



# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 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. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a. Recognition - Marissa Sequeira
- V. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
  - a. Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2022
- VI. **REPORTS**
  - a. Community Services Division Staff Report - September 2022
  - b. Cultural Services Division Staff Report - September 2022
  - c. Recreation Services Division Staff Report - September 2022
  - d. Park Services Division Staff Report (Wills Park) - September 2022
  - e. Park Services Division Staff Report (Excluding Wills) - September 2022
  - f. Capital & Park Bond Projects Update - September 2022
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Waters Road Park Concept
- IX. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION / CITY COUNCIL**
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT**



# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: AMBER O'DWYER, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COORDINATOR

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Recreation Commission Minutes (Meeting of 8/9/2022)

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from August 9, 2022, at 5:29 p.m. as part of the Consent Agenda.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT

☐ INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY CAPITAL BUDGET

☐ INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY OPERATING BUDGET

IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Administrative Office Coordinator, Amber O'Dwyer, attended, recorded, and prepared a synopsis of the pertinent information that occurred during the Recreation Commission meeting on August 9, 2022, at 5:29 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance – August 9, 2022, Recreation Commission Meeting:

- Dennis Mitchell (Chairman)
- Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
- Cheryl Rand
- John Norton
- Jeremy Scott
- Shuntel Beach
- Brad Bowers
- Derek Kaighin

V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

RC Meeting Minutes – 8.9.22



# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

### AUGUST 9, 2022

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

- Recreation Commission Members - Present
  - Dennis Mitchell (Chairman)
  - Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
  - Cheryl Rand
  - John Norton
  - Jeremy Scott
  - Shuntel Beach
  - Newly Appointed Commissioner Brad Bowers
  - Newly Appointed Commissioner Derek Kaighin
- Recreation Commission Members – Absent
  - Karla Peidrahita
- Staff
  - Morgan Rodgers – Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
  - Kurt Kirby – Project Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
  - Christine Young – Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
  - Amanda Musilli – Community Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
  - Kim Manning – Cultural Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
  - Eric Milley – Park Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
  - Matt Casey – Park Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
  - Amber O'Dwyer – Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

#### III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

#### IV. SWEARING-IN

- Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Administrative Office Coordinator, Amber O'Dwyer, read the oath of office aloud and swore in Brad Bowers and Derek Kaighin to serve as commissioners on the Recreation Commission.
- Chairman Mitchell asked Newly Appointed Commissioner Derek Kaighin to give a brief background.
- Commissioner Kaighin mentioned he moved to Georgia in 2017 originally from Michigan and before that Toledo, Ohio where he has similar ties to Dan Merkel who currently lives in the same neighborhood, and thus appointed him. He works for Cox Communications in procurement. He is married with three kids under the age of five: Benjamin, Quinn, and Vaughn.
- Brad Bowers also gave a brief bio to re-introduce himself to the other members. Having moved to Alpharetta in 2010 he now has kids aged 16, 14 and 12 years. He works for Colonial Pipeline. He was appointed by Donald Mitchell back in April and has unofficially been on the Recreation Commission unofficially until his swearing in.

## V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

### a. Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2022, Meeting

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022, meeting.
  - Vice Chairman Saha offered a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022, meeting.
  - Commissioner Rand seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (6-3) with those who were not at the July 12, 2022, meeting abstaining from the vote.

## VI. TABLED ITEMS

### a. Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2022, Workshop

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion to remove the May 25, 2022, workshop minutes from table.
  - Commissioner Rand offered a motion to remove the minutes of the May 25, 2022, workshop from the table.
  - Commissioner Bowers seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).
- ❖ Commissioner Beach offered a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2022, workshop.
  - Commissioner Rand seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (7-0) with those who were not at the workshop abstaining from the vote.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS



## IX. REPORTS

### a. Community Services – August 2022 Report

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item on behalf of Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
- The school year activity guide has been printed and is in facilities. A copy of the guide was provided to each Commissioner.
- The division has hired a new part-time Marketing Coordinator, Deanna McKay.
- The 2022 Wire & Wood talent line-up has been announced.
  - Commissioner Rand asked who recruits talent.
  - Director Rodgers stated the talent is procured by RCS Productions. Currently there are 32 artists.
- Applications are in development for this year's Scarecrow Harvest event.
  - Commissioner Beach asked for additional information on the Scarecrow Harvest that could be relayed to the teachers and school staff.
  - Director Rodgers let her know the applications and additional information are set to be released August 15.
- Commissioner Gary Black, Georgia's State Agricultural Commissioner, visited Old Rucker Farm last week
- Fourteen students registered for the Cambridge High School Agricultural Business Class. This number has increased by six from years past.
- On September 24<sup>th</sup> the Member Picnic will be held.
- Alpharetta High School will be preserving and pickling the harvest for Ag-Business value items.
- A microbiology honeybee study is in development in partnership with the Innovation Academy. The concept is to use tiny tracking devices on the bees to study foraging distance, pollen preferences, hive health, and the like.
  - Commissioner Bowers asked for clarification about Cambridge High School (CHS) students being the only eligible students for the Agricultural Program.
  - Director Rodgers stated this is because CHS has an agricultural class as part of their education and use the farm in partnership with Alpharetta for the purposes of the class and for students enrolled in the CHS program.

