



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2019

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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, Shuntel Beach, Melissa Jurgens, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand, Bill Lusby
- Commission absent: Dana Davis, 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, Cultural Arts Manager Kim Zane, Community Services Manager Amanda Musilli, Recreation Services Manager Christine Young, Administrative Assistant II Amy Rickman
- City Council: Mayor Jim Gilvin

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 11, 2018

- Motion by Bill Lusby to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018 as written. Second by Melissa Jurgens.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Jim Gilvin – Milton Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has expired as of November 2018 and will not be renewed per City of Milton. Alpharetta spring programs where registration has already begun will not be affected this season. After today, registration for all programs will be affected going forward. Press release will go out on January 9 regarding expiration of the MOU. Partner associations are in the process of being contacted.

VII. PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A.** Put this on a workshop agenda to determine how to complete this going forward

VIII. REPORTS

A. Divisions:

1. Community Services - Amanda Musilli

- Alpharetta Special Events:
 - Holiday décor will be removed week of January 14
 - Planning has begun for Taste of Alpharetta and Food Truck Alley
 - Schedule for Brooke Street Park concert series is taking shape
 - Special events schedule for 2019 is complete
- Marketing:
 - Spring Recreation & Art Guides available; Art Guide reflects new design
 - Utilizing Canva for Work to streamline branding across divisions
 - Social media engagement increasing, with views/likes/reach growing steadily; attribute to use of video, increased variety of topics, use of new meme-style imagery; also utilizing FB event co-host feature with partners
- Alpharetta Community Agriculture:
 - Community Garden plots sold out in less than 48 hours! 17 annual members; 7 home members; 8 on waitlist
 - Food Well Alliance (FWA) presented overview of support to be provided to community recreational agriculture program at January 7 City Council meeting; Alpharetta will be a pilot city for this FWA program support
 - Greenhouse is set up; begin seeding for 700 plants in next two weeks; plants are for Community Garden members; to be distributed at March plant distribution event; four distributions throughout the year
 - A program is in initial development to partner with select local businesses (coffee shops, juice bars, breweries) to collect food waste for recycling into chicken feed and compost
 - Farm Work Day scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 10am-12pm; subcommittee interested in privet removal around house on farm
 - Chickens came with Mayfield property acquisition (a joint purchase by the cities of Alpharetta and Milton). Includes 1 rooster and 21 hens that have begun egg production, with 19 eggs recently collected

2. Recreation Services – Christine Young

- Spring Recreation Guide available in print and online this week
 - Spring registration starts January 23
 - New programs include Health/Wellness and Exploration/Music
 - Summer Kick Off event on Saturday April 27 at Wills Park Pool
- Introduction of Rainout Line app for all programs
- Pickleball doubles league begins mid-March on new courts at North Park

3. Cultural Services – Kim Zane

- Art Center Update:

- Marketing, social media
- Arts and Culture Spring Guide available; ongoing content development
- Joe Dreher – artist talk/reception on Saturday, January 26, 5-8pm
- 2019 Gallery Shows – confirming details with Arts Alpharetta; January: Joe Dreher; February-March: Deanna Sirlin; renowned local artist, large installation/front window piece
- High School Apprentice Program – MOU with Deanna Sirlin; 4-5 high school students; work at Crabapple; commitment for two city art projects (grand piano for center's front porch, Webb Zone wall)
- Alliance Theater camps this summer; also Family Fun Days
- Music Strategy:
 - Alpharetta Music Scene Strategy – first draft edited; will present to Commission in February
- Art Leader Groups:
 - Meeting with groups to work on partnerships; working on an MOU; Arts Alpharetta received check for art leader groups; photo with mayor and press release soon
- History Update:
 - Kim will get with Historical Society to get update on timeline for log cabin
 - Black History Month
 - Working with marketing to give historical photos, details to release throughout the month
 - Historical Markers
 - Pineview Cemetery: marker installed; Wreaths Across America program organized by Pineview Cemetery Committee and St. James United Methodist Church on December 15
 - Resthaven Cemetery: Historical Society working with DAR to possibly partner for December 2019
 - Historical Marker Brochure updated soon with four new markers
- Public Art:
 - Sculptures – Gregory sculpture to be installed at City Center, hopefully by end of January
 - Murals – Alpharetta High School National Honors students to work with Arts Alpharetta on a proposal to paint wall on Marietta Street; more information to be presented to Commission in early 2019

4. Wills Park and Equestrian Center – Matt Casey

- Wills Park:
 - Bridge along trail between garden and basketball courts being replaced
 - Gym at recreation center painted over the holidays
 - Staff continues to clear underbrush between dog park to center
 - Plans to paint/logo back of large scoreboard on field by Old Milton Pkwy
- Equestrian Center:
 - 2019 horseshows started first weekend in January

- Friends of Equestrian Center just received non-profit 501c3 status; advisory committee to assist foundation with fundraising goals

5. Project Management – Kurt Kirby

- Happening now:
 - Mansell House – sign in production
 - Park Call Boxes – finalizing install schedule
 - North Park Turf Field 1 – replacement project slowed by holidays and weather but still on schedule; football goals to be installed soon
 - Webb Bridge Park – new scoreboards in production; similar to Wills Park design with scaled down version
- Upcoming:
 - Park Signs – RFP for updating
 - Mansell House – first updates sign installation
 - Trails – RFP for new park trail development and current trail repairs
 - Webb Bridge Park – scoreboards to be installed
 - North Park – turf field 1 replacement to be completed on schedule
 - Pool – RFP for maintenance contract; more shade structures
 - Greenway – boardwalk repairs; virtual tour of greenway to be developed

6. Park Services – Eric Milley

- Using standard paint palette for exterior restrooms to mirror the pool building
- Greenway:
 - Lots of cleanup along greenway trails, due to severe, ongoing flooding
 - Working on quotes for several sections of boardwalk replacement
- Webb Bridge Park:
 - Getting quotes to have Webb Zone entrance enhanced
- North Park:
 - Painting of exterior of tennis court restrooms is almost complete
 - Developing scope of work to have Activity Center gutters, boards, siding replaced and painted

B. Director Update – Morgan Rodgers

- PowerPoint presentation: ‘2018 in Review and Looking Ahead’
- Christine: On behalf of managers team, thank you to Morgan for his leadership
- Dennis: On behalf of Commission, thank you to Mayor/Council for their support

C. City Council – Mayor Jim Gilvin

- (See New Business)

IX. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

A. None

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Cheryl Rand. Second by Shuntel Beach.

- **All in favor. Motion carried**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm
- Next Commission meeting: February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm