



**RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
5:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2022
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Alcohol at The Grove in Wills Park
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Audrey Brinser -Recognition for Construction of Bocce Ball Court
 - b. Jason Kervin, Head Football Coach, Alpharetta High School
 - c. Youth Athletic Association Annual Report - NAFL
- VII. REPORTS**
 - a. **DIVISIONS**
 - Park Services
 - Recreation Services
 - Community Services
 - Cultural Services
 - b. **DIRECTOR**
 - c. **CITY COUNCIL**
- VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 11, 2022

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I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Election of Officers for 2022

- ❖ Commissioner Rand nominated Commissioner Mitchell as Chair for 2022.
 - Commissioner Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (7-0)

- ❖ Commissioner Genet nominated Commissioner Andrews as Chair for 2022.
 - Commissioner Cookson seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (7-0)

b. Welcome Councilman Hipes as ARPCS Liaison.

II. ROLL CALL

III. Members

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

- **Staff Present**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director ARPS
 - Kurt Kirby, Project Manager
 - Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager
 - Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager
 - Eric Milley, Park Services
 - Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator

- Michael Stacey, City Attorney

Council Present

- Jim Gilvin, Mayor
- John Hipes, Liaison ARPCS

IV. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes November 9, 2021

Commissioner Rand offered a motion to approve

- Commissioner Doll seconded the motion
- The motion was approved (7-0)

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. DIVISIONS

1. Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager

Recreation Services Report

Programming Update:

- Winter session continues with enrollment close to normal; Spring session starts February 28th.
- Couch to 5K started up again today (1/11)
- Holiday camps (gymnastics, dance, and basketball) were very successful the last two weeks of the year.

Staffing update:

- Rec Services team has developed a hiring strategy to address seasonal hiring which includes going to the high schools and having a presence during the lunch hours. Also, utilizing current and returning staff that attend those schools to be part of the recruiting process. The goal, especially at the pool, is to hire some younger guards that can be retained through their high school years and for availability after the college students return to school.
- Hiring for seasonal positions will begin the first week of February and run through late April.
- Contract with YMCA to provide swim instruction

2. Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator gave report for Cultural Services

Upcoming Cultural Happenings

- *From the Artist's Studio: Mark Braught, Laura Freeman, and C.F. Payne / Alpharetta Arts Center / Through Feb 4, 2022*

- Illustrator show shares the work of three famous artists: original *Harry Potter*'s paintings and sketches; Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award for *Hidden Figures*; and illustrator with images in *Time Magazine*
- *Alpharetta Music Club* – Tyler Hartley, Harpist / Sun, Jan 8 / 3-5:30pm / \$30 Ticket (classical music show, wine and hors d'oeuvres) / Arts Center Black Box
- *Dream Big* / Sat, Jan 15 / Alpharetta Arts Center
 - i. *Dream Vision Workshop* with Ashley King / 12-2pm / Help Youth envision their dreams and goals / Register
 - ii. Meet the Artist Laura Freeman / Illustrator of the Children Book "Hidden Figures" & Other Works in the Arts Center Gallery Exhibit / 2-3pm
- *Harry Potter Day* / Jan 22 / Alpharetta Arts Center
 - i. Teen Illustration Workshop 12:30-3:30pm / Register
 - ii. Kids Rotating Art Activities 1:30-3:30pm / Register
 - iii. Meet the Artist and Talk by Mark Braught / Illustrator of the Harry Potter Series / 4-5:30PM
- *Maytag Virgin* presented by ACT1 Theater / Feb 11 & 12, 18 & 19 / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / \$20 Tickets at <https://act1theater.org/shows>
- *Official Bob Ross Technique Class* / Feb 12 / 10am-2:30pm / Register

Public Art

- Public Art Reviews & Cultural Arts Commission – Approved (3) New Public Art Sculptures at Lakeview Development and (1) Mural Enrichment Feature at Avalon / Nike Store
- Online Story Map Tours Available on the City Website / Arts & Culture
 - i. Public Art: https://alpharetta.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=cf_a5e8876ca847818df8c23bf282d367
 - ii. History: https://alpharetta.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=db_252f4c790b45e1af0184eddbbfdca3

