



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2019

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commissioner Sandy Barth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Sandy Barth, Shuntel Beach Dana Davis, Scott Doll, Kevin Johnson, Melissa Jurgens, Cheryl Rand, Jit Saha
- Commission absent: Dennis Mitchell
- City staff present: Department Director Morgan Rodgers, 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 September 10, 2019

- Motion by Melissa Jurgens to approve the minutes of September 10, 2019 as written. Second by Cheryl Rand.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Special Needs grant committee meet... number of applicants
- Listen to audio

VI. NEW BUSINESS - none

VII. REPORTS

A. Divisions:

1. Recreation Services – Christine Young

- Drool in the Pool recap – 200 attendees
- Upcoming Recreation Events:
 - Munchkin Masquerade ... Oct 26
 - Reels and Wheels ... Nov 9 ... Union Hill Park
- Athletics – Youth Basketball Program:
 - Assessments held Oct 6 ... practices begin week of Nov 11
 - Current enrollment ... Academy 99, Rec League 333
 - Numbers down from 2018 season about 150 non-residents
 - Academy trial outs are upcoming
- Adult Activity Center:
 - Veterans Day BBQ Lunch ... Nov 11... Mansell House
 - Tearing out and replacing deck behind the arts building at the center
 - Activity rooms being revamped for new purposes
- Health & Wellness: Walk-tober Challenge
 - Walks throughout the month at various times in parks
 - Open to community and as healthy activity for city employees
 - Participation prizes to be awarded to community and staff
- Other News:
 - Staff training – four staff attending American Management Association workshops for new supervisor experience, communication, etc.
 - Conferences – NRPA National Conference (two attendees); GRPA state conference (four Recreation Services attendees)
 - Question: Staff selection process? Evaluation of department needs, certification requirements, state committee leadership and engagement

2. Wills Park and Equestrian Center – Matt Casey

- Wills Park:
 - Ballfield Concession/Restroom Buildings, exterior painting complete
- Equestrian Center:
 - Trees pruned to raise canopy around the show rings and park
 - Bridge below Barn B, which connects walking trail and disc golf court, was replaced as an Eagle Scout project by Colton Belle Isle; plans approved; wood pre-treated

3. Community Services – Amanda Musilli

- Alpharetta Special Events:

- Scarecrow Harvest recap
 - First year in new location in Brooke Street Park
 - Estimated attendance ... 4000
 - Marketing reach increased from 638 in 2018 to 28, 000+ in 2019
- Wire & Wood Songwriters Festival, Oct 11-12 ... planning for 20-25K
 - Listening room in city council chambers is one of seven stages
- Special Events and Marketing Team is spectacular! Tremendous amount of enthusiasm, creativity, and team work to accomplish so much together
- Alpharetta Community Agriculture:
 - Scarecrow Harvest pumpkins recycled for October's Succulent Class
 - Hay bales will be for bedding the chickens over the winter
 - After fence installed, will evaluate what to move to farm (i.e. chick coop)

4. Park Services – Eric Milley

- Park Improvements:
 - Rucker Park ... working to get well operational, GA Power for meter
 - Raising tree canopies at all community parks ... Cogburn, Westside
- Park Enhancements:
 - Will be changing out seasonal color/planters downtown
 - Installation of metal 'flowers' at Webb Zone Playground completed
- In regard to a commissioner question, Morgan will bring City Arborist to Cogburn Park to see about adding to arboretum signage for trees at park

5. Cultural Services – Kim Zane

- Cultural Happenings:
 - *Music Match Program / Oak Steakhouse ... Oct 3*
 - *Friends of the Library Book Sale ... Oct 5*
 - *Alpharetta City Band Fall Concert ... Oct 6*
 - *Modern Color Exhibit by Alpha Arts Guild ... ongoing at Arts Center*
 - *Music Match Program / Holmes ... Oct 10*
 - *Poetry and Song ... Alpharetta Community Chorus ... Oct 13*
 - *Alpharetta Lions Club Membership Event ... Oct 13*
 - *Conversation Photography Lecture by GNPA ... Oct 16*
 - *The Log Cabin and Its Place in Alpharetta History ... Oct 17*
 - *Music Match Program / Jinya-Raman Bar ... Oct 19*
 - *Russian Tales of Intrigue ... Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra ... Oct 19*
 - *Arts Appreciation ... Arts Alpharetta ... Oct 21*
 - *Fat Boy Chronicles by Mike Buchanan ... Oct 22 for anti-bullying month*
 - *Music Match Program / Chiringa ... Oct 25*
 - *Fulton Families / Free Family Portraits ... Oct 26 ... Arts Center*
 - *Alpharetta Youth Symphony Orchestra's first concert ... Oct 27*
- History Update:

- *Stories Station Interviews* ... final round of edits for museum
- *Wreaths Across America Program* ... partnered program in December with Daughters of American Revolution, Alpharetta and Old Milton Historical Society
- Arts Center:
 - *Modern Colors* opening reception with works by Arts Alpharetta ... 156 attendees, Milton High School Orchestra performance
 - Open Call for Artists, Arts Alpharetta Holiday Market & Art Show, Dec 6-8
 - Sharing Alpharetta Elementary parking lot for events; great relationship
 - Cultural Services / Art Programming Grant ... application due Oct 30
- Special Needs:
 - Adaptive Rhythmic Arts / TRAP ... twice monthly program, \$50/month
 - Adaptive ceramics to be offered
 - Special Needs Grant ... received 13 applications for review
- Music / AMPS (Alpharetta Music Project Strategy):
 - Music Match Program update; program has been very successful
 - YMCA Stage Equipment ... removed and stored trusses, lights, flooring, panels; consultant to make a plan for use by City stages and partners
- Public Art / Sculptures:
 - Mural in Wills Park ... *#AlpharettaButterfly* ... repurposed piece in the park; completion October 11 by Alpharetta High School Apprentices
 - *Omnium Gatherum Exhibit* ... installs to occur October-November
 - Alpharetta Business Association ... 25th Anniversary Sculpture

6. **Project Management – Kurt Kirby**

- Park Development:
 - Windward Community Park redevelopment
 - Permitting phase complete; construction starts soon
 - Site work, trail construction awarded to Steele & Associates
 - Playground awarded to Great Southern Recreation Company
 - Amenities ordered ... picnic structures, tables, benches, swings, etc.
 - Mid-Broadwell Park:
 - Design and plan proposal requested from Pond & Company
 - Staff developing 'pop-up' park on property with mulch trail, parking, picnic table, trash cans; for community to enjoy while park developed
- Signage Replacement:
 - Sign Replacement Phase 1
 - First sign installation this week
 - Includes Rock Mill Park and North Point Park Greenway Access
 - Sign Replacement Phase 2
 - Trail route and wayfinding in Wills Park

- Design currently being finalized
- Community Service Projects:
 - Annual 'Rivers Alive' event held Sept 28
 - Volunteers (100+) picked up trash along the Greenway
 - Park beautification at Rock Mill Park

B. Director Update – Morgan Rodgers

- Department is the recipient of Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) award for Agency of the Year; numerous state-wide entries received; award will be presented at conference banquet in Dalton in November

C. City Council - none

VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Jit Saha. Second by Shuntel Beach.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm
- Next Commission meeting: November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm