



RECREATION BOARD MEETING

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

- **Recreation Board Members Present**
 - Jit Saha (Interim Chair)
 - Karla Piedrahita
 - Cameron Kline
 - Brad Bowers
 - Cheryl Rand
 - Derek Kaighin
- **Recreation Board Members Absent**
 - Shuntel Beach
 - John Norton
- **Staff**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Amanda Musilli, Community Agriculture & Sustainability Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kim Zane Cultural Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Matt Casey, Parks Manager, 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 Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025**
 - Interim Chair Saha called for a motion.

- Board Member Piedrahita offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from August 12, 2025, Recreation Board meeting.
- Board Member Kaighin seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-0).

b. Recreation Board Work Session Minutes from October 29, 2025

- Interim Chair Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Rand offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from October 29, 2025, Recreation Board Work Session.
 - Board Member Bowers seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-0).

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy Renewal

- Christine Young presented this item to the Recreation Board.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

Q Is there pricing in it? (Rand)

A No, there is not. (Young)
- Interim Chair Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Kline offered a motion to approve the Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy Renewal.
 - Board Member Bowers seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-0).

b. Closure during Severe Weather Policy Revision

- Christine Young presented this item to the Recreation Board.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

Q It doesn't include when people will know if something is canceled, when will they find out? (Rand)

A It will be based around the weather. (Young)

Q Rainout line? (Rand)

A You have to opt in for the rainout line. We will email and post any and all updates. (Young)

Q How will this work with the refund policy? (Kaighin)

A We will try to make up the classes at another time. (Young)
- Interim Chair Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Bower offered a motion to approve the Closure during Severe Weather Policy Revision.

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

VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. DIVISIONS

i. Community Agricultural & Sustainability Division – Amanda Musilli

Amanda came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

- Q Can you talk more about the house/Community Center? (Piedrahita)
 A We have plans, we do not have timing. We are giving us until the end of May due to the Rucker Park renovations. (Musilli)
 Q Bathroom? (Rand)
 A The septic system in place will allow us to have a public restroom. (Musilli)
 Q How many AG seniors do you have? (Rand)
 A We have 3 this year, hoping to have around 6 next year. (Musilli)
 Q Did I see the farm got an award? (Kline)
 A We did! It was the ARC award out of 26 nominees. (Musilli)
 Q Fundraising, are you on track? (Saha)
 A Did not know what to expect. Grateful for Peace, Love, Pizza. Liked raising the awareness. (Musilli)

ii. Cultural Services Division – Kim Zane

Kim came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

None

iii. Recreation Services Division – Christine Young

Christine came forward to present the current events. Christine also thanked both Interim Chair Saha and Board Member Piedrahita for attending the Veteran's Day Luncheon at Preston Ridge Community Center.

RECREATION Q & A

- Q Sponsorships for Boo Bash, is that in line? (Piedrahita)
 A We get a lot of the event covered by sponsorships and in kind donations. (Young)
 Q What was the sparkling thing at the luncheon? (Saha)
 A Stayin' Alive, they were fantastic!! (Young)
 Q Stages for the Tree Lighting? (Kaighin)
 A There will be 2 stages this year. (Young)
 Q Is the church bringing in snow? (Kaighin)
 A No, we will have snow machines at the tree lighting. (Young)

iv. Park Services Division (Excluding Wills Park) – Eric Milley

Eric was not present at the meeting, his report was online.

v. Park Services Division (Including Wills Park) – Matt Casey

Matt Casey came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

- Q Wacky World, big hole? (Rand)

A Wacky World has been removed, working on stormwater. March 9th is the estimated build date. The underground detention pond has been put in and they are starting to work on the corner for the Gateway. (Casey)

Q Onsite, what has been the general sentiment? (Piedrahita)

A General excitement by all. (Casey)

b. DIRECTOR

i. Director Rodgers will update the Board.

Director Rodgers came forward with the following items:

- Update on Kurt Kirby, he is doing great and adjusting to his new position in Banks County.
- ARC Award, very big deal. The guest speaker at the awards presentation was the CEO of Delta Airlines.
- Stacey Shirley received an award from GRPA.
- Marietta/Roswell Street pocket park as a gathering space.
- Farm House project to be a boardwalk to an Overlook.
- Field 5 at Wills Park, AYBA will fund their portion and the City will fund their portion. The stormwater and fencing drove the price up over the budget.
- Projects starting on November 17th, Webb Bridge Park paving and North Park Restroom starting.
- Tree Lighting has added an Adaptive Hour from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Spotlight Stage has Steel Magnolias currently playing and I highly recommend going, it was wonderful.
- Wills Park is underway and the Equestrian Center starts in January.
- The Greenway has flooded twice already.
- Fountains have already froze.
- Alpha Loop Foundation, Lights on the Loop starts in December. Please come to the opening event on December 5th.
- The Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Holiday Luncheon is set for December 16th, please join us.

RECREATION BOARD Q & A

Q Issue at the Farm House has always been parking? (Rand)

A We do not have a plan for parking. (Rodgers)

Q If we want to go see this, where do we park? (Rand)

A I do not control parking. (Rodgers)

Q What is the timeline for Farm House? (Rand)

A Hoping for approval in December. (Rodgers)

Q Will there be a ramp? Accessible? (Piedrahita)

A Yes, it will be. (Rodgers)

Q I thought we stopped Farm House? (Rand)

A No, we did not. (Rodgers)

Q GRPA, trade show portion, what were the trends? (Piedrahita)

A Artificial turf and lighting, the drone booth was the most fun. (Rodgers)

Q Liaisons for the youth associations? (Saha)

A I think we should wait until January. (Rodgers)

VII. RECREATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Board Member Piedrahita commented on how phenomenal the seed library is at the Farm and the enthusiasm of the staff is great. Congrats, Amanda!!

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A young lady came forward to ask why the Lionheart Works Christmas market was moved to the Arts Center. Kim came forward to help, there will not be a Community Center market this year.
- The young lady also asked what kind of surface will be at the new Wills Park Wacky World playground. Matt came forward to let her know that it will be a poured surface that is wheel chair and special needs accessible.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Interim Chair Saha called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Board Member Piedrahita 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 Chair Saha adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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