Music & Performances

- *How a Song Can Change Your Life* / Jenn Bostic - Arts Center Black Box Podcast Released Dec 12: – Listen on all major podcast outlets and at asongcanchangeyourlife.com & watch at facebook.com/homebydark

3. Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager

- Marketing Summer Guide
- There will be camps in all divisions in 2022
- Taste of Alpharetta Website will be launched in February
- Taste of Alpharetta date is May 12, 2022
- Food Truck Alley will be the 4th Thursday of each month from April to October

- AG Programs will have 3 weeks of ½ day summer camps
- Farm T-Shirts update

4. **Kurt Kirby, Park Services Manager** **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Bond Projects:

- The bond program has been launched. Public Works has allocated one of their engineers to assisted with the program. The goal is to have at least 8 projects through procurement in this calendar year.
- Webb Bridge Turf and Mid-Broadwell Park are expected to break ground first during this calendar year.

Park Development

- **Union Hill Park:** Wayfinding signage is production. This will complete the Greenway extension project. This will not be affected by the upcoming re-development with the bond project.

• Park Improvements and Enhancements

- **North Park Turf 2 Replacement:** Installation was completed ahead of schedule and on budget.
- **Webb Bridge Tennis Courts:** reoccurring resurfacing and enhancements have been completed.

• WILLS PARK:

- **Wills Park Maintenance Site work and Equestrian Arena build:** site work began the week of December 13. This is expected to be a 120 project
 - **Wills Park Maintenance Facility:** Bids are due February 3,
 - There was discussion of bidding process
 - Memorial Program Recap and Discussion

b. DIRECTOR

Morgan Rodgers gave report.

- Recap of Happenings in ARPCS
- Partner Organizations at Meetings
- Lacrosse
- Badminton

c. COUNCIL

Mayor Gilvin and Council Member Hipes addressed the Commission.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

ARTICLE X. PUBLICLY-OWNED FACILITIES¹

Sec. 4-257. Exception for publicly-owned facilities.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a limited exception to sections 4-6 and 4-47, shall exist for that person or entity possessing a public facilities permit, as hereinafter defined.
- (b) For all purposes of this section, the term "public facilities" means:
 - (1) An historic structure owned by the city and operated as a welcome center by a local historical society or similar nonprofit organization; or
 - (2) Property and/or facilities owned by the city and operated by the city as an equestrian center.
 - (3) Property owned by the city and operated by the city as The Grove in Wills Park.**
- (c) Any person or entity desiring to engage in activities permitted by this section shall make written application to the director of community development for the appropriate public facilities permit on forms prescribed by the director of community development, and filed with the director of community development. All applications shall be accompanied by a public facilities permit fee of \$50.00. If the application is denied, or if the applicant withdraws the application prior to its approval, the license fee, without interest, shall be refunded. The application shall include, but shall not be limited to: the name and address of the applicant, the date, address and times of the proposed event and the location of the public facility. All applications shall be sworn to by the applicant before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.
- (d) If such public facilities permit is granted by the director of community development, it shall be good only for the specified event at the specified address and times set forth in the application, not to exceed five days for an equestrian center, **The Grove in Wills Park** and one day for a welcome center.
- (e) A public facilities permit for an equestrian center shall only permit the permit holder to serve (not sell) alcoholic beverages in a hospitality tent or similar structure previously approved by the director of community development, and the alcoholic beverages may only be consumed on the premises of such hospitality tent or similar structure.

¹State law reference(s)—Sale of alcoholic beverages at publicly-owned facilities, O.C.G.A. § 3-8-1 et seq.

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Park Services Report

February 2022

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Bond Projects:

- Nothing has changed from the schedule that was presented at the January workshop (See the attached).
- Waters Road Park community feedback meetings will be held in February.

Park Development

- **Union Hill Park:** Wayfinding signage is close to completion. All the signs are installed. We are waiting for the concrete pad to be poured at the welcome kiosk.
- **Memorial/Tribute Program:** is now live on the City website.

