



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2018

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commission Chair Dennis Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Sandy Barth, Melissa Jurgens, Jarrett Long, Bill Lusby, Dennis Mitchell, Shuntel Beach
- Commission absent: Kevin Johnson
- City staff present: Director of Recreation Parks & Cultural Services Morgan Rodgers, Parks Manager Eric Milley, Wills Park/Equestrian Manager Matt Casey, Project Manager Kurt Kirby, Recreation Services Manager Christine Young, Cultural Arts Manager Kim Dodson, Community Services Manager Amanda Musilli, Marketing Coordinator Amy Rickman
- City Council:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2018

- Motion by Jarrett Long to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018 as written. Second by Sandy Barth.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Soccer Update – Christine

- Signage placed at fields; conversation with teams continues; trying to find space; teams not allowed on fields until plan in place, organized or practice
- More information to be presented at next work session

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bike Alpharetta – Bill

- Candidates Forum with agenda on transportation
- Beginner bike rides, first Wednesday monthly

VII. PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Ambush

B. AYBA

C. AYSA

D. NMML – Shuntel

- April 14 – Opening Day at North Park
- May 7 – Carl Black Golf Tournament
- June/July – Retreat for families

VIII. REPORTS

A. Divisions

1. Community Services - Amanda Musilli

- Food Truck Alley XL:
 - April 19 – October 11
 - Branded as XL with jumbo games, 10 new trucks in rotation, music booked by Matilda's, and more to come!
 - Managing our own social media to better facilitate community connections
- Taste Of Alpharetta:
 - May 3, 5pm, with 65 confirmed restaurants
 - Partnering with Community Development for trial implementation of an augmented reality app by SKIGNZ, with virtual map of event footprint (restaurant booths, ticket station, restrooms, first aid, etc.)
- Community Agriculture:
 - Farmers Insurance Group provided 40 volunteers for community service project on March 27
 - Built greenhouse tables, installed raised beds, spread mulch around fruit-producing trees and vines
 - Pollinator Garden will be next work day

2. Recreation Services - Christine Young

- Free fitness classes activated in parks:
 - Brooke Street Park, Alpharetta Community Center Event Lawn
- Fall/Winter program planning:
 - Pickleball league and clinics
 - Combining smaller events, i.e. Autumn events, Holiday happenings
 - Wills Park Recreation Center to offer enhanced morning programs with parent/tot, fitness programming
- Golden Games:
 - Opening day April 25, 10am at Bell Memorial Park

- Dorothy Benson's long time participation in Living Magazine article
 - Kudos to Kevin for organization improvements over last few years
- Pool update:
 - Concession stand contract
 - Excellent recruitment energies by Cara; fully staffed
 - Equipment on order
 - Food Trucks at pool every Tuesday and Saturday
- Walk about at Wills Park – saw amazing variety of park use and participation

3. Cultural Services – Kim Zane

- History Room:
 - Grand opening for museum April 26; postcards printed
 - Presentation, singing, community group performances
 - Museum logo to recognize connection with Old Milton County
- Murals:
 - Two installed now and two more later; Three Ladies on Milton Ave; Dr. Walker and Family at City Hall
 - Wheat paste design disappears in a few months or pressure washed
- Arts:
 - Miscellany Exhibit, six sculptures; first installation 'Morning Flower'
 - Walking tours of sculptures; Arts Alpharetta creating plaque to explain artwork and artists
 - Plan to always to have seven pieces on display
- Art Center:
 - Sandy with Arts Alpharetta to lead volunteers in setting up rooms, exhibits, workshops; teams developed to get it ready
 - Toby instrumental in working with vendor to finalize security zones (i.e. class/exhibit)
 - Grand Opening and Program Opening dates – TBA

4. Wills Park and Equestrian Center – Matt Casey

- Wacky World tree assessment:
 - Downey Tree and City Arborist evaluations of tree health
 - Recommend removal of three trees and deep prune two others
 - Melissa inquired about possibility of shade installation at playground?
- Equestrian Center:
 - Laser grading footing for arenas and improving surface; working through EC advisory group for this process
 - Project serves as transition between now and Master Plan completion
 - Jarrett inquired about cost? Estimate: \$24K; Jason identified funds
- Upcoming events:
 - Variety of upcoming horse and dog shows
 - Rodeo in about a month; Matt to get tickets for folks interested

5. Project Management – Kurt Kirby

- Pool Renovation:
 - Big slide installed, interior work being completed, deck to be poured
 - Target completion end of April; Grand Opening May 26
- Art Center:
 - Building enclosed, inside sheet rock installed, flooring going in
 - Project ahead of schedule
- Farm Relocation:
 - Completing permits for power/water; planting area tilled
 - Border fencing with neighbors completed
 - Target operational by end of 2018
- Eagle Scout Project:
 - Four projects in the works
 - Restoration of Brookside Park picnic tables and install sign kiosk at area
- Other Projects:
 - Greenway centerline restriping completed
 - North Park shade structures approved by council; installed by early June
 - Mansell House fence expansion to be completed by end of April
 - Attending CityWorks conference in Salt Lake City in May
 - Currently tracking 64 projects; down by eight in last month

6. Park Services – Eric Milley

- Webb Bridge Park:
 - Replaced declining maples around baseball fields with crepe myrtles
 - Removed 4-ft chain link fencing in some areas to open up common areas
 - Replacing wood fencing at Webb Zone with black 4-ft steel fence to open up sight lines; saving artwork from pickets to reuse
- Windward Soccer Field:
 - Clearing underbrush between parking lot and road; raising tree canopy
- Cogburn Park:
 - Pruning large oak trees near road to open up, promote other tree growth
- North Park:
 - Earth Day volunteer work days with ATT and Church of Latter Day Saints
 - Projects include mulch, pine straw, weeding, small underbrush clearing

B. Director

- Managers have come together as a collaborative team, operating within blurred lines to accomplish projects; very excited about where we will be next year!
- Due to so many other choices within the community, recommending not to host an egg hunt in 2019; expend resources into other areas
- Council Meeting April 19 with request for approval of Wills Park Equestrian Center Master Plan; both WP and WPEC Master Plans in place by end of August
- Farmers Market kick off

C. City Council

No report

IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- Tom Eiswerth:
 - Had an opportunity to connect with Ray and Hans Appen to secure a table at the 55+ Expo, to share information on Adult Activity Center programs
 - Great exposure for marketing AAAC senior programs, make connections to acquire speakers, and to showcase activities of Golden Age Club

X. ADJOURNMENT

7. Motion to adjourn by Shuntel Beach. Second by Melissa Jurgens

8. All in favor. Motion carried

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

10. Next Commission meeting: May 8, 2018 at 7:00pm