



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2017

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commission Chair Dennis Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Jamie Bendall, Kevin Johnson, Jarrett Long, Bill Lubsy, Dennis Mitchell, Wendi Schutt
- Commission absent: Shuntel Beach, Melissa Jurgens,
- City staff present: Director of Recreation & Parks Morgan Rodgers, Parks Manager Eric Milley, Equestrian Manager Matt Casey, Office Manager Alice Smith; Amy Rickman Marketing Coordinator
- City Council: Absent

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2017

- Motion by Mr. Long to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017 as written. Second by Mrs. Schutt.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Educational Farm

- Mr. Rodgers reminded the commission that Whole Foods plans to donate the farm and pay the expense to move the farm to the Rucker Road property, if approved by City Council
- Two community meetings were held; well attended with a lot of good conversations
- This item will now go to the City Council meeting scheduled for December 18
- If approved, Whole Foods is targeting the move by the end of this month
- Cambridge High School, and other groups have lined up to help

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administration Report – No Report

B. Parks report – No Report

C. Recreation – No Report

D. Cultural Arts Report – Mrs. Schutt

- Macallan Construction finished most of the demo; rebuild phase for the Art Center will start soon
- Mr. Smallwood attends bi-weekly update meetings; construction signage is in place and there will be a photo op this Friday with the new Arts Center sign
- Art Camp pre-planning will kick off in January
- Downtown sculptures are on track for install early next year; Miscellany Sculpture Project seems to be on track as well
- Mr. Smallwood is meeting with a variety of community groups, including Arts Alpharetta, to develop various programs and relationships for the art center
- Arts Alpharetta will hold a retreat this Thursday to discuss progress on the public sculpture project, Miscellany and the board member's roles in 2018
- A meeting is set up for next Wednesday to discuss the possibility of putting a coffee shop in the gallery area of the new Arts Center which would be run by people in the autism spectrum

VIII. PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. AYSA – Mr. Matthew Priel

- Report Attached
- Mr. Rodgers asked what was the one thing he would like to see the city do for AYSA
- Mr. Priel asks the City to reduce any residency barriers to girls playing softball
- He envisions AYSA and North Park becoming a regional softball powerhouse, and would like to lead AYSA to becoming the best softball association in all of Georgia

B. AYBA – Mr. Dave McMinn, Commissioner/President

- Report Attached
- Mr. Rodgers asked what was the one thing he would like to see the city do for AYBA
- Mr. McMinn would like the city to continue providing the support they have in the past and continue to have strong staff

C. NAFA – Mrs. Stephanie Butler

- Report Attached
- Mr. Rodgers asked what was the one thing she would like to see the city do for NAFL
- Clean up the cypress that is growing around the area of the Champion sign and re-turf Field One, which is in bad shape

D. NMML – No report

E. Ambush – Mr. Yearwood

- Fall is the beginning of the soccer season and ends in the Spring season
- Through Appen Media, Ambush was selected the best sports organization in North Atlanta
- The league is operated by five board members; hold elections every two years
- Maintain 14 head coaches with D license or higher; club picks up the cost for coaches development
- Big internal, electronic payment registration
- Compliments to Steve and Tyler for doing such a good job with the soccer programs

- Nate Hand, and his staff at Webb Bridge Park, go out of their way to understand the soccer program
- Big thanks to the City for the new stadium seating and the new turf soccer field
- Moving forward, Ambush is pretty steady, it is still very difficult with the older kids from U12 and U13 due to residency issue; would like a deeper discussion with staff in the spring
- Loss of Milton Center field will have a large impact for soccer play
- His wish for the program would be another soccer field; we need more space not to change the program but to better manage the program; this could elevate games starting at 7:30am on Saturdays and playing on Sunday

IX. SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT - KIM DODSON - Absent

X. EQUESTRIAN REPORT – MATT CASEY

- Coming to the end of the 2017 show schedule; we have good numbers to finish the year
- We got through last weekend's horseshow, even with the snow, however it was smaller due to the weather
- Staff worked to clean up debris and repair barns from storm damage
- Horseshow will be back tomorrow and finish out the week

XI. PARK SERVICES REPORT – ERIC MILLEY

- Vendor will start the fencing around the turf field at Webb Bridge Park
- Starting next week, staff will clear underbrush between the Community Center and Old Milton Parkway
- Tri-Scapes has replaced several sections of the boardwalk at Wild Wings; back open to the public
- We have a color meeting for the pool renovation tomorrow morning
- Greenway, as well as all parks, had several trees and limbs down due to the recent snow storm; damage to some shade structures; working with the insurance company to get these repaired

XII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MORGAN RODGERS

- The Farm and Master Plan will be on council agenda for Monday night; vendor will hold a presentation for the Master Plan at this meeting; encourage all commissioners to come
- Friday we will announce the reorganization; changes coming to the department
- Make our parks safe, beautiful, make Wills Park the best in the South
- He wants us to be the fuse for the art explosion, make Alpharetta fun for everyone
- Engage the community; look good, be cool and have fun

XIII. CITY COUNCIL REPORT – Absent

XIV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS -None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lusby. Second by Mr. Long
- All in favor. Motion carried
- Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm
- *Next Commission meeting 1-9-2018 at 7:00pm