PARK SERVICES

Park Repairs, Improvements and Enhancements

- Design for the boardwalk replacement at Mansell Road are underway.
- Design for the Beaver Creek Access Park repairs are 90% complete. The intent is to have these two projects completed around the same time frame.
- Ballfield renovations continue to occur are all Parks.
- The parks landscape maintenance contract Request for Proposals (RFP) opened on February 1.

WILLS PARK:

- **Wills Park Maintenance Site work and Equestrian Arena build:** is moving along with expected material and rain delays
- **Wills Park Maintenance Facility:** Bids are due February 10

Equestrian Center

- Site work for arena project and new maintenance facility has started.
- Horseshows have started back for a busy event schedule for the year.

Ballfields

- Staff has added new material to all infields at the facility. Practices started last week.
- New mulch was added to the Dog park.
- Field 4 baseline was repaired with new turf. This will provide a safe playing surface.

Parks Bond Projects

Public Works is going to manage the design and construction of the Bond Projects for Recreation/Parks/Cultural Services. RPCS will be at the table to make decisions regarding project specifics, the day-to-day oversight of the consultants and contractors will be led by Public Works.

- **Mid-Broadwell Park - \$0.5M**
 - Design – Bid – Construction
 - Engineering firm has been procured to complete the design and once design has been completed and permitted the project will be bid out.
- **Waters Road - \$1.25M**
 - Team is working on preparing the necessary specification as well as obtaining topographic surveys to implement a Design/Build approach to complete the project
 - This means a team will be hired to design and build the project to enable the project to come in at the allocated dollars in the bond.
- **Old Rucker - \$3M**
 - CM at Risk Method – This method will enable the team to keep the project in line with the budget due to the vast uncertainty of materials. The CM at Risk Model has the designer collaborating with the contractor during the design process to keep the project with the budget.
 - RFP for Design
 - RFP for CM
 - Parks will receive input from the community, unless what was already accomplished is sufficient
 - The project will include elements for the Park and additional elements associated with the Farm are not included in the current scope.
- **Union Hill - \$3.25M**
 - CM at Risk Method - This method will enable the team to keep the project in line with the budget due to the vast uncertainty of materials. The CM at Risk Model has the designer collaborating with the contractor during the design process to keep the project with the budget.
 - RFP for design
 - RFP for CM
 - This Park changes quite a bit from the initial concept given the greenway traverses around the outdoor rink.
 - One critical component of the project is connecting to the future 10' sidewalk along McGinnis Ferry Road.
- **WB Park Soccer Turf - \$1M**
 - RFP Design-Build
 - Project will be advertised in Q1 of 2022

- **Wills Park Improvements -\$6M**
 - RFP Design
 - Goal is to have an RFP for Design on the Street prior to July 1, 2022
- **Wills Park Equestrian - \$5M**
 - RFP Design
 - Goal is to have an RFP for Design on the street prior to July 1, 2022
- **Alpha Loop - \$7.5M**
 - Look at connecting HBR to Lakeview Development and Encore Parkway via a Tunnel under HBR, like the new tunnel under Windward for the Greenway
- **Farmhouse -\$2M**
 - No specific timetable at this time due to GDOT revising the timeline associated with the GA 400 Express Lanes and since the GA 400 EL project has not been fully designed it is best to know what we are dealing with prior to designing any improvements.

Recreation Commission Meeting February 8, 2022 5:30pm

Recreation Services Report

Programming Update:

- Gearing up for summer!
- Summer Activity Guide is complete and will be available online and at the centers next week. Registration for Summer programs begins March 2nd for residents; Open registration March 16th.
- Family Dance: Boot, Scoot and Boogie (Western Theme) is Saturday February 12th, 6-9pm at the ACC.

Staffing update:

- Still in the process of interviewing for the Aquatics Supervisor II position.
- Kristen Liggett, Athletics Supervisor has accepted a Recreation Manager job in Macedonia, OH and will be moving there with her family and to be closer to family. She has served the City well in the time she has been here, growing the athletics program and bringing in new and exciting programs and camps in her role as a Supervisor. She has been a great team member and she will be missed. Her last day is February 15th.
- Hiring for seasonal positions is open and we are looking for summer staff!

