



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 11, 2022

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Election of Officers for 2022

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

- ❖ Commissioner Rand nominated Commissioner Saha as Vice-Chair for 2022.
 - Commissioner Scott 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 (absent)
- 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.