wood line and detention area at Innovation Academy, and the corner area lot by Milton Avenue and Canton Street.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Continuing to develop new maintenance plans/practices in all parks and on all the trail systems.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Webb Bridge Turf

Q Progress on the Webb Bridge Turf? (Piedrahita)

A Equipment arrived on Monday and things are moving forward. (Milley)

RE: Help

C Thank you, Eric, for hearing 36 kids around Alpharetta. (Norton)

v. Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) – November 2024

- Matt Casey, Park Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fall Baseball is finishing up. We will be focusing on year end field work and park enhancements to finish out the year.
- Staff removed PVC fencing bordering Field 5. We have cleared under brush and planted new trees to improve the area.
- New landscaping was added to the front of the Recreation Center building. As this matures it will greatly update the facility.
- Equestrian Center has been preparing for large year end horseshows. The covered arena was laser graded. Also, arenas 2 and 4 were graded and material added.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Focus on common areas and winterizing facilities.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Equestrian Center

Q Upgrades at the Equestrian Center, what is the feedback? (Norton)

A People love arenas 1 and 3, lots of positive feedback. (Casey)

vi. Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report – November 2024

- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
- Kurt thanked and congratulated the staff on a great October and stated that November will be awesome as well.
- Kurt stated that the turf began at Webb Bridge Park on Monday.

- The Miracle League new surface has been installed and planning to do a grand reopening after the first of the year.
- The Wills Park Recreation Center has new landscaping out front, and the plants were grown at the Old Rucker Farm. Very exciting times to have our plants in different places of our parks.
- Congratulations to Brett Gratz on achieving certification as a Playground Safety Inspector.
- Tribute to the Veterans that we have on Staff. We have a total of seven in various branches of the military. Thank you for your service.

b. DIRECTOR

i. Director's Report – November 2024

- Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to speak.
- Wills Park Recreation Center Landscaping consists of all native plants and most are edible for animals. We would like to start doing this at all of our buildings.
- The Commissioners Holiday Dinner is set for, Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Preston Ridge Community Center.
- OSI had 50 people come to Alpharetta for a Greenway trip, they said it was the highest rated Institute to date.
- GRPA District meeting was in Tiger, Georgia with an awards banquet in October. Jon Oswald and Joan Herbig received the Volunteer of The Year Award. The other award received was the Agency of the Year Award to the Alpharetta Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department. Director Rodgers presented the Award to Chairman Mitchell and the rest of the Commission.
- A few of us went to NRPA in Columbus, Georgia where Mike Perry was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mayor came to the banquet as well as some of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services staff.
- Currently Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services has two items on the upcoming Council Agendas. One item is the Equestrian Center Stall Cleaning contract and the other is the iCan Bike Contract. Public Safety used to be the lead on the iCan Bike Contract and that has been given to us to take over.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

RE: Wills Park

Q Any update on Wills Park Construction? (Norton)

A No update, Council is looking for an overall contractor. We are hoping to have this Early 2025. (Rodgers)

VI. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Congratulations once again on the Agency of the Year! (Mitchell)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ❖ Commissioner Rand made a motion to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bausano

Sarah Bausano
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By:

Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:**Approval of Meeting Schedule for the Calendar year of 2025**

Approval of the meeting schedule for both regular meetings and work sessions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**ITEM DESCRIPTION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2025 RC Meeting Schedule - Quarterly Work Sessions
2. 2025 RC Meeting Schedule



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING & WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

Schedule with Quarterly
Work Sessions

2025

Tuesday, January 14, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting & Work Session
Tuesday, March 11, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting & Work Session
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting & Work Session
Tuesday, September 9, 2025	Recreation Commission Meeting
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STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amanda Musilli
Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:

Community Services Division Monthly Report - January 2025

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- The footings for the new greenhouse at Old Rucker Farm have been poured. Estimated completion date is the week of January 27th. We are very grateful to the ABA for their generous donation of the new, 24' x 36' greenhouse, and we look forward to all the classes, events, and plants that will soon be inside the new space.
- Updates to the landscaping at the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center will be coming early this spring, adding native and pollinator plants, as well as enhancing the flow and visibility of the landscaping for better enjoyment. Signs will be added to the Wills Park Recreation Center and the Adult Activity Center landscaping in early spring.

Monthly Initiatives

- The 2024 Year in Review was shared with the community and is attached here as well. Staff hosted an informative, free class on Community Agriculture Program accomplishments and goals on January 13.
- The Old Rucker Farm community garden plots are sold out for the 2025 growing season, and we currently have a wait list of seven (7) people.
- Seed starting has begun for the 2025 season, with the first plant and seed pick up starting on February 21st. The second plant and seed pick up begins April 12 and the Garden Faire plant sale takes place on April 12th as well. We are adding some small grains to the crop plan this year, including amaranth, sorghum, and wheat.
- The Community Agriculture Program is starting a baby chick hatching program for local schools who want to hatch eggs as part of a class project. We provide all the supplies and eggs to the school, and once hatched and a few weeks old, the school gives back the chicks ready to join the flock at Old Rucker Farm.
- Surveys went out to all the 2024 Growers, Grow-A-Row, and Volunteers. A compilation of all comment and feedback will be provided next month.
- The 2025 *Think Globally, Plant Locally* grant program opens for application on February 1st. Twenty-Five (25) households will be awarded the grant this year, which includes the household's garden/yard being certified as a National Wildlife Federation wildlife garden, farm staff consulting and advisement, and six native and pollinator friendly plants (grown from seed at Old Rucker Farm) to add to their garden. This is the 2nd year of this program, and it was one of the recommendations in the City Agriculture Plan.
- Another recommendation from the City Agriculture Plan was to accept SNAP at the Alpharetta Farmers Market. The ABA was approved by the USDA to a SNAP-accepting market, and we are working on the operational and communication details to ensure a smooth roll out in 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2024 Year in review-Info Graphic

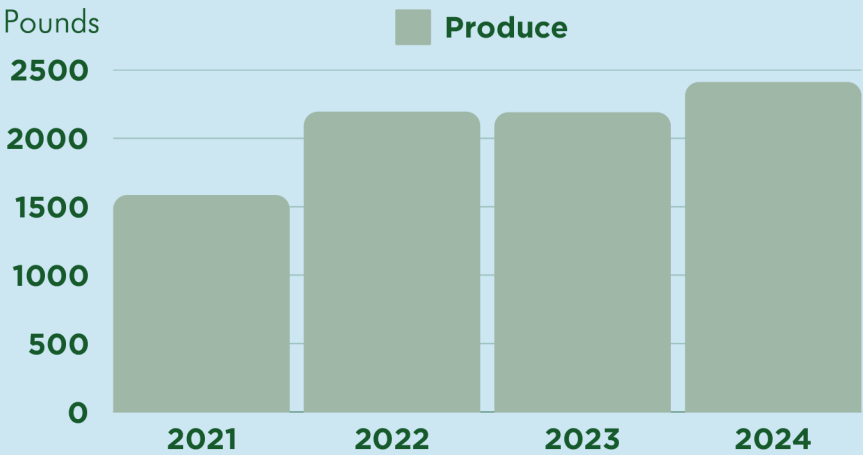
2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

