



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 10, 2018

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commission Chair Dennis Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Sandy Barth, Shuntel Beach, Kevin Johnson, Melissa Jurgens, Jarrett Long, Bill Lusby, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand
- Commission absent:
- 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 JUNE 12, 2018

- Motion by Sandy Barth to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018 as written. Second by Kevin Johnson.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to Amend Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Cities of Alpharetta and Johns Creek – Christine Young

- Consideration of a request to amend the MOU, Section 2, Article C, between the City of Alpharetta and the City of Johns Creek
- Request to waive non-resident fees to include travel/select softball programs

- Non-resident status waiver would apply only to players who have participated in recreation softball for two consecutive seasons
- Discussion:
 - Jim Cregge representing AYSA – request for amendment to include Select, Travel, and All Stars (Attack) to avoid gray area
 - Morgan – current MOU does not address All Star/Attack and would require addendum versus amendment. Would need a discussion with Johns Creek for addendum for All Stars teams from Johns Creek to also meet two season player requirements
 - Cheryl – proposal to approve amendment as presented tonight, then bring back as a separate issue for the addition of All Stars after discussion and approval by John’s Creek. Dennis agreed with proposal
- Motion by Bill Lusby to approve amendment of MOU with City of Johns Creek to waive non-resident status for Select and Travel team members who have participated in recreation softball for two consecutive seasons
- Second by Cheryl Rand
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

B. Request to Amend Adult Athletic League Eligibility and Registration Policy – Christine Young

- Consideration of a request to amend Section II, 1.a Non-Resident eligibility
- Request to allow Alpharetta-based businesses to register employees utilizing the business address. Requirements for waiving of NR fee are as follows:
 - Businesses must be within the City of Alpharetta limits
 - All registration fees to be paid via check from Alpharetta-based business
 - All players must be employees of the Alpharetta-based business
- Discussion:
 - Dennis inquired about history of request
 - Christine – proposal came from employees, business support, registration process. Have received feedback from businesses regarding struggle to form teams with non-resident fees paid by employees themselves
- Motion by Bill Lusby to approve amendment to allow Alpharetta-based businesses to register employees for Adult League Softball by utilizing the business address, with all fees paid by the business, and all team players required to be employees of that business
- Second by Jarrett Long
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

VII. PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Ambush** – no report
- B. AYBA** – no report
- C. AYSA** – no report
- D. NMML** – no report

VIII. REPORTS

A. Divisions

1. Community Services - Amanda Musilli

- Alpharetta Community Agriculture:
 - On-Farm Community Input Events
 - Hosting two events at the farm to gather community input, share ideas, offer a tour of property, grow grassroots support. Events to be held July 14 and August 18
 - Volunteers at five stations around the property, each with information to share about their particular location (i.e. outdoor classroom, greenhouse, production field, etc.)
 - Attendees given a booklet with questions about overall property, each station, and a map to draw out their ideas
 - Cambridge High School FFA students will host a small kids activity for young farmers attending with their parents
 - Goal – to gather input from at least 50 people over two events
 - Events promoted via Farm, Department and City social media
 - AgTech Tour Event
 - Host attendees of Alpharetta AgTech Conference for an on-farm tour on July 23, as a conference field trip
 - Attendees receive same tour as community, but given their background, we will be seeking agricultural expertise, advisement
 - Similar booklet and questions used to gather ideas, suggestions
 - Next Advisory Board meeting: July 11, 8am, City Hall

2. Recreation Services – Christine Young

- Recreation Special Events – July 4th was a smashing success with three DJ zones, 15 food trucks and roving dessert carts
- Athletics – Adult Softball and Men's Basketball registration has begun
- Sharks Swim/Dive Team results:
 - Swimmers: 152 Alpharetta, 82 Milton, 3 Other
 - Divers: 25 Alpharetta, 16 Milton, 4 Other (20% increase from last year)
 - Meet Results:
 - Third place in division at Atlanta Swim Association Swim Meet
 - Eighth overall in Atlanta Dive Association Meet (Class B)

3. Cultural Services – Kim Zane

- Farmstead – Goats arrive at end of July, to be used to maintain property, with dogs on site to protect from goats from predators
- Murals – Replacement of murals by early August; addition of two new murals
- Art Sculptures – Parking deck feature installed; still needs lighting
- Musical Master Plan – First planning meeting held; developing public survey
- Art Center:
 - AV systems tested; furniture being ordered; movable wall system for exhibit space goes to bid by fall

- Contractor asked for rain days plus five days; expect completion early August with final punch list walk through in next few weeks
- Grand Opening in August; Program Opening in September (TBA)

4. Wills Park and Equestrian Center – Matt Casey

- Equestrian Center:
 - Large horse show moving in for next two weeks
 - Play Me Again Piano to be unveiled; painted by Sandy; named Morgan
- Wills Park:
 - Great job by all crews cleaning park on day after July 4th event
 - Master Plan focus groups collecting a great deal of information to be used to develop plan
- Events:
 - Atlanta Brave Youth Baseball Tournament

5. Project Management – Kurt Kirby

- Pool Renovation:
 - Entered into warranty phase and working with contractor
 - Punch list items being addressed; slow and challenging
 - Backup pump motor ordered
 - Additional shade to be addressed
- North Park Improvements:
 - Scoreboard panels at Fields 1-4
 - Turf field replacement with next budget year
 - Tennis court resurfacing; pickleball striping costs to be researched by staff
 - Morgan – consideration to turn two tennis courts into six pickleball courts; one court for lessons and leaves four courts for USTA play
- Greenway:
 - Thompson Memorial shelter, bench, kiosk, bike storage area completed
 - More boardwalk repairs near Mansell
 - Sinkhole below the YMCA due to rain washout
- Webb Bridge Park:
 - Memorial donation park swing by pond leading to playground
 - Playground fencing replacement completed
- Fleet Green Initiative:
 - Electric fleet of golf carts versus purchase of new trucks
- Discussion – Cheryl requested stream play be considered as part of Master Plan ideas

6. Park Services – Eric Milley

- Webb Bridge Park:
 - Replaced wood fencing at Webb Zone with black iron fence
 - Upper soccer field being seeded and sodded
- Rock Mill:
 - Working with a designer on washed out trail area by YMCA

- North Park:
 - Shade structures, awnings, and dugout covers have been replaced
 - Flag pole from old city hall repurposed at Fields 1-4 concession area
 - Removal of cement building behind Adult Activity Center

B. Director

- Amy Rickman – new liaison to commission and new role in administration
- July 17 – program tour hosted for commission members
- New Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau Guidebook – highlights department information (i.e. parks, events, history programs)

C. City Council

- Morgan – Jason Binder’s report from council: FY19 - \$9.934M (9.2% increase); additional funding for operation of Art Center, Pool, Cultural Services and History programs; CIP includes reoccurring replacement/maintenance; spent approximately 98% of FY18 budget

IX. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

- No comments

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Bill Lusby . Second by Shuntel Beach.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm
- Next Commission meeting: August 14, 2018 at 8:02pm