### b. Cultural Services – August 2022 Report

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- Kim Manning passed out the Art Guide for Fall/Winter 2022. The reason for more than one guide is that art instructors can only schedule 5-6 months in advance. Therefore, updates occur three times a year based on the ways classes are structured. The division does also advertise in the school guide.
- The "Colors of India" gallery opening occurred last weekend. The show was curated by the Indian American Culture Association. Coincidentally it was all women artists. The

show was wonderful with 250 plus people in attendance. A follow-up event is taking place in Duluth and details may be found on the back of the brochure provided to The Commission during the meeting.

- Kim Manning mentioned the division is also working hard to partner with various cultural groups and initiatives and asked that if the Recreation Commission knew of anyone interested in connecting to please let her know.
- Biyearly, Alpharetta has the outdoor sculpture exhibit updated. The city hires Arts Alpharetta to secure artists whose work is then rented by Alpharetta for a two-year display. She mentioned the new exhibit "MEDLEY" will include five sculptures recently approved by the Cultural Arts Commission for the new exhibit.
  - The theme to the art includes lots of color. Kim Manning spoke briefly regarding each piece's title, and it's intended location (one at Wills Park, one at Thompson Street Park, and three at Brooke Street Park).
  - Chairman Mitchell asked about the installation timeline.
  - Kim Manning mentioned mid-September is the set date (varying slightly by each artist's timeline) with the art on display for two years.
- Kim Manning explained an initiative with the Cultural Arts Commission which is Performance Permits for Pocket Parks. The initiative is to permit performers to play in four locations in Downtown Alpharetta.
  1. The fountain across from Nest Café.
  2. Food Truck Alley area.
  3. Near La Casa fountain.
  4. Beside Mercantile Social.
  - Permits are limited and will be completed online via Sign-Up Genius. With the City Council's blessing, it is currently in beta-testing for six months.
  - Commissioner Rand asked if Public Safety would be made aware.
  - Kim Manning stated interdepartmental staff are made aware via the special events email distribution list. It is important to note the parameters are limited to keep the initiative respectable catering to starting artists or high school artists looking for places to perform.
  - Commissioner Norton asked about input from merchants on competing performers/bands.
  - Kim Manning stated the goal is to try and avoid conflicts, by limiting times in which music may be scheduled (steering clear of Music Match performers).
  - Vice Chairman Saha asked about application fee.
  - Kim Manning stated there is a \$50.00 fee as well as set guidelines that must be followed. Strikes can incur if selected performers do not follow the guidelines. In addition, a badge and a vetting process is included the pre-approval.
  - Vice Chairman Saha asked if staff will be on site to monitor performances.
  - Kim Manning mentioned that while staff will not be on site, QR rating codes will be displayed so that people can send in comments. The hope is that business owners, etc. will also follow the notion, "If you see something, say something."

- Commissioner Rand asked about how the Cultural Arts Commission was doing.
  - Kim Manning mentioned they were doing well and perhaps the two commissions could get together to mingle in the future.
- Regarding public art, the “A” Sculpture is on the consent agenda for council based on the Cultural Arts Commission’s recommendation which is to repaint and repair the piece.
  - Chairman Mitchell asked if this was to repaint “as is”.
  - Kim Manning responded that the idea is to repaint the piece with a new artist design selected and implemented later.
- Regarding upcoming cultural happenings, these can be best seen on the calendar, but several fall events are on the horizon. Current and upcoming shows include, “Comforting Stitches: The Quilters’ Response to the Pandemic”, “Colors of India”, and “Riders Give Back”.

**c. Recreation Services – August 2022 Report**

- As Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item on behalf of Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department the report was presented prior to the Park Services reports.
- It was a great year of summer camps. Kudos to Lindsey, Angel, Jennie, Tyler, and Will for all their hard work.
- The school year guide is available with open registration tomorrow, August 10th.
- NAFL registration is completed for fall and resident registration is up. Everyone is looking forward to a great football season at North Park.
- Pools are now only open on weekends through Labor Day; senior swim to continue as late as possible pending weather.
- Kat Abdolrazagh did well her first season for the Aquatics Division, and staff look forward to what is in store next year with the success of this past summer.
- The GRPA Pickle-Ball tourney was this past weekend. It went very well with the teams and the newly forming professional organization.
  - Commissioner Rand asked if GRPA Pickle-Ball was officially organized.
  - Director Rodgers stated not quite yet but the group is moving in that direction.
- Kim Manning concluded with a sweet letter from a summer camper regarding the Arts Center.
- Vice Chairman Saha commented on the smooth and quick process of recreation registration for Commission families wished for the feedback to be passed along.

