



**RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2021**
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
- VII. REPORTS**
 - a. DIVISIONS**
 - b. DIRECTOR**
- VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**



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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

a. Welcome New Commissioner Jeremy Scott.

II. ROLL CALL

Members

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

Staff Present

- Morgan Rodgers, Director ARPS
- Kim Zane, Cultural Arts Services Manager
- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager
- Eric Milley,
- Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2021

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

Commissioner Rand was not present for the approval of the minutes.

V. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Kaylan Sriramaneni, 12015 Castleton Ct, Alpharetta, 30022

Request to reconsider moving Badminton Saturday play from ACC to WPRC or form a committee to study.

Reasons:

1. Not enough courts available
2. Need better quality wooden courts
3. Need Higher Ceilings
4. Open Gym at WPRC was empty

VI. REPORTS

a. DIVISIONS

Kim Zane presented Cultural Services Report

1. Upcoming Cultural Happenings

- o *Let's Face It / Portrait Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery
- o *Charles Permann Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery
- o *Music Match Live Shows in Sept (more to come in Oct)*
 - Sept 4 at 12pm Anslee Davidson @ Urban Hardware
 - Sept 4 at 7pm Rocco Gorelik @ Four Fat Cows
 - Sept 16 at 7pm Brian Wiltsey @ The Clothes Horse
 - Sept 18 at 7pm TBD @ Minnie Olivia Pizzeria
 - Sept 26 at 7pm TBD @ Central City Tavern
- o Milton High School 100th Anniversary Student Art Show – City Hall Community Gallery Exhibit Opens Sept 15 / Reception on Sat, Sept 23 at 6pm
- o Annual Historical Society Luncheon & Officers Swearing-In – Shack Lewis Home 184 Canton St / September 19 from 1-4pm
- o *Let's Face It / Portrait Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery through Oct 6
- o *The Promise of Tomorrows* by Metropolitan Ballet – Alpharetta Arts Center Outdoor Terrace Oct 2 at 2pm
- o *Family Day at the Arts Center* – October 9 from 10am-2pm
- o *Slice of Life Exhibit* – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery – Exhibit Opens Oct 20 / Reception on Saturday Oct 23 at 6pm
- o *Shakespeare in the Park / The Tempest* – Wills Park Grand Pavilion Fri & Sat, October 15 & 16 and & 22 & 23 at 7:30pm
- o *FFA Log Cabin Grand Opening* with Alpharetta Old Milton County Historical Society– Milton Avenue Park on October 16 from 10am-2pm
- o *New Georgia Woman Project: Black Women Speak* with Horizon Theatre Company – Fri-Sun, October 28, 29, 30 (Times – TBD) Times will be confirmed by the beginning of October.

2. Arts Center

- a. "Artober" Brochure - list of events celebrating Arts & Humanities Month in Alpharetta

3. Public Art

- a. Public Art Guidelines Committee – First Meeting 9.15.21
- b. Proposed Murals: Xavi Mural & North Point Mural

4. Music

- a. Busking Guidelines Committee – Bi-Weekly Meetings

5. Black History Month Preparation

Amanda Musilli presented for Recreation Services and Community Services

1. Recreation Services Report

Programming Update:

- o School Year Programming has begun; registration numbers are looking great!
- o Open Gym Basketball started up yesterday after being shut down for 18 months at the Alpharetta Community Center- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; WPRC Tuesdays, Thursdays: specific hours during the day.

Special Events:

- o October 2- North Fulton Special Needs Task Force

Alpharetta, Roswell, Milton, John's Creek, and the YMCA will sponsor an Adaptive Field Day for all ages on the event lawn behind the ACC, 10am-1pm. The day will provide fun field activities, snacks, and a box lunch. Free to participants but must be pre-registered through City of Alpharetta's recreation registration system. Looking for volunteers and sponsors. Contact Lindsey Pritchard if interested. lpritchard@alpharetta.ga.us

Athletics

- o Youth Athletic Leagues (Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer) are well into their Fall season.
- o Adult Softball, Teen and Adult Basketball started this week.
- o Youth basketball program registration continues; practices begin in November. Expanded the program to go to 12th grade and include the teens.
- o Soccer transition has been smooth.

Health & Wellness

- o Couch to 5k started last week with 43 participants. Program is in person and virtual (program is sent to participants). Still had over 25 come out and run in Wills Park with Cara. The cooler weather is welcome!
- o Walk-tober will begin October 1st. If anyone wants to volunteer to lead a one hour walk contact Cara. The more leaders, the better! We walk in Wills Park, on the Greenway, Cogburn Park, Webb Bridge Park and on the Alpha Loop. Times and days TBD.
cprell@alpharetta.ga.us.

