



RECREATION BOARD MEETING
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2025
ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- ❖ Interim Chairman Saha called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

- **Recreation Board Present**
 - Jit Saha (Interim Chair)
 - Karla Piedrahita
 - Derek Kaighn
 - Cheryl Rand
 - Cameron Kline
 - John Norton
- **Recreation Board Absent**
 - Brad Bowers
 - Shuntel Beach
- **Staff**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kim Zane, Cultural Arts Division Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Manager
 - 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 Board Minutes from June 10, 2025**

- Interim Chairman Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Rand offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from June 10, 2025, Recreation Board meeting.

- Board Member Piedrahita seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-0).

b. Recreation Board Work Session Minutes from July 23, 2025

- Interim Chairman Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Rand offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from June 10, 2025, Recreation Board meeting.
 - Board Member Norton seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (5-1-0).

V. NEW BUSINESS – Interim Chairman Saha moved this item to after the Staff Reports due to Director Rodgers running late for the meeting.

VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. DIVISIONS

i. Community Services Division Monthly Report – August 2025

- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department was not present and made her report available online.

ii. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – August 2025

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

Monthly Highlights

- Alpharetta Arts & Culture NEW Fall Guide
- The Spotlight Community Stage - Upcoming

Monthly Initiatives

- Bailey-Johnson Documentary - Posted on the website <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/371/Learn-Local-History>
- Alpha Loop - 2 Bridge Murals
- Instagram - Name updated to Alpharetta Arts & Culture
- Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan - Presented at Council Work Session, Monday, August 18th, 2025

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/>
- Cutting Loose: The Art of Collage Gallery Exhibit / Alpharetta Arts Center / Opening Reception on Saturday, August 9th at 5:00 p.m.

- Peter & the Starcatcher presented by Arcadia Theater, Inc. / Alpharetta Presbyterian Church / September 5th through 21st / Tickets: <https://www.arcadia-alpharetta.org/starcatcher>
- Alpharetta City Band Fall Concert / Preston Ridge Community Center / September 7th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., free
- GNPA - Alpharetta Chapter Meeting / Alpharetta Arts Center / September 17th at 7:30 p.m., free
- Eclectic Lawn - Funk Cake / Alpharetta Arts Center Terrace / September 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Diamonds are Forever presented by the Alpharetta Symphony / Innovation Academy / September 19th from 7:30 pm. to 9:00 p.m.
- Alpha Jazz Big Band / American Legion Post / September 19th at 8:00 p.m.
- The Scene Art Gallery Spotlight on Art Global Landscapes / The Scene Gallery at North Point Mall / 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., free

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

Q Arcadia Academy, who are they? (Rand)

A Act I, still part of the church. (Zane)

Q Arcadia doing a show at the church? (Rand)

A Arcadia is waiting on their 501c3. They will use a bunch of locations.. (Zane)

Q School of Rock, is that the business by the Silos? (Rand)

A Yes, they did their final performance at the black box. (Zane)

iii. Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – August 2025

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Division Manager for Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department was not present and made her report available online.

iv. Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Monthly Report – August 2025

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

Monthly Highlights

- All parks are prepping all athletic fields and athletic common areas for all fall athletic programs. Examples: edging, adding infield mix, painting dugouts, score towers, and pressure wash seating areas.
- Downtown district is constantly prepping common areas for all weekly events, sweeping Town Green, organizing seating/chairs, turf maintenance programs around City Hall and Brooke Street Park, tree maintenance and pruning Main Street, trash removal, and receptacle maintenance/cleaning.
- Webb Zone is still working on the water leak repair for the Webb Zone stream.
- At Alpharetta Elementary, the playground was pressure washed, added play safe mulch, cleaned basketball goals, fresh pine straw at the entrance, fence maintenance, and mulched retaining area all before school started.
- North Park is adding two more batting cages and replacing all batting cage nets before the fall season starts.
- There is still more work to be done on the pond restoration project, and we do not have an exact timeline for completion. The pond work is complete, but there is still landscaping and concrete work that needs to be done.