**d. Park Services**

**• Parks Excluding Wills Park - August 2022 Report**

- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item on behalf of Eric Milley, Park Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
- Staff is getting ready to go into the 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the Soccer Innovation Academy. They have been aggressively treating the field to get it green. Kurt Kirby made a

point to state that contract services only go so far until staff takes it to the next level. He shared that Alpharetta's Park Services staff is professional, outstanding, and produces "picture perfect" green fields every day.

- Staff is beginning the annual tree maintenance program. Capital funding helps staff be more aggressive with the initiative. Currently \$250,000 is being spent to address deadwood or dangerous trees as quickly as possible to protect citizens from injury. The staff are very careful in the approach to tree removal not simply removing any tree with the focus being that good work would go unnoticed in terms of tree removal.
- Drainage and stormwater are a hot topic in Alpharetta, and it is no different with our parks. Pictures shown during the meeting illustrate proper drainage takes time, funding, and much effort.
- **Wills Park - August 2022 Report**
  - Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item on behalf of Matt Casey, Park Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
  - Staff is working diligently on completing Arena 1 at the equestrian center.
  - The plan is to build a rock tier wall observation area just below the concession stand with Park Bond funding to further enhance the equestrian arena. The scope has been increased to include an additional level to the wall and sod.
  - Chairman Mitchell asked when the ring will be available for use.
  - Director Rodgers stated the plan is to have dedication the first weekend after Labor Day weekend to include food trucks, etc. to make it a big deal.
- Vice Chairman Saha asked if students were treating the newly redone space at the Innovation Academy respectively.
  - Chairman Mitchell asked if the field was used for athletics.
  - Eric Milley mentioned the field was not used for athletic programs with usage focused primarily on the track.
- **Park Bonds**
  - Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
  - Design contract proposals are in for nearly all Park Bond projects. All designs (not construction) are set to go before Council during the August 22, 2022, Council Meeting.
  - Regarding Old Rucker Park, the design is complete and is estimated at \$357,900.
  - Regarding Mid-Broadwell Park, the design is complete, and pricing is being finalized. At this time staff has a scope of work and is awaiting pricing for restrooms which must be completed prior to Phase II which is the build out of the rest of the park. The rationale to the method is to save time and money by using preexisting erosion control and tree save for Phase I which will need to be replaced for Phase II.
  - Regarding Waters Road Park, a design/build proposal is being considered which is not to exceed \$1.1M. This comes under the Park Bond projected cost \$1.25M.

The Guardian Group is who the staff is considering (resourced via Source Well, a collaborative co-op of vendors that operate as general contractors).

- Chairman Mitchell asked if this design would be like Windward Park.
- Kurt Kirby stated the idea is to present the general design concept to City Council in September. As staff moves through the design and hits 40%, we'll have a better visual of what the park will look like.
- Commissioner Rand asked about the process of approval or public input regarding the park's design.
- Director Rodgers stated that the city began with initial public input meetings on site and virtually. The final will circulate back for approval through the public, the Recreation Commission, and City Council.
- Vice Chairman Saha asked regarding the addition of a dog park/no dog park.
- Director Rodgers stated the consensus is no dog park at Waters Road. Aside from many residents not desiring a dog park, there is not enough space at the location. Elements of Windward Park and Cogburn Park is what you will most likely see at Waters Road resembling a true community park design.
- Commissioner Bowers asked if the upfront design funding is what City Council was approving come August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Kurt Kirby confirmed City Council will be approving the funding.

*At this time Chairman Mitchell excused himself for feeling under the weather and requested that Vice Chairman Saha chair the meeting.*

- Regarding Union Hill Park, the design (with incorporated public input) will be \$328,000. Once more, this park design is set for funding approval by City Council at the August 22, 2022, Council Meeting.
- Regarding Wills Park, the total cost for Wills Park's Proper (which included both the athletic and equestrian renovations) is \$1.8M.
  - Commissioner Rand asked for clarity on the Wills Park Proper renovations.
  - Kurt Kirby mentioned the Wills Park Proper includes the two gateways, a connecting spine between the two gateways, and the renovation of Wacky World Dog Park. The restroom design is also including only in terms of the site work but is a separate project. Phasing and concurrent jobs all depend on scheduling and the desire to keep the park operational during the renovations.
  - Director Rodgers stated of the \$1.8M, \$800,000 is for Wills Park Proper and \$1.0M is for the equestrian center. To add, it is the staff's intent to complete the restroom and Wacky World at Wills Park as soon as possible.

