



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 11, 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, Dana Davis, Kevin Johnson, Melissa Jurgens, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand, Jit Saha
- Commission absent:
- City staff present: Wills Park Manager Matt Casey, Project Manager Kurt Kirby, Park Services Manager Eric Milley, Community Services Manager Amanda Musilli, Recreation Services Manager Christine Young, Cultural Services Manager Kim Zane, Administrative Assistant II Amy Rickman
- City Council:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 14, 2019

- Motion by Cheryl Rand to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019 as written. Second by Sandy Barth.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

- None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- None

VII. REPORTS

A. Divisions:

1. Cultural Services – Kim Zane

- Upcoming Dates:
 - Fiber & Folk Art Exhibit – runs through June 28
 - Alpharetta’s Music at Twilight – June 14 at 8:30pm
 - Alpharetta’s Music at Twilight – June 28
 - Southern Summer Exhibit – opens July 1; reception July 6, 11:30am-1pm
 - Alpharetta’s Music at Twilight – July 5
- Arts Center:
 - New Landscaping – to create an outdoor classroom or art space
 - New Loft – to create more storage space
 - New Plaque – outside of building, for architect Anthony Ames
- History Update:
 - Farm House, Alpharetta’s original settlement c. 1830
 - Completion of documentary by July
 - Stories Project
 - Completed 7 new interviews; edited 27 of 70 interviews
 - Historical Markers (recently installed)
 - GA State Marker reinstalled, Old Milton Courthouse
 - Alpharetta Business District, 29 S. Main St, 33 S. Main St, 9 S. Main St
 - Future Farmers of America, Log Cabin
 - Wills House, 333 Milton Ave
 - Bob & Lizzie Manning House, 10 Cumming St
 - Historical Society partnership to establish history, relevance of area
- Music:
 - Alpharetta’s Music at Twilight – new summer listening series, 8:30pm at corner of Milton Ave and North Main Street
 - AMPS – Music Match Program; producer to launch program for fall
- Public Art:
 - Pianos
 - High school apprentices working on baby grand piano
 - Marietta Street Mural, ‘Single Use Planet’
 - Project with Alpharetta High School National Honors Arts Society
 - Sculptures
 - Instruments of Inspiration Exhibit – ‘Saxophone’ by Gregory Johnson unveiled on Academy Street at City Center
 - Miscellany Exhibit – ‘The Laborer’ won first place on public poll; request at June 17 Council meeting to purchase sculpture with budgeted funds; ‘Scorpion’ moves to Arts Center as 4-year rent-to-own
 - Omnium Gatherum Exhibit – New outdoor exhibit to replace Miscellany; Arts Alpharetta juried the show; presenting at June 17 Council workshop

2. Park Services – Eric Milley

- Webb Bridge Park:
 - 34 pallets of sod placed at upper soccer field; work completed in-house
- Village Green:
 - Working on turf at the green; treating like athletic field with maintenance
- Fountain Park:
 - Gazebo pressure-washed, repaired, painted

3. Community Services – Amanda Musilli

- Alpharetta Special Events:
 - Alpharetta Arts Streetfest, new venue at Village Green
 - Estimated attendance of 15,000
 - Positive feedback received from artists and attendees
 - Council directive for sponsorship to offset cost of event
 - Sandy – more art community discussion for creative sponsorships
 - 2020 event ideas are already in the works!
 - Cost of event to City: \$16,605
 - Memorial Day Event: Rotary partnership; estimated attendance of 400
 - Food Truck Alley: Nearly reached annual sponsorship goal for this event
 - Brooke Street Park Summer Concerts:
 - Saturday, June 15; Alpharetta POPFest; Alzheimer's Association benefit concert
- Alpharetta Community Agriculture:
 - Summer crops are all in the ground and growing
 - Buckwheat cover crop was rolled last week with Roller-Crimper
 - Annual membership program raised over \$3250 for farm projects
 - Backyard Pollinator Paradise class taught by Ellen Honeycutt at Mansell House this past weekend, followed by visit to the Farm; coordinated by City's Environmental Education Coordinator Terry Porter and the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission

4. Wills Park and Equestrian Center – Matt Casey

- Equestrian Center (EC):
 - EC concession stand and restrooms have been painted
 - EC covered arena currently being prepped for painting this month
 - Painting scheduled for EC bathhouse and tennis center restrooms
 - All outdoor restroom floors to be sani-glazed
 - EC: concession, bathhouse
 - Park: tennis center, upper fields
- Wills Park:

- Summer Baseball season kicks off this weekend; working with Alpharetta Youth Baseball Association (AYBA) on installation of foul nets at Field 1 (1st/3rd baselines) to assist with safety for trail walkers
- Goats are coming back! Will be returning to park in coming weeks to help maintain undergrowth in specific areas

5. Recreation Services – Christine Young

- Athletics:
 - Summer Adult Softball; 45 teams; play begins this week
 - NEW: Summer Men's Basketball League; 14 teams
 - Ambush Select Soccer Fall Tryouts completed
- Summertime:
 - Summer Camps off and running!
 - Wills Park Day Camp full every session; 40+ on waitlists; looking at ways to expand and offer another full day camp site next summer
 - Update on July 4th Celebration, DJ, food truck, fireworks
- Adult Activity Center:
 - Alpharetta Golden Age Club's Sock Hop
 - Summer Trips: Stone Mtn. laser show, Scottish Festival, Atlanta Braves game, Peach-picking, Tubing (to be rescheduled)
 - Completion of new room targeted for September in old woodshop area
- Aquatics:
 - Sharks hosted Swim & Dive meets; two more home meets
 - Swim lessons started June 11
 - Water Aerobics; 30+ per session
 - Teen-Only Dive-In Movie; June 15; 'The Meg'
- Health & Wellness:
 - Adult trikes available at both Wills Park centers
 - Free classes downtown; yoga/fitness; held in Brooks Street Park and Formal Gardens
 - July is...National Park and Recreation Month; activities being planned
 - Music For All; intergenerational program at Adult Activity Center
- Exceptional Population:
 - BrewAble; now open at Community Center; coffee, scones, ice cream
 - Sensory & Adaptive Swim Night successful; more dates planned
 - Adapted Swim Lessons being offered
 - Camp Happy Hearts; full for all sessions with waitlist

6. Project Management – Kurt Kirby

- Park Signage (new signs):
 - First installation completed at Preston Ridge Park Greenway Access
 - Phased installation; entry signs, then wayfinding signs
- Park Security Initiative – Call Boxes:
 - Installation completed at Wills Park, North Park, Webb Bridge Park
- Eagle Scout Project:
 - Troop 51 led by Kevin Howard; working to replace demonstration planters at Rock Mill Park; three boxes completed
- Greenway Update:
 - With spring rains, up to 62 days of closure within past year period

B. Director Update

- No report

C. City Council

- No report

VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Cheryl Rand. Second by Dana Davis.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm
- Next Commission meeting: July 9, 2019 at 7pm