- All the parks have ongoing tree removals, pruning, and maintenance due to storm damage, age, and pedestrian traffic.

Monthly Initiative

- All of the parks, trails, common areas, and athletic fields get so much use we are having to continue to develop new maintenance plans and practices. Mainly scheduling maintenance and projects around the peak times of usage.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

Q Who is paying for the nets? (Rand)

A It is 50/50 split with AYSA. (Milley)

Q What is going on with the restrooms at North Park? (Rand)

A I will address that in my report. (Rodgers)

Q The pond at North Park, is it working? (Rand)

A We are working on it, sometimes things fail over time. It has been corrected. (Milley)

v. Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Monthly Report – August 2025

- Matt Casey, Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Manager for Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services came forward to present the item.

Monthly Highlights:

- Baseball has ended its spring season. Tryouts and tournaments will be in the coming weeks.
- Field 5 drainage project is complete.
- The walking trail at Wills Park was repaved with the help of Public Works staff.
- Equestrian Center has been busy. Horseshows have been well attended moving into the Summer series. Cub Scout day camp just finished and it was a success.

Monthly Initiatives:

- Focus on park enhancements to include common areas, keeping trails passable, and play structures safe.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

Q Did the Concession Stand change at the Equestrian Center? (Kaighin)

A Yes, the Equestrian Foundation maintains the Vendor. (Casey)

Q Is there a plan to redo the stables at the Equestrian Center? (Norton)

A We have a master plan and we are prioritizing it. (Casey)

Q The water feature at Mid Broadwell Park is not working, how do we report that? (Piedrahita)

A Please let me or my staff know and we will get it fixed. (Casey)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Active Adult Facility Membership

- Interim Chairman Saha asked if there were any questions regarding the Active Adult Facility Membership.
- The Board would like verification on “one off” cases with the membership, for example, a friend is in town for a week, and they would like to go with an Active Adult to do a couple classes, would that friend need to pay the fee? Verification will be provided by Christine Young.
- Interim Chairman Saha called for a motion for this item.
 - Board Member Rand offered a motion to approve the Active Adult Facility Membership.
 - Board Member Norton seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-0).

VIII. DIRECTOR REPORT

- Director Rodgers came forward to give an update on the multiple projects that were approved at City Council on July 28th. The items included the Restrooms at North Park having a full removal and construction of new restrooms (this made Board Member Rand extremely happy). The list of the Park Bond projects that included Wills Park Proper, Wills Park Equestrian Center, Old Rucker Park, and Union Hill Park. The last update was regarding the Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan going to City Council Work Session on August 18th. Director Rodgers also included a slide show with renderings of the updated Wacky World.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

Q What will the surface be at Wacky World? (Kaighin)

A It will be a poured rubber surface. (Rodgers)

Q Any new pavilions? (Kline)

A No, there are not additional ones in the current plan. (Rodgers)

Q Will there still be the music/art program under the pavilion? (Kaighin)

A Yes, we will still have several throughout the park. (Rodgers)

Q Will it still be a Community Build? (Norton)

A Yes, it will. (Rodgers)

Q Is Play By Design still doing the Community Build? (Piedrahita)

A Yes!! (Rodgers)

Q Is there an estimated time on Wacky World? (Piedrahita)

A Hoping to have that in the coming weeks. (Rodgers)

Q Will bikes be allowed on the Spine? (Piedrahita)

A No, bikes and scooters are not allowed in Wills Park. (Rodgers)

Q Is anything happening with the dog park? (Rand)

- A Yes, we are redoing it and changing the drainage. (Rodgers)
- Q No scooters in the Park? (Kaighin)
- A Rules say no scooters or bikes. (Rodgers)
- C There might be some pushback on the no scooters. (Kaighin)
- C The intent is to keep older individuals off bikes in the park. (Rodgers)

IX. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- Interim Chairman Saha called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Board Member Rand made a motion to adjourn.
 - Board Member Kaighin seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).
- With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Interim Chairman Saha adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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