



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2019

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commission Chair Dennis Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Sandy Barth, Shuntel Beach, Dana Davis, Scott Doll, Kevin Johnson, Melissa Jurgens, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand, Jit Saha
- Commission absent:
- 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: Jason Binder

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019

- Motion by Shuntel Beach to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019 as written. Second by Scott Doll.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS – none

VI. NEW BUSINESS – none

VII. REPORTS

A. Divisions:

- No reports for this month

B. Director Update – Morgan Rodgers

- Park Rules draft was workshopped with City Council. A few questions arose, which will be brought back to the Commission for discussion at the next workshop. Morgan will send out a report for review prior to workshop meeting.
- A few items to be taken to City Council for mid-year budget adjustments:
 - Asked to put together a report on the possibility for turfing Town Green. Due to usage and limited sunshine, this area consistently stays muddy. Abundant usage on the sod prevents even hardy grasses from growing. Also, limited by not being able to close the park during winter months to work on the grounds, as done with sports fields.
 - Updating sports fields area at Old Milton High School, which includes football, softball, baseball, soccer and practice fields, along with track, irrigation system and bathrooms. New STEM school will not be using these fields. Department is presenting a proposal to Fulton County, for the City to upgrade the fields with the investment in exchange for 10-year usage. Agreement would potentially begin Spring 2020, with first usage by Fall 2020.
- Greenway extension contract slated to go to City Council next Monday for approval. Details are available online in the council agenda packet. Plan is to start construction in January and would take until Spring 2021 to complete. Extension would run from Marconi to Windward, then as a greenway path along the road, dip back down near apartments, then continue to Union Hill. Forsyth County still considering options for connection to greenway on their side.
- As a side note on the greenway, potential is there to work with City of Roswell to address options for boardwalk repair projects in the future.
- Morgan distributed copy of presentation given to City Council – list of upcoming capital projects prepared by Parks, Public Works, and Public Safety. Includes tiers for implementation by each department. From parks:
 - Tier 1:
 - Wills Park Master Plan implementation is high priority, specifically Equestrian Center updates; show ring, parking lot, new barn
 - Restroom Initiative is another priority; renovations at current park facilities; new installations at greenway access parks
 - Alpha Loop; as development continues, park amenities along this trail access will also become a priority
 - Tier 2:
 - Continue new park development with design, plans, build

- Includes Old Rucker Park (11 acres beyond farm), Milton Avenue Park (by log cabin), Mayfield Park, Kimball/Waters Park, Heritage Park (by QT)
- Also includes strategic purchase of new park land as available
- Tier 3:
 - Boardwalk replacement plans
 - Replacement of wooden light poles in parks with concrete poles; replace old lights with LED
 - Build out for Wills Park Master Plan; Wacky World Playground, gateway park entries, signage, disc golf course renovation
 - North Park Field 2 turf replacement; install turf in upper fields at Webb Bridge Park
 - Staff working on project for reallocation of athletic fields to make multi-use vs. single sport use
- Partner Groups – With more partner groups continually being added, annual presentations will occur in a different way. Groups will meet regularly with staff liaisons, then present individually to Commission once a year. Presentations will be scheduled throughout the calendar, with more time for detailed reporting.

C. City Council – Jason Binder

- In preparation for mid-year and upcoming budget, several departments were asked to present capital project lists with priority implementation, for Council to consolidate and compare for cost-effectiveness or potential funding options.
- This kick-started conversation for where to add new maintenance funds, instead of ongoing capital funds. Allows for more preventative maintenance more frequently, and potentially avoid one-time large project costs.
- Exciting upcoming year, with discussion amongst Council and community for their interests in park development.

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 6:38 pm
- Next Commission meeting: January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- Reminder: No workshop meeting for December