- Commissioner Beach asked about community input and the “selling of stakes” with family names to fundraise as was done when Wacky World was first constructed.
  - Kurt Kirby stated it is a community concept again. The company, Play by Design is likely to be included once more. A committee will be created to address fundraising but currently it is too early in the process for details.
  - Commissioner Bowers asked for clarification on the restroom renovation role in Park Bond funding.
  - Director Rodgers stated the restroom design is not part of the design funding as the design component was completed prior to Park Bond funding. It is included only in the design terms of the site work. The construction of the restroom, however, is being funded from Park Bonds.
  - Commissioner Bowers then asked if work being done at the equestrian center was funded by operational funds or Park Bonds.
  - Director Rodgers stated it was funded by pre-existing operational and capital funds. Park Bond funds for the equestrian project have not been spent to date for the purposes of his question.
- **Capital Projects**
    - The Alpharetta Community Center gym floor replacement was approved, and work began yesterday. Staff is still unsure as to what resulted in the water damage. They are confident the moisture-barrier epoxy to be added to the new floor will prevent future water damage.
    - Wills Park Field 4 turf replacement is scheduled to begin November 1<sup>st</sup> including enhancements to the field with updated fencing and netting.
    - Auto-locks will be added to North Park and Cogburn Park restrooms. Vandalism has spiked and thus spurred this initiative. It was noted that two restrooms at North Park were vandalized just before the Triple Crown Tournament.
      - Commissioner Rand asked how the auto-locks work.
      - Kurt Kirby stated they are set to lock at specific times with overrides for cleaning crews or staff.
      - Commissioner Beach asked about whether cameras could be added to watch for vandalism activity.
      - Kurt Kirby stated conversations have occurred about adding additional cameras, but this is yet another initiative that requires funding.
    - Park signage initiative was placed on hold with COVID but now has the support and funding to begin wayfinding at the Greenway. Signage will be enhanced with directional signs, wayfinding, and additional options currently sought out from the city’s on-call company. That said, the Greenway is coming to completion for Alpharetta’s portion of the track.
    - Commissioner Norton asked about an update on Webb Bridge Park.

- Staff is looking at water/sewer/septic and how to address the issues to be able to place the new field. The process is taking a little longer and may require a different initiative. Currently, staff is asking for more studies to get authentic pricing and ideas on how to best approach the issue. The goal is to preserve the park's \$1.0M in Park Bond funding to replace the turf as intended and not to address the septic issue.

X. CITY COUNCIL / COMMISSION MEMBERS

- There were no commission comments or reports.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Vice Chairman Saha offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - Commissioner Scott seconded the motion.
  - The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to hear or discuss, Vice Chairman Saha adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber O'Dwyer  
Administrative Office Coordinator  
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: AMANDA MUSILLI, COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Community Services Division Report – September 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

N/A.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT

☐ INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY CAPITAL BUDGET

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IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

- **Events:**

- Scarecrow Harvest – As of 9/8 we have 93 applications processed, and we are aiming for 100. 33 are from businesses, the other 60 are from schools, families, and non-profit organizations.
- Wire & Wood – All talent is booked, and we are looking forward to a great event the second weekend of October. There will also be a preview night at Avalon on Thursday, October 6, which is new this year.
- Season of Celebration – The first three Fridays in December will be active downtown with the tree lighting (12/2), photos with Santa (12/9), and holiday movies on the Town Green (12/16). In addition, there will be snow falling and some of the downtown businesses will be offering specials.
- The Farmers Market runs through the end of November.
- Many other events taking place in the fall – Alpharetta has a lot of fun happening!

- **Community Agriculture:**

- The Community Agriculture Plan has been drafted by ARC, Food Well Alliance, and the steering committee. It will be presented to Mayor and Council this fall for approval and adoption.
- Fall plant pick up (9/3) was a success, and garden members took home vegetable and flowers for their fall/winter gardens.
- CHS Students are at the farm 5 days a week, from 7:45 – 9AM or 10 AM, depending on the day. The year is off to a great start, the students are eager and engaged in the work.

V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

None.





# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: KIM MANNING, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Arts & Culture / Cultural Services Division Staff Report – September 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

N/A.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

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IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

- Arts, Music, History Updates
  - 2022 - 2024 Outdoor Sculpture Program Photos - *Medley Exhibit*
  - Performance Permit in Pocket Parks – Oct 1, 2022 Launching Beta Test
  - Alpharetta Celebrates National Arts & Humanities Month in October – Reference Brochure & Cultural Happenings Calendar Below
- Upcoming Cultural Happenings
  - *Arts & Culture Online Calendar*  
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
  - *Alpharetta Music City Live Music Calendar*  
<https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>
  - *Comforting Stitches: Quilters' Response to the Pandemic* / Alpharetta City Hall Community Gallery / July 13- Sept 26 / Presented by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild
  - *Colors of India* / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery Exhibit runs through Sept 23 / Presented by IACA (India American Cultural Association)
    - Opening Reception held on Aug 6 with #260 in attendance
    - Closing Reception with Diwali Kick-Off / Sept 17 / 4:30-8:30pm
  - *Riders Give Back* / Studio Gallery Exhibit Alpharetta Arts Center / Thru Sept 23
  - *John Williams Turns 90 Concert* / Alpharetta First United Methodist Church / Sept 16 at 8pm / Presented by Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra
  - *Georgia Artists with Disabilities Exhibit* / Alpharetta City Hall Community Gallery / Sept 26- Nov 30 / Presented by Georgia Artists with Disabilities / Reception Date & Time - TBD
  - Alpharetta Celebrates National Arts & Humanities Month Line-Up (Reference Brochure)

- *Natural Expressions 2022 Exhibit* / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Sept 22 - Oct 28 / Opening Reception Oct 8 from 5-7pm
- *Family Day* / Alpharetta Arts Center / Oct 1 / 11am-2pm
- *Alpharetta Community Chorus 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Performance* / Alpharetta Presbyterian Church / Oct 2 at 3pm
- *Music Match - Wire & Wood Songwriters Festival* / Oct 7-8 / Times & Locations Vary (Check Online)
- *Metropolitan Ballet Fall Performance – Autumn Leaves Bloom* / Alpharetta Arts Center Terrace / Oct 8 at 2pm
- *Plan From Outer Space Movie Night: Live Riff of Ed Wood's Classic Bad Movie* / Alpharetta Arts Center Terrace / Oct 29 at 7pm
- *All About Pastels Exhibit* / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Oct 31-Nov 22
  - Opening Reception – Nov 3 from 5-7pm
  - Pastels Workshop – Nov 4-6 from 9am-4pm

V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- PowerPoint for Report Visuals



# Alpharetta Arts & Culture Recreation Commission Report September 2022

# *MEDLEY*

Alpharetta's 2022-2024  
Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit





Sculptures for MEDLEY  
*Ribbon Arch* by Jim Gallucci in Wills Park





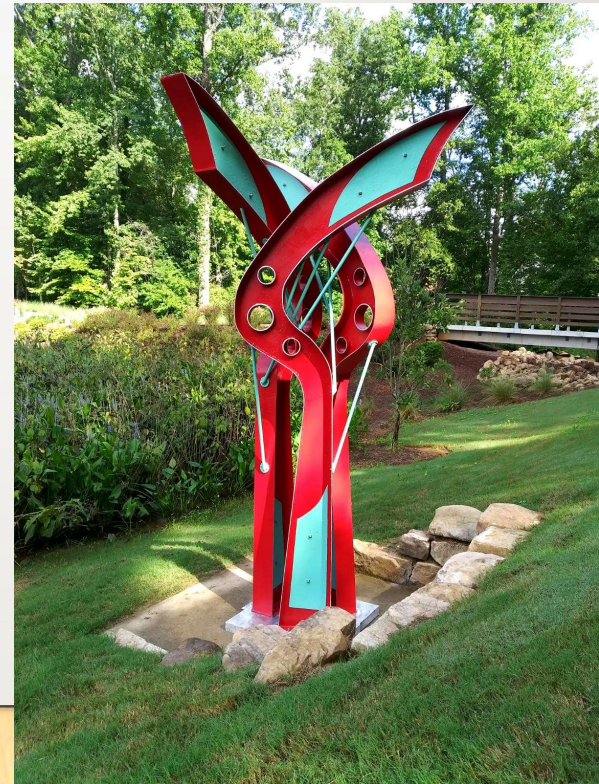
Sculptures for MEDLEY  
*Hill Climb* by Jim Collins in Brooke Street Park





## Sculptures for MEDLEY

*Tree* by Gus & Lina Ocamposilva in Thompson St Park





Sculptures for MEDLEY

*Liquid Sunshine* by Michael Alfano in Brooke Street Park





Sculptures for MEDLEY  
*Allura* by Nathan Pierce  
in Brooke Street Park





# Colors of India Exhibit & Opening Reception Aug 6 / 260 Attendees



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### Indian culture takes center stage

Alpharetta Arts Center  
hosts vibrant exhibition

By AMBER PERRY  
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ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Since the early '90s, artist Malika Garrett has wanted something like "Colors of India" for herself and her colleagues.

She wanted a space where artists of Indian origin could come together to showcase their work, to express Indian culture, tradition and history, and for that to help eliminate some of the rigid stereotypes that Indians are often confined by.

