



**RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING
APRIL 12, 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 Recreation Commission minutes from March 8, 2022**
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
- VII. REPORTS**
 - a. DIVISIONS**
 - b. DIRECTOR - FIVE YEAR REPORT**
 - c. CITY COUNCIL**
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 8, 2022

Office of the City Clerk

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

This summary is provided as a convenience and service to the public, media and staff. It is not the intent to record proceedings verbatim. Any reproduction of this summary must include this notice. Public comments are noted as heard by the Commission, but not quoted or paraphrased. This document includes limited presentation by the Commission and invited speakers in summary form.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Chairman Mitchell announced that a quorum was present.
- Commissioners
 - Dennis Mitchell, Chair
 - Arijit (Jit) Saha, Vice Chair
 - Shuntel Beach
 - Brian (Scott) Doll
 - Karla Piedrahita
 - Jeremy Scott
- Commissioners Absent
 - John Norton
 - Cheryl Rand

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- ❖ Commissioner Saha offered a motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2022.
 - Commissioner Beach seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alpharetta Youth Baseball Association

- Daniel Burkett came forward to present this item.
 - Non-resident numbers are down, program is competing with travel baseball teams, and it is challenging to obtain volunteer coaches.
 - Several improvements have been made to the fields: sun-shades over bleachers, new bleachers, New Hero Wall, new scoreboard, removed old planter boxes.
 - 2022 Desired Projects: turf infields on fields 2, 5, 7 and T1 at Wills Park.
 - Field 5 and Field 2 are the priorities (drainage issues)

B. Alpharetta Ambush Soccer Club Annual Presentation

- Doug Yearwood came forward to present this item.
 - Currently have 5 staff and 5 Board of Directors
 - Club size combined between (Ambush + Rec) 1,175 players in 2021 and this spring 1,430 players.
 - 13% increase in travel teams
 - Growth: Innovation Complex (field space) and Christine's help with setting up registration beforehand.
 - \$10,000 in improvements created this year
 - 2022 Desired Projects: Webb Bridge Park parking lot as a one way loop or install 2 speed bumps, improvements to flood lights on fields, and restroom at Webb Bridge Park Trail (soccer restroom)
 - Interested in a tiny tots soccer program, walking soccer league for 50 and over

VII. REPORTS

A. Divisions

- Christine Young presented Cultural Services Report, Community Services Report, and Recreation Services Report.
 - March 11 – Why Jazz Matters at Black Box Theaters
 - March 13 – Arts Performance
 - April 11 – Art of Speculation Exhibit and Reception
 - May 17 – May 21 – Alpharetta Plein Air Event – Paint the Town the City
 - New Rental Process at the Arts Center
 - Taste of Alpharetta (20 restaurants registered so far, but struggling with labor shortage)

- Activity Guide is now available online
- City Agricultural Plan focus group events are scheduled from March through April
- The farm's goal is to grow 2,000 pounds for North Fulton Community Charities
- Summer registration is going great in just the past 5 days
- Bocce Ball ribbon cutting this morning (open play, senior league, and open play for special needs are ideas for this space)
- Teen and Adult Spring Leagues (basketball and softball)
- Trails and Ales (March 17) and free wellness events are gearing up
- Staffing: Aquatics supervisor has been hired (starting March 28), Tyler Spinnenweber promoted to Athletics Supervisor at Wills Park Recreation Center, and still hiring for seasonal positions
- Kurt Kirby presented Bond and Park Development Report, Parks Services Report, and Wills Park Report.
 - Parks landscape maintenance (RFP closed on March 1)
 - Athletic fencing repairs and additions at Innovation Academy and North Park (3, 4, 7, and 8)
 - Opening day for softball was a success
 - Wills Park maintenance shop (phasing approach) because bid came in much higher than expected.
 - Equestrian Center site work is on schedule and a pre-construction meeting is taking place this Wednesday

B. Director

- Morgan Rodgers
 - This is Elle Taylor's last meeting, as she has accepted a new position as the City Clerk of the City of Woodstock, Georgia.
 - Encouraged Commissioners to attend one of the input meetings for upcoming parks
 - Added new concert series (one at Union Hill Park), Home by Dark will do 10 Concerts at Union Hill (Friday and Saturday nights) – this will be a ticketed event.
 - Concerts in town green (1st and 3rd Friday in City Center)
 - April 2022 is Morgan's five-year anniversary, and he would like to give the Commission a five-year report.
- Commissioner Doll commented that the skateboarder from Innovation Academy

asked about any updates on the skateboarding facility.