Community Services Division – Feb Rec Commission Report

- Marketing
 - Summer Guide is at the printer, will have online this week and in-hand next week
 - Asking for photo submissions for future marketing efforts, community sends us the best photos!
- Events
 - Taste of Alpharetta restaurant applications go live 2/2
 - We have a great scheduled of events for 2022 (No need to read the events)
 - MLK Walk – Thursday, January 6
 - Alpharetta Polar Bear Plunge – Saturday, February 5
 - Farmers Market – Saturdays, beginning April 2
 - Food Truck Alley - 4th Thursdays, April through October
 - K-9 5K – Saturday, May/June (date pending)
 - Taste of Alpharetta - Thursday, May 12
 - Brooke Street Home By Dark Concert Series - 2nd Saturdays, May through September
 - Art in the Park – 3rd Saturday & Sunday, May + last Sat & Sun, June through September
 - Alpharetta PopFest – Saturday, May 21
 - Alpharetta Arts Streetfest – Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29
 - Memorial Day Tribute – Monday, May 30
 - Brew Moon (Spring) – Saturday, June 4
 - Alpharetta Wine Festival – Sunday, June 12
 - Fourth of July - Monday, July 4
 - IronKids Triathlon – Saturday, September TBD
 - 9/11 Remembrance Day – Sunday, September 11
 - Scarecrow installation - Saturday, September 17 (tentative)
 - Brew Moon (Fall) – Saturday, September 24
 - Mayor’s Challenge 5K – Thursday, September 29
 - Alpharetta High School Pep Rally – Saturday, October TBD
 - Grilling & Gridiron – Saturday, October 1
 - Wire & Wood - Friday & Saturday, October 7 & 8
 - FitLife EXPO – Sunday, October 16
 - Season of Celebration - Fridays, December 2 & 9 (tentative)
- Community Ag
 - Steering Committee Forming for the City Ag Plan
 - Planning City Ag Plan focus groups for March/April with Food Well Alliance
 - Community Ag Program events kick off
 - Feb 19 – Cold Weather Seed Pick Up
 - Mar 19 – Cold Weather Plant Pick Up
 - April 23 – Warm Weather Seed and Plant Pick Up
 - April 23 – 1st Community Work Day of 2022

Cultural Services Report -- February 2022

1- Upcoming Cultural Happenings

****Online Calendar** <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>

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- *Live Discussion with Ngor Kur Mayol* – Inspiring story of survival as a former Lost Boy of Sudan / Feb 10 / 7pm / Alpharetta City Hall Community Room / Free
- *Official Bob Ross Technique Class* / Feb 12 / 10am-2:30pm / Register
- *Alpharetta Music Club Monthly Performance*– Ryan William Gregory, Violist & Violinist / Sun, Feb 13 / 3-5pm / Arts Center Black Box / \$30 Ticket at <https://alpharettamusicclub.com/> (includes classical music show, wine and hors d'oeuvres)
- *The Potter's Hand Gallery Exhibit* / Opening Feb 8 & Reception Feb 19 at 4:30pm / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Free
- *LaVonne Jones Electric Violin Performance* / Feb 26 / 7pm / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / Free
- *Why Jazz Matters- Jazz and Rich Oral History by bassist Edwin Williams* / March 11 / 8pm / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / Free

2- Black History & Celebrations Committee Update – Plans Throughout 2022

3- Arts Center, Public Art & History

- Studio Movie Grill Mural – Completed & Artist Unveiling
- New Spring Art Guide Available

4- Cultural Grant for Services / Art Leader Groups - Reactivate Funding

5- Future Arts & Culture Items

- i. Street Performer Guidelines
- ii. Public Art Guidelines
- iii. Park Bond --- Infuse Arts & Culture In all the Parks
- iv. Arts Alpharetta MOU
- v. Alpharetta Old Milton County Historical Society MOU