



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commission Chair Dennis Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Sandy Barth, Shuntel Beach, Kevin Johnson, Bill Lusby, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand
- Commission absent: Melissa Jurgens, Jarrett Long
- City staff present: Parks Manager Eric Milley, Wills Park/Equestrian Manager Matt Casey, Project Manager Kurt Kirby, Recreation Services Manager Christine Young, Cultural Arts Manager Kim Zane, Community Services Manager Amanda Musilli, Office Manager Alice Smith
- City Council: Councilman Jason Binder

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2018

- Motion by Mr. Lusby to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018 as written. Second by Mrs. Beach
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

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

VIII. REPORTS - DIVISIONS

A. Community Services – Amanda Musilli

1. Alpharetta Community Agriculture
 - This weekend is YMCA Volunteer Day; 9:00am-1:00pm, between 55-75 volunteers each day
 - Chattahoochee Nature Center and Cambridge High School are partnering together for “Farm to Cafeteria”; lettuce grown on farm by CNC and students and served in cafeteria starting October 1
2. Heirloom Apple Tree Donation
 - Connected with a farmer from Tennessee who is doing a study on heirloom apple trees; she offered to donate the varieties she has discovered that are from Georgia such as Yates, Terry Winter, Horse, Shockley and Tarbutton
3. Trail Development Support from George Owen
 - Trail Development Support from George Owen
 - George Owen is an expert in trail development, with over 50 years’ experience, including sections of the Benton-McKaye Trail, Appalachian Trail in North Georgia and many trails in local parks
 - Mr. Owen has volunteered to help develop a system of trails, including a woodland nature trail in Rucker Road Park
4. Upcoming Events
 - European Market – September 15-16
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 - Scarecrow Harvest & Brew Moon – September 29
 - Atlanta International Night Market – October 5-7
 - Wire & Wood – October 12-13
 - Restless in Resthaven – October 20-21
 - Season of Celebration – December 1 and 8

B. Recreation Services – Christine Young

- Pool closed for the season due to lack of lifeguards
- There are some pool activities coming up that the responsible party will provide the lifeguards; Iron Kids, Drool in the Pool (for dogs) and Polar Plunge
- Athletics – Adult Softball and Men’s Basketball registration has begun
- Youth Basketball registration 54 softball team 20 basketball
- Sept 27 Reels & Wheels event - \$15 per car
- Walking program started this month, 6:00pm at Webb Bridge Park
- Purchased 4 adult trikes for adult trikes program- running programs around Wills Park, Webb Bridge Park
- Pickleball is continuing to grow in popularity; starting a team in the fall
- Signature Tennis will resurface the tennis courts at North Park; converting courts 5 and 6 to 6 pickleball courts

C. Cultural Services – Kim Zane

- Meeting with art leader groups to work on partnerships
- All new historical markers installed and now working on new brochure with ACVB
- Milton High School wants to use the History Room
- Shakespeare in the Park – working with Act 1 to implement our theater in the park; looking at different locations for performances
- Music Plan – meeting with Lee Howard every 2 weeks, hoping to launch something this winter after festival season
- Art Center:
 - Volunteer Days – 2 days of volunteers to help clean and put art studios together – Thanks to Arts Alpharetta
 - Held our first art class at the center September 4
 - Following up on punch list with architect and contractor
 - Landscaping – working with contractor on brown areas & adding sprinklers
 - Parking – confirmed use of Alpharetta Elementary, working with Engineering and Public Works on a plan for constructing a lot onsite, need to add to next year's projects
 - Training on all of our systems; security, cameras, electrical, etc
 - Ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday, October 4 at 4pm; there will be a trolley from City Hall parking deck to the Arts Center
 - Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 8:30am-8:00pm, 8:30-4:30 Friday
 - Sandy Barth said open space for artist is definitely coming
 - There are two artist that will bring sculptures for a month during the celebration

D. Wills Park and Equestrian Center – Matt Casey

1. Equestrian Center
 - Allocated some stalls for those in the path of the hurricane
 - Labor Day weekend showed 270 horses
 - The seating at the community center was approved, starting around end of October
2. Wills Park:
 - Installed 2 new swinging benches to the t-ball fields, easily accessed from the trail; also added seating to the area overlooking the upper fields
 - Mrs. Rand stated staff suggest the iron swings/wood swings in memory of, instead of trees like were done in the past
 - The bridge near the Wills Park Recreation Center is being replaced with a 4 board fence design to match the Community Garden

E. Project Management – Kurt Kirby

- North Park kickoff meeting for reviewing turf field replacement proposals is scheduled for September 14th; plans to have completion by February 1, 2019

- Plans were submitted to the contract for the greenway washout repairs; work should be completed no later than October 15
- Big Creek Streambank Restoration kickoff meeting was held September 11 with Public Works

F. Park Services – Eric Milley

- Working on the town green and fountain to get them up and operating
- Purchase Order should be complete next week to start the resurfacing project for the restrooms in the parking deck
- Plans are to replace the dying trees and shrubs in Brooke Street during the month of October

G. City Council

- Very excited about the Wills Park Master Plan draft; this will go to Council Workshop on Monday for review and questions; vendor will come back to the commission in October with the draft; once commission approves it will go back to council for final adoption
- Mid-year retreat coming up soon, would like the commissioners to get with him on any ideas they might have
- All park updates are looking good; would like to see signs at the parks with the park named after the street it is located on; this could generate people's interest in adopting the parks

IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- No comments

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Rand. Second by Mrs. Beach
- **All in favor. Motion carried**
- Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm
- Next Commission meeting: October 9, 2018 at 7:00pm