C. City Council

- There were no City Council members present during this meeting.

VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- There were no public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- With there being no further items to consider or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk

Recreation Commission Report
Community Services Division
April 2022

Special Events

- 2022 will be the busiest event year yet – many new events coming to Alpharetta
- Farmers Market season has begun
- TOA 30th Anniversary – May 12, 5 – 10 PM
- May events:
 - 5/6 - City Center Concert Series
 - 5/6 - Home by Dark Concert at Union Hill Park
 - 5/7 - Farmers Market
 - 5/8 - Mother's Day Flower Festival
 - 5/12 - 30th Annual Taste of Alpharetta
 - 5/14 - Farmers Market
 - 5/14 - Home By Dark Concert series
 - 5/20 - City Center Concert Series
 - 5/21-22 - Art in the Park
 - 5/21 - Brooke Street Park - Alpharetta Pop Festival
 - 5/21 - Farmers Market
 - 5/22 - Peach Kids Triathlon
 - 5/26 - Food Truck Alley
 - 5/28 - Farmers Market
 - 5/28-29 - Alpharetta Arts Streetfest
 - 5/30 - Alpharetta Memorial Day Tribute

Agriculture

- City Ag Plan in progress, five community focus group meetings (last one 4/23). Great attendance! First steering committee meeting on 4/27.
- Plant sale on 4/30 at Old Rucker Farm; will be selling vegetable and herb plants. GNPS will also be there selling native plants.
- Three weeks of AG-Venture summer camp, registration on par with other specialty camps.
 - May 30
 - June 20
 - June 27

Cultural Services Report -- April 2022

1- Upcoming Cultural Happenings

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

- ***The Art of Speculation Gallery Exhibit*** / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / *Opens April 11 / Alpha Arts Guild presents...Art can make you think, reflect and speculate about the world around you*
 - i. ***The Art of Speculation Gallery Reception*** / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / 5 – 7pm / *Art, wind and hors d'oeuvres accompanied by the Milton High School Orchestra*
- ***Alpharetta Music Club Monthly Performance***– Tiffany Uzoijo, Soprano / Sunday, April 10 / 3-5pm / Arts Center Black Box / \$30 Ticket at <https://alpharettamusicclub.com/> (includes classical music show, wine and hors d'oeuvres)
- ***Adaptive Art w/ Lionheart*** – Mixed Media / March 31 / 4:30pm / Crabapple
- ***Creative Hang-Ups Gallery Exhibit*** presented by Village Park Milton / Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery / April 12 – May 1
 - i. ***Creative Hang-Ups Gallery Reception*** presented by Village Park Milton / Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery / April 18 / 4pm

2- Arts Center & Cultural Event

- **Summer Camp Guide** – Arts Center & Log Cabin Offering 23 camps this summer
- **New Rental Process at the Alpharetta Arts Center** – Going well with 11 Events booked from January including Sideways Contemporary Dance Performance week to Coldwell Banker Black Box Meeting today to a Wedding Reception in June.
- ***Paint the Town ~ Alpharetta Plein Air Event*** ---confirmed Tues-Sat, May 17-21
 - i. Five Day Artist Invitational and Competition
 1. Various locations around Alpharetta
 2. Arts Alpharetta, in partnership with the City of Alpharetta Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services and the Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau, hosts the 2nd annual Paint the Town event — a fabulous plein air painting competition.
 3. A 5-day invitational began on May 17th with a workshop with artist and several days of painting on location around the City of Alpharetta.
 4. The event culminated on Saturday, May 21st.
 5. Event will include a Wet Paint Tent at City Center, a Quick Draw competition, and the opening reception and awards ceremony at the Alpharetta Arts Center.

3- Music

- ***Music Match Program*** - Launching original program with 50/50 match requirement

Recreation Services Report

Programming Update:

- Summer all-day camps are almost completely full and specialty camps are getting close. We are looking forward to a busy, successful summer. We still are in need of counselors!
- Completing repairs and improvements at the pool and Aquatics staff and management team are in place. Sharks have their meet and greet May 9th, and practice starts May 11th. Senior swim, lap swim and water fitness classes begin May 16th.
- Reports from the Y are that swim lessons are filling up quickly and they have been able to accommodate residents who want to register.
- First 3v3 tournament held weekend of March 26th. Very successful with 15 teams participating. Athletics is looking to build on that success and have more weekend tournaments in the future.