GROWING COMMUNITY & FOOD TOGETHER



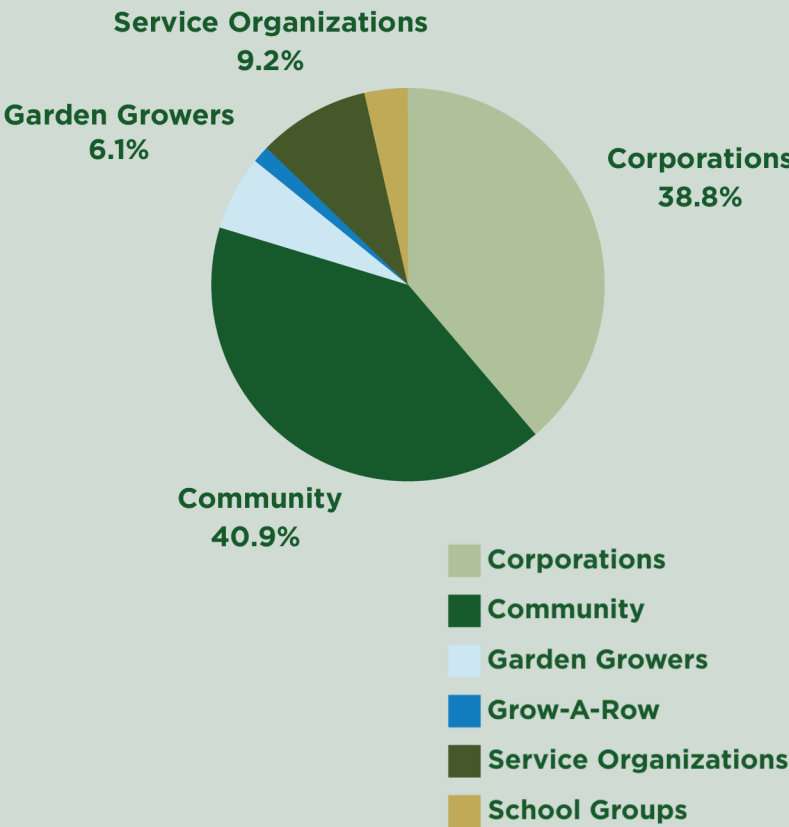
2,411 LBS OF PRODUCE

Donated to our Local Food Pantry:



Produce donated to our Local Food Pantry over the Years

Volunteer Types



2

Seed Library Locations:

- Alpharetta
- Milton

25

Think Globally.
Plant Locally.
Grant Recipients

216

Flower bouquets made & donated to our local food pantry



Over
4,137 Volunteer Hours on the Farm

56 Community Composters



Joined Alpharetta's NEW Community Composting Program

566

Eggs collected and donated to our local food pantry



Provided Meaningful Services for over



1,207 Volunteers

6 Local Schools

Partnered with the Community Agriculture Program



Hosted **84** Educational Workshops & Classes



reaching over **1,056** participants



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Kim Zane

Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:

Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - January 2025

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Cultural Arts Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for the Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- Fulton County Arts & Culture Donations – Alpharetta Arts Center / Ceramics Studio
- Arts & Culture Master Plan – Second Survey & Update

Monthly Initiatives

- Black History Month – Community Gallery Exhibit of Local Families, Churches, Businesses, and More

Monthly Happenings

- Arts & Culture Online Calendar <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- Alpharetta Music City -- Live Music Calendar <https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>
- Art of the Elements Exhibit / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Through January 25 / FREE
- Order and Chaos Exhibit / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Show Opens Jan 29 / Reception on Feb 22 at 5pm / FREE
- Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World Virtually Explore presented by the Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild / Alpharetta Adult Activity Center / Feb 3 at 6pm / FREE
- Shiloh Rules presented by ACT 1 Community Theater / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / Fri & Sat on Feb 7-16 at 7:30 PM and Sun at 2 PM / Tickets: <https://act1theater.org/>
- Love and Light presented by the Alpharetta Symphony / Feb 21 at 6:30pm Pre-Talk and 7:30 PM Concert / Tickets: <https://www.alpharettasymphony.org/love-and-light>
- Love and Light Exhibit presented through inspiration from the Alpharetta Symphony / Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery / Jan 25 – March 28 / FREE

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Commission Presentation_Arts and Culture_01_2025

Alpharetta Recreation Commission Cultural Services Report January 2025

Ceramics Studio Donations – Alpharetta Arts Center



Share Your Voice for Alpharetta's Arts & Culture Master Plan

Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan - Public Review

Element 3: MURALS

This form of public art consists of large-scale hand-produced artwork painted or applied directly onto walls, ceilings, or other permanent surfaces. Murals can depict scenes, abstract designs, or aspects of community identity.



This photo is just an example of this type of art, and not a specific project proposed for Alpharetta.

5. Are murals an important aspect of arts and culture for you and your household?

- ☐ Absolutely essential
☐ Somewhat important
☐ Not very important.

6. Where in Alpharetta would you like to see more of this?

- ☐ Parks
☐ Greenway
☐ Buildings Downtown / Shopping Centers / Malls
☐ Alpha Loop
☐ City Intersections / Streets / Roundabouts
☐ City Retention Walls / Electrical Boxes / Crosswalks
☐ Other (please specify)

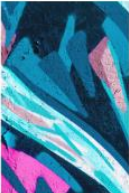
Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan - Public Review

Element 11: TOURS

Tours, often self-guided, facilitate residents and visitors alike in exploring Alpharetta's cultural and historical assets. These include routes highlighting historical markers and public art installations, offering local and visiting tourists an opportunity to connect with the City's rich heritage and creative expressions.



