RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
6:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barth called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)(Absent)
- Sandy Barth (Chair)
- Shuntel Beach
- Scott Doll
- John Norton
- Karla Piedrahita
- Cheryl Rand
- Arijit Saha

Staff Present

- Morgan Rodgers, Director ARPS
- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager
- Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2021

- ❖ Commissioner Saha offered a motion to approve.
  - Commissioner Piedrahita seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved (7-0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII.

a. Director Rodgers announced the resignation of Kevin Johnson.

b. Recognition of Luna Du Clou and Ella Gibson as the Kayla Canedo and Brittany Feldman Scholarship Award Winners - Mary Sandefur, AYSA Vice Commissioner Rec

- The winners read their essays to the Commission

c. E-Bikes on the Greenway

Director Rodgers discussed:

- Background of House Bill 454
- What is currently allowed under state law and city code.
- Recommended that the City allow Class 1 & 2 E-Bikes on the Greenway

There was discussion from the Commission:

- Bikes are able to go up to speed of 20 mph
- Current speed on limit on greenway is 15 mph
- All bikes should ride at speed limit regardless of if motorized
- Neighboring cities allow E-bikes
- Evaluate in coming months for issues
- Enforcement issues
- Safety issues
- Bike Patrol does spend time on the Greenway

- ❖ Commissioner Saha offered a motion to recommend change to exclude Class 1, 2 and 3 from the Greenway
  - Commissioner Piedrahita seconded the motion.
  - The motion failed (2-4) (Barth, Doll, Norton, Peidrahita)

There was discussion after the motion that we receive feedback from the Bike Patrol and bring back to the Commission in six months for a full report.

VIII. REPORTS

a. DIVISIONS

Recreation Services - Christine Young

Christine Young gave updates for Community Services and Cultural Services as well as Recreation Services.

- Community Services Update

  Events
  - Food Truck Alley continues under new management
  - Scarecrow Harvest Applications begin 8.17.21
  - Season of Celebration
  - Holiday Décor Plan
    - New Christmas Tree to be located on the Town Green near Fountain

  Agriculture
  - Pollinator Census Count August 21
  - Fall Plant & Seed Pickup September 4
  - Farm Workdays September 4 and October 24
  - Movie at Farm September 17
  - Harvest Picnic and Plant Swap October 2

  Cultural Services
  - Upcoming Cultural Happenings
  - Arts Center Events
  - Public Art
  - Music
  - History

Recreation Services

- Programming Update:
  - Summer wrap-up
  - Looking towards School Year Programming
  - Open registration begins August 11, 2021

- School Year Programming Highlights:
  - Boot, Scoot and Boogie Country Themed Family Dance 2/12
  - Tot Time Ages 1-4, Fridays, one hour, Free. Story Time, Cooking Class, Art and Crafts, Outdoor Exploration
  - 3V3 March Madness Adult Basketball Tournament 3/19-20
  - Additional Pickleball lessons and instructor

- Aquatics
  - Pool update: change of hours, weekends only through August

Park Services - Kurt Kirby

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Park Development

- **Innovation Complex Athletics Facilities:**
  - Completed: Stadium Restoration, Baseball field conversion to soccer, and field house demo.
  - In progress: Visitor side restrooms renovations
  - Upcoming: removal of the main field fencing, fencing around the stadium under homes stands, visitor side stand restoration.
  - Games will start on the main field in September

- **Wills Park Maintenance Site work and Equestrian Arena build:** Out to bid August 6.
- **Will Park Maintenance Facility building design is in the final stages.**

Park Improvements and Enhancements

- **North Park 1—4 Playground Replacement**: equipment being installed
- **North Park Turf 2 Replacement:** Bids are due August 13.
- **Greenway access at Beaver Creek Park (AMLI): Trail replacement feasibility study:** in Progress

WILLS PARK:

- Tennis Court Resurfacing project will happen next week. Additional items will include pressure washing courtyard, new back board, and new windscreens. We are also looking into a lighting upgrade.
- Equestrian Center- Shows have been well attended. We will be adding new material to repair heavy usage as well as weather damaged areas.
- Dog Park received some new mulch and stone. The area from the dog park to the Community Center will have some underbrush removed starting next week.
- **BEST DANG BALLFIELDS IN THE STATE** will start to get aerated and sanded next week. Barry and staff have done an excellent job as usual in keeping the fields in great shape.

PARK SERVICES:

Park Repairs

- North Park 7-8 trail repairs: in progress
- North Park Field 1 outfield safety improvements: in progress
- Athletic fence repairs: Receiving quotes on much needed fencing will repair at North Park and Webb Bridge Park.
- Service Contracts**:**
  - Downtown and City Center fountain cleaning/maintenance contract for are up for renewing at the end of this year. The contract includes village green, the 3 at city hall/Brooke St., the 3 smaller ones at Old Milton, La'Casa, and Nest.
  - Landscape maintenance contracts will be up for renewal this winter.
  - Trash receptacles maintenance for the downtown area. There are about 80 cans total that require 7 day of week Service.

b. DIRECTOR - Morgan Rodgers

c. CITY COUNCIL

IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Kayden Fooshee, 7245 Avalon Boulevard, Alpharetta, GA 30009 discussed the need for a Skatepark near Avalon or Downtown area.

X. Adjournment

- Commissioner Rand offered a motion to adjourn
  - Commissioner Doll seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved (7-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.