"There's a whole lot more to India than IT," Garrett said.

Born in Kolkata, India, Garrett traveled to the United States in 1985 to attend Wesleyan College in Macon, where she earned her bachelor's in visual arts. She uses oil to paint everyday people with the bright, bold colors that speak to Indian fashion and atmosphere.

"I have devoted a lot of my work to women," Garrett said. "Most of my work is about women. Indian women are extremely strong. They run the show — and surprise, surprise, but most women do."

The India American Cultural Association (IACA), which is celebrating its 51st year in community service, and Alpharetta Arts Center partnered to organize the "Colors of India" exhibition. Those interested can visit and see its artworks at the center through Sept. 23.

Garrett, who played a key role in organizing, called the exhibition the first of its kind. While the IACA has hosted other showcases in the past, "Colors of India" is the first external exhibition. IACA President Chand Akkineni said,



Artist Malika Garrett stands with her oil painting "Bishnoi Women," which was used as the exhibition's cover art. Garrett photographs everyday people and situations to use as a reference for her paintings.

The gallery's 15 artists, all women IACA members, presented and talked about their work at an Aug. 6 reception. The reception buzzed with conversation among its 260 attendees, the artists and center staff. Many held plates filled

with a variety of Indian dishes, like chicken and aloo kati rolls from Cal Kati's and Idli, samosas and chicken tikka from Nalan.

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### Sales tax revenues post healthy gains

By DAVE WILLIAMS  
Capital Beat

ATLANTA — State tax collections have begun the new fiscal year on a strong note.

The Georgia Department of Revenue brought in nearly \$2.21 billion in taxes last month — the start of fiscal 2023. That's \$54.2 million, or 2.5 percent, above July of last year.

The three major tax categories all showed increases. Individual income taxes in July were up 10.7 percent over the same period last year, thanks largely to a 90.5 percent jump in tax return payments.

Net sales tax receipts rose 10.1 percent last month compared to July of last year.

Corporate income tax collections were up 62.3 percent, mostly the result of a 71.3 percent drop in refunds issued by the revenue agency.

Motor fuels tax revenues were virtually non-existent, as has been the case since Gov. Brian Kemp and the General Assembly temporarily suspended the state sales tax on gasoline in March as prices at the pump soared.

Motor fuels taxes dropped 97.8

See REVENUES, Page 19





# **Studio Gallery Exhibit**

**Alpharetta Arts Center**

**for**

## **Riders Give Back**

**August 8 - September 23**







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THE CITY OF  
**ALPHARETTA**  
RECREATION PARKS &  
CULTURAL SERVICES



# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: CHRISTINE YOUNG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION SEPTEMBER REPORT

II. RECOMMENDATION:

N/A.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT

☐ INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY CAPITAL BUDGET

☐ INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY OPERATING BUDGET

IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

- Public swim ended on September 5<sup>th</sup> and senior swim ends on September 24<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Overall, a highly successful season as seen on the overview.
- Upcoming event: North Fulton Special Needs Field Day on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm on the event lawn in the Grove behind the Alpharetta Community Center. Cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Roswell, Milton, and Ed Isakson YMCA collaborate to provide a fun day for special needs community members and their families. Free, but pre-registration is required.
- Athletics: New coordinator Alan Sanders started the last week of August; expecting other coordinator to start September 19<sup>th</sup>. All Fall sports are well underway.
- Active Adults: Activities will resume at PRCC as soon as the storage and center coordinator's office is completed. Great fun was had rafting the Nantahala River on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Health & Wellness has a new program called Kilometer Kids, run by Atlanta Track Club, that started on September 6<sup>th</sup> with 29 kids enrolled. A great running program that promoted healthy habits, goal setting and respect through the sport of running.

V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- 2022 Pool Season Overview
- Nantahala Photos

# 2022 POOL SEASON OVERVIEW

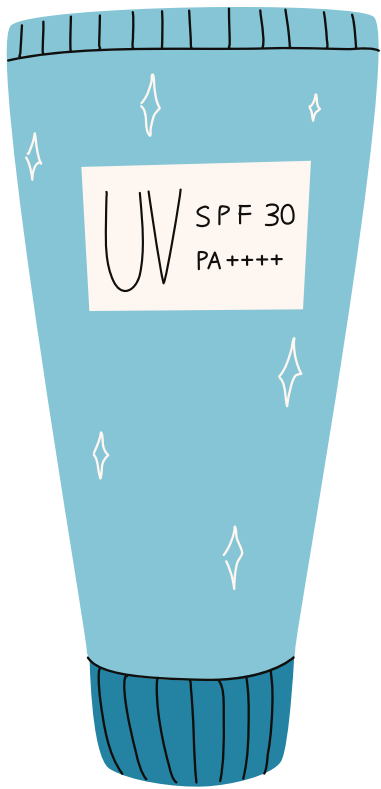
## WILLS PARK POOL

### TOTAL ADMISSIONS

30,855

Increase  
from 2021

23%



### % NON-RESIDENTS PUBLIC SWIM

59%

### POOL PASSES

#### FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL

431 Unique Members

2591 swipes

#### MASTER SWIM

Season Passes– 13  
Monthly Passes–18

#### WATER FITNESS

60 UM; 745 swipes













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SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: MATT CASEY