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			<i>Types Strategies</i>		

What We Heard

One of the tricky parts about planning for arts and culture is that everyone has their own preferences and opinions. What is attractive? What types of art do we want in our community? What are the best ways to celebrate culture? These are questions that do not have easy answers.

As part of this process, we posed these questions and more to the community. Our aim was to identify what is already working well in terms of arts and culture Alpharetta? What's missing? What do we want more of?

FOCUS GROUPS

The project team held eight focus groups with 60 participants and gathered an additional 43 responses through follow-up surveys. The discussions included a broad mix of stakeholders, such as elected officials, arts leaders, educators, and local business representatives. Each conversation included four recurring questions on Alpharetta's strengths and areas for improvement regarding arts and culture. These conversations offered valuable insights into Alpharetta's existing strengths and potential areas for growth in the arts.

KEY FINDINGS

Strengths:

- » Alpharetta is a small city with big-city amenities
- » We have strong offerings in music and visual arts
- » Our community is active and engaged--you can feel the vibrancy all around the city
- » The Alpharetta Arts Center is a great asset
- » There are numerous arts organizations and City-sponsored arts events
- » The City has been increasing city support and investment in the arts
- » Our arts community is inclusive and accessible

Areas for Improvement:

- » We need more/better options for performing arts facilities; this is reflected in our relative weakness in this area of the arts, particularly dance and theater
- » Improved coordination among arts organizations is a must, and so is clarifying the City's role in arts and culture
- » Our community's diversity is not currently reflected in arts and culture opportunities
- » The business community lacks involvement in arts and culture

Identified Barriers:

- » Lack of transparent processes and dedicated funding
- » Limited facility options for performances and practices
- » Lack of a well-used, well-known central "repository" for arts information in the city

AN EMPHASIS ON THE LOCAL

What does local mean in this plan?

- Serving local residents
- Supporting local artists
- Connecting people to Alpharetta as a place
- Integrating art into our daily lives and experiences

Culture + Heritage

Culture encompasses much more than simply arts. Alpharetta is proud of the many cultures represented by residents and its historical heritage. The City of Alpharetta supports cultivating its past, present, and future to benefit all of its citizens.

EVENTS

Define

Kim to add 3-4 sentences on what already exists in Alpharetta. Farmers Market is a consistent outlet for some artists to sell their work. Organizations currently involved in this include the Alpharetta Symphony, Chattahoochee Evening Stars, FOTAL, Alpharetta Arts Guild, Lionheart Life Center, Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, Inc., Arts Alpharetta, Alpharetta Symphony Youth Orchestra

MUSEUMS + SITES

Define

Kim to add 3-4 sentences on what already exists in Alpharetta. These can also be places for temporary or permanent installations.

TOURS

Define

Kim to add 3-4 sentences on what already exists in Alpharetta. Organizations currently involved in this include the Georgia Nature Photographers' Association Vision: Edible tour of traditional foodways at the Alpharetta farm at Old Rucker Park.

LECTURES + CLASSES

Define

Organizations currently involved in this include the Chattahoochee Evening Stars, FOTAL, the Arcadia Theater, the Georgia Nature Photographers Association, the Alpharetta Symphony, Alpharetta Arts Guild, Lionheart Life Center, Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, Inc., Arts Alpharetta, Alpharetta Symphony Youth Orchestra

Kim to add 3-4 sentences on what already exists in Alpharetta.

Expanding Public Art: Strategies

IN PROGRESS

STRATEGY 1

REVAMP THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING ART THROUGH PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