- New Staff: Kat Abdolrazagh- Aquatics/H & W Supervisor started March 28th and Angel Cornista- Athletics Coordinator started April 4th. We are very happy to have them join our team!
- Coming up:
 1. North Fulton Special Needs Task Force is having their annual Special Needs Services and Expo on April 23rd, 10am-2pm. It is hosted by the City of Roswell and is being held at the Adult Recreation Center, 830 Grimes Bridge Road.
 2. Trails and Ales walks resume April 21st with beautiful weather and new swag.
 3. New Program Alert! Alpharetta Beach Volleyball: Adult Beach Volleyball Leagues starting this spring and summer. 4v4 and 6v6, coed and women's, recreational, intermediate and competitive.



ADVOCATING
for people with disabilities.

PARTNERING
to benefit the overall community.

NETWORKING
to build cooperative relationships.

April 23
10 AM - 1 PM

City of Roswell Adult Recreation Center

830 Grimes Bridge Rd.
Roswell, GA 30075



For more information about the
North Fulton Special Needs Expo
contact:

Mary Rummell

mrummell@roswellgov.com

770-641-3950



Parks Bond Update

1. Mid-Broadwell Park - \$0.5M

- **Approach:** Design/Bid/Build
- **Design Phase:** thru June
- **Construction Procurement:** July – October. 2022
- **Construction Target date:** 4th quarter 2022 (6 mos. Process)

2. Wills Park Improvements (Proper) -\$6M see below

- **Approach:** Design/Bid/Build
- **Design RFP:** cancelled. To go back out as a Request for Qualifications
- **Wacky Restroom Design:** thru May 2022
- **Playground:** Community Build concept; support by Finance to use Coop-purchasing using Play by Design
- **Construction Target date:** 4th quarter of 2023
- **Final Completion:** TBA

3. Webb Bridge Park Soccer Turf -\$1M

- **Approach:** Design/Build
- **RFP issue:** Early April 2022
- **Construction target date:** November 2022
- **Completion target date:** February 2023

4. Wills Park Equestrian - \$5M

- **Approach:** Design/Bid/Build
- **Design RFP:** April 2022

5. Old Rucker - \$3M

- **Approach: 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
- **Design RFP:** April 2022

6. Union Hill - \$3.25M

- **Approach:** CM at Risk Method
- **Public Engagement has ended**
- **Design RFP:** April 2022

7. Waters Road -\$1.25M

- **Design/Build approach**
- **Public Engagement has ended**
- **Design RFP:** April 2022

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Park Services Report

APRIL 2022

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Park Development/Bond Projects:

- Waters Road Park and Union Hill Park community online feedback has ended.
- No new developments from Workshop report
- **Wills Park Maintenance Shop Site work and Equestrian Arena build:** is moving along with expected material and rain delays. Completion has been moved back to the end of April.
- **Wills Park Maintenance Facility:** We are looking at phasing options in construction using a state contract coop. Council approved the contract with Gordian.

PARK SERVICES:

- The parks landscape maintenance contract was awarded to Tri-scapes and Crabapple Landscape.
- Facility cleaning RFP is out to bid.
- Athletic fencing repairs and addition was completed at Innovation Academy (field 2- the old baseball field) and North Park 3,4,7,8 will be completed this spring.
- Activated both fields for soccer at Innovation Sports Complex.
- Cleaned up and added material under bleachers at Innovation to drop offs safe and clean.
- Hired two more seasonal employees for the downtown and special event areas on weekends.
- Interviewed several full-time applicants for two vacant Park Tech positions.
- Just completed employee annual evaluations.
- Spring Break Ball field renovations were completed

WILLS PARK:

- **Spring Break Ball field renovations were completed**
- Baseball has been in full swing into its season. Fields are in great shape from staff's efforts over the winter months. Dug outs and railings around upper and lower fields will be painted. This will give a fresh update for those areas.
- Mulch will be added to all building entrances and beds.
- Equestrian events have been well attended. This has been a little different show season with the new arena construction. Overall, exhibitors and park users are very excited to see the upgrades.