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Park Services Division – Wills Park Staff Report – September 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

N/A.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

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IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

- Park staff has made multiple repairs this month at Wacky World playground. These include replacing floor joists, handrails, and uneven pavers leading into play areas. These repairs will ensure a safe play space for park users.
- Wills Park staff have also made multiple grounds repairs. The tree canopy was raised around the walking trail due to recent rains. Sod was also added to worn spots around heavily used areas in the park.
- The Equestrian center continues to make progress as we move closer to the Grand opening on September 16. Tiered seating received its final grading and sod was added to complete this showcase feature. The arena fencing was stained to give it a nice, finished look.
- Staff will be focusing on some upgrades to the Mansell House in the next upcoming weeks. The gazebo was structurally unsound and removed. The wooden bridge was also a hazard, so staff replaced leading to the storage area. We will be focusing on some upgraded lighting and other enhancements to refresh that event space.

V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

None.





# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: ERIC MILLEY

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Staff Report – September 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

N/A.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

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IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

- Opening day games for soccer was Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at Innovation, Webb, and North Park. As well as opening day for the Miracle League field programs.
- The capital dead wooding for all parks has been completed. That said trees will still die and fall during storms, but the funding will then come from other accounts.
- We are still in the interviewing process of filling an empty Park Tech position.
- We are in the process of putting bids and a plan together to replace shrubs, arboretum trees, and street trees at and within City Center and Brooke Street.
- We are currently getting bids to replace the wood fence out at Cogburn.

V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

None.



# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: KURT KIRBY

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Park Capital & Bond Projects Report - September 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

None.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT

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IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

## Capital Projects Report:

- Webb Zone Playground replacement is on the council agenda for September 26. This will focusing the wooden structures in the main area.
- Alpharetta Community Center Gym Floor Replacement began in August and will be completed before October 31 (see photo)
- Wayfinding on the Greenway in the final approval stages. This project is a partnership with the Alpharetta CVB.

## Bond Report:

The design contracts for two bond items were approved by City Council on August 22.

- Old Rucker Park was awarded to Columbia Engineering and Services Inc. for the amount not to exceed \$357,900.00.
- Union Hill Park was awarded to Dix.Hite+partners, Inc. for the amount not to exceed\$336,500.00.
- Wills Park (proper) will be awarded to Barge Design Solutions, Inc. for the amount not to exceed \$625,650.00 for the Wills Park Master Plan Improvements and \$1,184,750.00 for the Wills Park Equestrian Center in October.
- Water Road Park: We received pricing to build the park for a not to exceed amount of \$1,100,000. The rendering that accompanies that pricing is included your packet. This rendering will be presented to the public in mid-September and will be workshopped at the October 3 meeting.
- Mid-Broadwell Park:
  - We are trying to figure the budget on this park. The initial figures at times the amount of what was estimated.



V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- Capital Projects and Bond Report
- Photo of ACC Gym Floor
- Waters Road Park Rendering



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|--------|-------------|--------|--|
| GUEST  |             | HOME   |  |
| PERIOD |             |        |  |
| FOULS  | PLAYER-FOUL | FOULS  |  |
| POINTS | MATCH       | POINTS |  |

Group  
4





**Work Order Signature Document****EZIQC Contract No.: GA-ST02-040820-PCI**☒**New Work Order****Modify an Existing Work Order**

Work Order Number: 108462.00

Work Order Date: 08/08/2022

Work Order Title: City of Alpharetta - Waters Road Pocket Park Concept Design Services

Owner Name: City of Alpharetta

Contractor Name: Prime Contractors, Inc.

Contact: Kurt Kirby

Contact: Gary Frantz

Phone: 770-8719195

Phone: 813-205-9762

**Work to be Performed**

Work to be performed as per the Final Detailed Scope of Work Attached and as per the terms and conditions of EZIQC Contract No GA-ST02-040820-PCI.