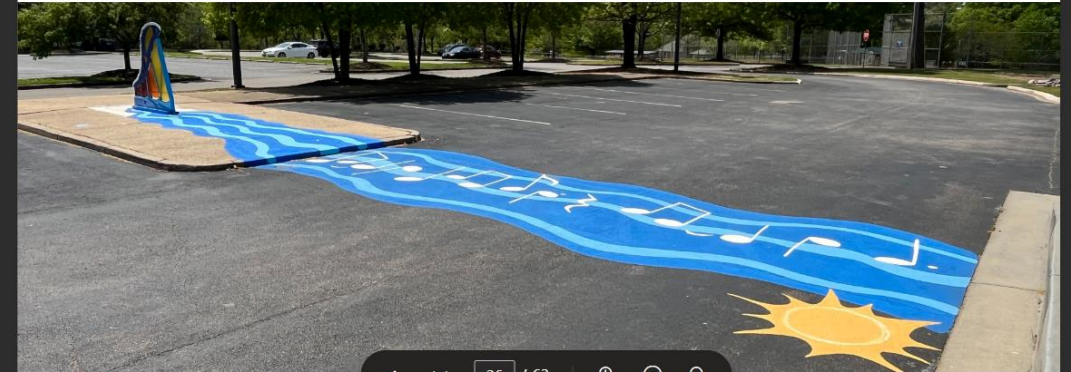
- Establish a clear process for private development to install public art in new or redeveloped capital projects. PLACEHOLDER for suggestions on how to improve this process. We may do well to reference parts of plans (such as Suwanee and Tucker) that can be included in an appendix.
- Create a suite of materials (such as a website) that help new applicants navigate the process and understand necessary steps. Offer a "leading practices" document to distribute to interested owners who express interest in the program and opportunities to consult with the Arts Council at the start of

- the process to identify best options for each location or project.
- Create clear guidelines for the Arts Council when considering these projects, including what constitutes signage (for approval by planning) vs. public art and what is NOT allowable by the arts council (i.e. free speech).

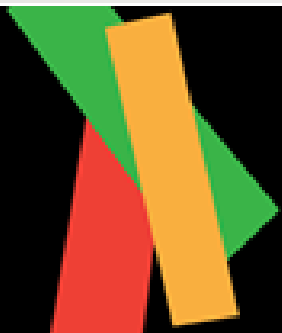
STRATEGY 2:

INTEGRATE ART INTO INFRASTRUCTURE

- Integrate arts and culture as part of the standard process for new and updated planning and placemaking projects. Include arts and culture as an element in future comprehensive plans and comprehensive plan updates for Alpharetta.