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2. Community Services Report

• Upcoming Special Events

- o Scarecrow Festival
- o European Market
- o Farmers Market
- o Fitlife Expo
- o Wire & Wood Songwriters Festival

- o Brew Moon Festival
- **Old Rucker Park Public Input Presentation**
- **Old Rucker Farm Video**

Eric Milley presented for Park Services, Wills Park and Projects.

- **Innovation complex Athletics Facilities**
 - o All of the major elements of the restoration plan have been completed
 - o Painting of the maintenance facility and fencing additions under home stands still need to be completed
- **Upcoming RFP's**
 - o **Wills Park Equestrian Center Arena**
 - o **Wills Park Improvements**
- **Webb Bridge Park**
 - o Athletic fence repairs complete.
- **North Park**
 - o 1- 4 Playground Replacement – awaiting install date on perimeter fencing.
 - o Turf 2 Replacement – On the 9.20.21 Council Agenda for approval with Sprinturf as the recommended vendor.
 - o 7-8 Trail Repairs are complete.
 - o Fence Repairs awaiting purchase order approval.
- **Wills Park**
 - o Maintenance Site Work Bid was extended until 9.14.21.
 - o Maintenance Facility Building design is in the permitting phase.
 - o Fields 7/8 Bleachers – additional shade was added.
 - o New swing overlooking the equestrian center has been installed.
 - o Tennis Court resurfacing is complete.
 - o Tennis Court Lights
 - LED Lights can not be installed on existing poles.
 - Staff will check to see if lights are able to be angled downward.
- **Trash Receptacle Maintenance Contract** for the downtown has been awarded. Staff will continue to supplement also.

b. DIRECTOR

Director Rodgers discussed:

- North Park Artificial Turf Replacement
- Bus Replacement for Adult Activity Center
- Union Hill Park Hockey Rink Removal
- North Main St. Park Updates
- Restroom at Old Rucker Park Farm

There was discussion from the Board on Safety at Wills Park.

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

Cultural Services Report / October 2021

1- Upcoming Cultural Happenings

- *Music Match Live Shows October Thru December – See attached schedule*
- Milton High School 100th Anniversary Student Art – City Hall Community Gallery
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2- Updates

- Art & Culture New Webpage Launched for Cultural Services
- “Artober” Brochure - list of events celebrating Arts & Humanities Month in Alpharetta
- Alpharetta Arts & Humanities Month in October - Proclamation Read at Oct 4 Council Meeting – Accepted by Cultural Arts Commission & Arts Alpharetta
- Black History & Celebration(s) – Discussion Meeting with Local Church, Art Group and History Group
- Public Art – A-Sculpture – Details resent to City Attorney for Review

Community Services Report

- **Special Events**

- Scarecrows are up and the People's Choice Award will take place from 10/8-10/17; don't forget to vote for your favorite!
- Season of Celebration – Fridays, Dec 3, 10 and 17. A variety of activities will take place each Friday, ranging from falling snow, photos with Santa, caroling, and beautiful photo backdrops for families to take photos. More details to be published in the coming weeks.

- **Marketing**

- The department marketing is currently very busy with requests from Divisions for all classes, events, and sports – all things are moving full force and people are coming back which is great! Couch to 5K was successful in signing up 43 people, compared to the last one which was around 10 – we increased the marketing efforts, added additional graphics including banners and signs with a registration QR code that seemed effective in addition to the extra social push.
- Current events and activities being supported by marketing: Food Truck Alley, Wire & Wood Music Festival, Scarecrow Harvest, Family Day at Arts Center, upcoming classes & workshops at Arts Center, Winter Basketball Registration & Evaluations, Fall/Winter School Break Camps coming up, ARTober series for Cultural Services, Biketober with Health & Wellness in partnership with Georgia Commute Options, Trails & Ales – walk & bike ride events, Halloween Boo Bash at Rec Center, Halloween at ACC, New Toddler Program at ARC called Tot Time – every Friday with a different theme, National Hispanic Heritage Month, Couch to 5K

- **Community Agriculture**

- Annual Member Harvest Picnic was on 10/2 and about 50 people attended. It was a quintessential community event. Thank you, Jit, for attending and helping direct the grilling.
- 2022-member renewal opens for current members on Nov 1 and to welcome new members on Nov 8
 - Two new elements to the program this year:
 1. The cut flower program, which will distribute flower bulbs, tubers, seeds, and seedlings 3x per year, similarly to the vegetable program we currently offer
 2. All 2022 members will also become North Fulton Young Farmer members. It is possible that the North Fulton Young Farmer chapter may be the largest (or 2nd largest) in the state!
- The Community Agriculture Advisory Board has been revived and will begin meeting monthly on October 20th
- Grant applications for the Food Well Alliance City Agriculture Plan are due 10/15. If awarded to Alpharetta, it would mean a comprehensive plan developed with the Atlanta Regional Commission and a \$75,000 grant. We applied in 2018, but it was awarded to East Point.