Brief Work Order Description:

City of Alpharetta - Waters Road Pocket Park Concept Design Services

**Time of Performance***See Schedule Section of the Detailed Scope of Work***Liquidated Damages**

Will apply:



Will not apply:

**Work Order Firm Fixed Price: \$1,861.00**

Owner Purchase Order Number:

**Approvals**\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Detailed Scope of Work

**To:** Gary Frantz  
Prime Contractors, Inc.  
3406 Florence Circle  
Powder Springs, GA 30127  
813-205-9762

**From:** Kurt Kirby  
City of Alpharetta  
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Alpharetta, GA 30009  
770-8719195

**Date Printed:** August 08, 2022

**Work Order Number:** 108462.00

**Work Order Title:** City of Alpharetta - Waters Road Pocket Park Concept Design Services

**Brief Scope:** City of Alpharetta - Waters Road Pocket Park Concept Design Services

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Preliminary

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Revised

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Final

The following items detail the scope of work as discussed at the site. All requirements necessary to accomplish the items set forth below shall be considered part of this scope of work.

Please see the attached detailed scope of work (DSOW).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Contractor's Price Proposal - Summary

|                        |                                                                      |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date:                  | August 08, 2022                                                      |
| IQC Master Contract #: | GA-ST02-040820-PCI                                                   |
| Work Order Number:     | 108462.00                                                            |
| Owner PO #:            |                                                                      |
| Work Order Title:      | City of Alpharetta - Waters Road Pocket Park Concept Design Services |
| Contractor:            | Prime Contractors, Inc.                                              |
| Proposal Name:         | City of Alpharetta - Waters Road Pocket Park Concept Design Services |
| Proposal Value:        | \$1,861.00                                                           |

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 01 - General Requirements | \$1,861.00 |
|---------------------------|------------|

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|----------------|------------|
| Proposal Total | \$1,861.00 |
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This total represents the correct total for the proposal. Any discrepancy between line totals, sub-totals and the proposal total is due to rounding.

The Percentage of NPP on this Proposal: %



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| Sect. | Item   | Modifier | UOM                            | Description | Line Total |
|-------|--------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Labor | Equip. | Material | (Excluded if marked with an X) |             |            |

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| 1 | 01 22 20 00 0052 | HR           | Principal Architect |                        | \$1,861.00                             |
|   |                  | Installation | Quantity<br>8.00 x  | Unit Price<br>212.52 x | Factor =<br>1.0946 = Total<br>1,861.00 |

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| <b>Subtotal for 01 - General Requirements</b> | <b>\$1,861.00</b> |
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Client - City of Alpharetta

## Detailed Scope of Work

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**Detailed Scope:**

Please see the attached detailed scope of work (DSOW).

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Owner

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Date

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**Contractor**

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**Date**





City of Alpharetta - Waters Road Pocket Park Concept Design Services Design  
Alpharetta, GA

## **Scope of Work**

### **Summary Scope (August 8, 2022)**

This work order consists of; Concept Drawing per detailed Scope of Work below

#### **1. Drawings and Specifications**

Referenced and attached hereto;

- 1.1 Specifications created from Concept Plan dated 6/16/21.

#### **2. Detailed Scope of Work**

The Contractor shall perform all work as described below per any and all attached specifications and drawings:

##### **2.1 Concept Drawing**

- Furnish Concept Drawing removing all items not needed for Waters Road Pocket Park.





# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL SERVICES  
SUBMITTED BY: MORGAN RODGERS

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I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Kimball Bridge / Waters Road Park Design

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the latest rendering of the conceptual site plan for Kimball Bridge/Waters Road Park based upon the original design by Pollack Associates. The approved concept would then define the scope of work and design for the Kimball Bridge / Waters Road Park Design Construction RFP.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ BUDGETED ITEM

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT

☐ INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY CAPITAL BUDGET

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IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Kimball Bridge/Waters Road Park was funded through the 2021 Bond Program. A conceptual rendering was presented to the Citizens of Alpharetta through a combination of on-line meetings, surveys, and public input meetings. The rendering present here incorporates the input received. The design for this neighborhood park will require minimal tree removal and land disturbance. This park is being developed as a "contractor at risk" which means that once the design is approved, the contractor will be responsible for building the park as designed within the approved budget amount, per the specifications of the contract.

The highlights of the park include an entrance off Kimball Bridge Road, limited parking, a playground, soft surface trails, restroom, and picnic areas.

V. ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

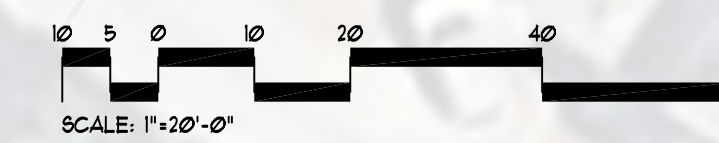
Kimball Bridge / Waters Road Park Design Rendering



Conceptual site plan for

# Kimball Bridge & Waters Road Park

August 8th, 2022 rendering based on original design by Pollack Associates



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GEORGIA

