RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 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 February 8, 2022**

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **a. Alpharetta Ambush Soccer Club Annual Presentation**

VII. REPORTS

- **a. DIVISIONS**
- **b. DIRECTOR**
- **c. CITY COUNCIL**

VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

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II. **ROLL CALL**

I. **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
- Kim Zane, Cultural Arts Services Manager
- Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator
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III. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2022

- Commissioner Rand offered a motion to approve with corrections
  - Commissioner Piedrahita seconded the motion
  - The motion was approved (8-0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Alcohol at the Grove in Wills Park

Staff proposed revising Sec. 4-257. Exception for publicly owned facilities of the City Code to allow alcohol in "The Grove at Wills Park" with the proposed changes in Red

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.

There was discussion on access points into the Grove. Director Rodgers explained that we are looking for approval to move the Ordinance Change forward to City Council. All the details will be decided going forward. That could be brought back to a Commission Workshop or Meeting if needed.

- Commissioner Norton offered a motion to approve the Ordinance change to be moved forward.
  - Commissioner Doll seconded the motion
  - The motion was approved (7-1) (Rand voting no)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Audrey Brinser -Recognition for Construction of Bocce Ball Court

Kurt Kirby, Manager of Parks Services presented Audrey Brinser with an award.

b. Jason Kervin, Head Football Coach, Alpharetta High School

Coach Kervin discussed the football program and importance of support in the Community.

c. Youth Athletic Association Annual Report – NAFL

Vaughn Lemoine gave a report on the North Atlanta Football League and feeder programs for Alpharetta and Milton.

VII. REPORTS

a. DIVISIONS

1. Christine Young, Manager of Recreation Services presented report for Recreation Services and Community Services

Recreation Services Report Programming Update:

- 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. 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.
  - Tyler Spinnenweber will be taking the position of Athletics Supervisor.
  - Hiring for seasonal positions is open and we are looking for summer staff!

Overview for Community Services Division

- **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
  - Current list of City and Partnered Events for 2022
    - 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 Agriculture**

  - 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 Workday of 2022

2. Park Services

Kurt Kirby, Manager of Parks Services presented reports for Park Services and the Parks Bond projects.

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 17.

3. Cultural Services

Zane, Manager of Cultural Services presented report.

1- Upcoming Cultural Happenings
**Online Calendar https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services

- *From the Artist's Studio: Mark Braught, Laura Freeman, and C.F. Payne / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Through Feb 4, 2022*
  - o Illustrator Exhibit with original *Harry Potter's* paintings and sketches; Coretta

Scott King Illustrator Award for *Hidden Figures*; and illustrator with images in *Time Magazine*

- *Maytag Virgin* presented by ACT1 Theater / Feb 11 & 12, 18 & 19 / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / $20 Tickets at https://act1theater.org/shows
- *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

b. DIRECTOR

Director Rodgers discussed:

1. Priorities for Wills Park
2. Closing Highway 9 for Taste of Alpharetta
3. Home by Dark Concert
4. Success of Cultural Arts Program in the past four years

c. CITY COUNCIL

VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. A citizen commended Audrey Brinser on her Eagle Scout Project.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.