CELEBRATING
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

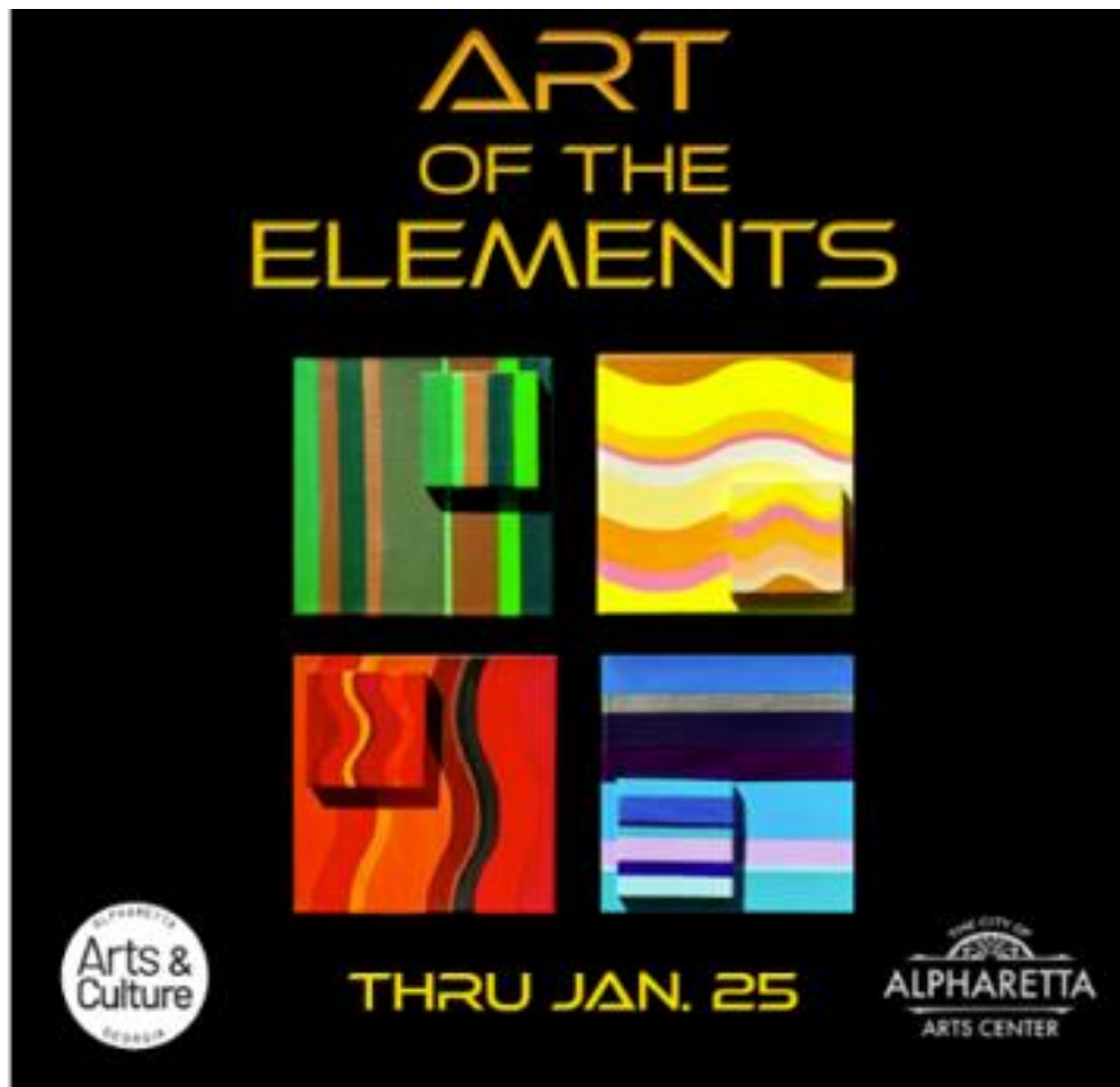


Honoring the Past and Inspiring the Future

alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture









LOVE AND LIGHT

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 7:30pm

Alpharetta Methodist Church

Pre-Concert Talk starting at 6:30pm

Shiloh Rules

by Doris Baizley

Alpharetta Arts Center, Black
Box Theater
February 7-16, 2025

A dedicated Union nurse and a mysterious Confederate refugee meet on the Shiloh battlefield to compete for the title of Best Female Reenactor of the Year. With their young trainees trying to out-do each other in "authenticity," and a concessionaire egging both sides on, their competition leads them into real conflict with Ranger Wilson, an African-American female park ranger who would rather be anywhere than the year 1862, imaginary or not. As the re-enactment rages out of control, all six women discover that some conflicts of the Civil War weren't left behind in 1862.





STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Eric Milley
Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Monthly Report - January 2025

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- We have replaced the 8-foot outfield fencing with 6-foot outfield fencing and installing/adding 16-foot netting on the neighborhood side of field 2 at Innovation Sports Complex. We were able to recycle the netting from the upper field of Webb Bridge which Ambush did fund 50% of the cost of the relocation. The netting install was delayed slightly due to having to remove a sizable Water Oak on the property line which the property owner also funded 50% of the cost of the removal.
- We continue to clean/clear field wood lines and raise tree canopy at Innovation Sports Complex to open practice areas and prevent field of play encroachment.
- Webb Bridge build a retaining wall and added rock to prevent the pond bank from eroding along the walking trail. They are also clearing underbrush along the pond bank to open all areas around the pond for aesthetics.
- We are getting ready to mulch and straw City Center, Brooke Street Park, Main Street Park, and Haynes Bridge medians.
- We are continuing to open areas by clearing underbrush all along the Greenway trail for aesthetics and sight lines.

Monthly Initiatives

- Continuing to develop new maintenance plans/practices in all parks and on all trail systems.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Matt Casey
Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Monthly Report - January 2025

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- Staff has been busy with winter maintenance. Baseball fields have been edged and will be in great shape moving into the spring season.
- Staff has removed under story trees and brush along the walking trail to open up the canopy. Also drains were added to divert water away from the walking trail.
- The Equestrian Center has been preparing for the upcoming show season. They have reconfigured some areas around the barns to better accommodate exhibitors. The drainage to Arenas 1 and 3 was repaired to allow more water flow as needed.

Monthly Initiatives

- Focus on common areas, keeping trails passible, and continuing winter operations.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Morgan Rodgers
Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:

DIRECTOR - January 2025

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Director of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Report on the past year and what is happening in the first quarter of 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

None