



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 11, 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 August 24, 2022 Recreation Commission Workshop
 - b. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2022 Recreation Commission Meeting
 - c. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022 Recreation Commission Workshop
- V. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Cities of Johns Creek & Alpharetta Parks Without Borders Memorandum of Understanding
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
- VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
- IX. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**
 - a. DIVISIONS**
 - Community Services Division Monthly Report - October 2022
 - Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - October 2022
 - Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - October 2022
 - Park Services Division (Excluding Wills Park) Monthly Report - October 2022
 - Park Services Division (Wills Park) Monthly Report - October 2022
 - b. PARK BONDS**
 - Parks Bond Projects Update - October 2022
 - c. DIRECTOR**
 - 2022 Schedule of Agenda Items for City Council & Recreation Commission
 - d. 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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Recreation Commission Minutes (Workshop of 8/24/2022)

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Recreation Commission workshop minutes from August 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

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 workshop on August 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. attached hereto as "Recreation Commission Workshop Minutes – 8.24.22 (Unofficial)".

Attendance – August 24, 2022, Recreation Commission Workshop:

- Recreation Commission Members - Present
 - Dennis Mitchell (Chairman)
 - Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
 - Cheryl Rand
 - Brad Bowers
 - Derek Kaighin
 - Jeremy Scott
 - Karla Peidrahita
- Recreation Commission Members – Absent
 - Shuntel Beach
 - John Norton

V. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

Recreation Commission Workshop Minutes – 8.24.22 (Unofficial)



RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

AUGUST 24, 2022

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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- Staff
 - Kurt Kirby – Project Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Christine Young – Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kim Manning – Cultural Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Lauren Shapiro – City Clerk, City of Alpharetta
 - Amber O'Dwyer – Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Chairman Mitchell wished to make a note for the record that Commissioner John Norton and Director Morgan Rodgers were not present at the meeting on account of them attending the AHSAA/Boosters Meeting occurring at the same time.

III. WORKSHOP ITEMS

- a. Non-Resident Fees - Events / NOC / Alpharetta Gymnastics Academy / Adult Leagues

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- Christine Young requested the Recreation Commission consider reviewing the current policy for non-resident versus resident rates for various Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services programs.
- Christine Young suggested that often, for “one-off” events, residents could be given the opportunity to have an early registration window to register prior to opening registration to non-residents if we wished to have one rate for both resident and non-resident registrants.
- Examples of the cost difference between residents and non-residents were given, illustrating that the cost is a 50% upcharge for non-residents for some programs while others are a flat rate pending the need to fill teams (as is the case with the basketball tournament).
- Christine Young did mention that while the current process for collecting non-resident fees proves to be less challenging as in the past, the concern is the cost that a non-resident might pay when having multiple children engaged in some of the more expensive programs, or when one non-resident child is engaged in several of the costlier programs.
- Kim Manning came forward to state that the arts programs struggle to fill classes often on account of the non-resident rate. Many art instructors have followings and decline to teach for Alpharetta’s programs due to the high non-resident rate. She did, however, mention that in comparing our rates to neighboring counties and cities, each has a different approach with some mirroring the 50% upcharge and others having a flat rate upcharge.
- Commissioner Scott mentioned that often “peer pressure” to join a team when all friends are signed up could address the non-resident rate issue because a person will pay to play regardless. He also mentioned that we must have some sort of benefit for Alpharetta residents whether that means an early access registration or resident rate. Regardless of the approach, the city should also consider the added wear and tear of increased usage of program related equipment and space related to registrant expansion.
- Chairman Mitchell asked if such a decision would require Council approval.
- Kurt Kirby confirmed that it would.
- Commissioner Rand reminded that the reason a non-resident rate was initially implemented was on account of resident taxes stretching to cover operating costs for all facilities that were being used by residents and non-residents alike. Nevertheless, the rate structure was crafted several years ago and could be reviewed.
- Chairman Mitchell asked how long it would take staff to provide a monetary analysis that could be reviewed by The Commission to realize the impact of adjusting non-resident rates.
- Commissioner Piedrahita agreed that data would be helpful.
- Commissioner Scott proposed that if nothing else, the idea of changing the verbiage from non-resident/resident fees to a standard fee with an Alpharetta resident discount could prove to be better terminology.

- Christine Young stated that they did implement such wording at the pool, and it went very well.
- Commissioner Rand asked if we were losing funding hence the rationale for revisiting rates.
- Christine Young stated the recreation programs were not but that the art programs were.
- Commissioner Rand stated maybe a rate restructuring of the classes might be a wise approach.
- Kim Manning mentioned that reducing instructor rates too much could result in a loss of quality instructors.
- Commissioner Rand then stated that just as a reminder, if classes are of no interest in Alpharetta residents, Council has no desire to fund programs of interest for non-residents only.
- Chairman Mitchell stated that if program participation of non-residents is 60-70%, then the existing rates are not deterrents; if 0%, then yes.
- Commissioner Scott asked what Milton charges for art programs.
- Kim Manning mentioned that Milton does not have an organized program in place.
- Christine Young also made mention of the Roswell Camp, NOC that is offsite and whether The Commission wished to review that cost when considering rates as well as athletic team rates.
- Chairman Mitchell mentioned that teams have MOUs requiring certain resident/non-resident ratios of players and that diving deep into rates could prove to be complicated at that point.
- Commissioner Piedrahita stated she'd love to learn more about the MOUs in place and how they play roles in fees however Chairman Mitchell stated MOUs do not apply to standard recreation programs, only to athletic teams.
- The concern of varying rate structures by class or teams was also raised. That one approach is still best for all versus selectively applying rates.
- Chairman Mitchell stated that while the Recreation Commission understood that the concern lay not in participation but cost for non-residents, ultimately a review of the participation numbers and whether cost proved to be a deterrent would be required.
- It was decided that the Recreation Commission would review the rates but wished to see more data (rate difference between the two groups, number of enrollments for residents versus non-residents per program, etc.) before proceeding with a decision on how best to proceed.

b. Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Restroom Inventory

- Chairman Mitchell requested the Recreation Commission review details in the agenda packet as they relate to the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services restroom inventory and to let staff know if they had any questions.
- Commissioner Kaighin wished for changing tables in men's restrooms be considered when making design changes to restrooms.

c. Park Services Bond Update – August 2022

- ❖ Commissioner Rand made a motion to table the discussion of August 2022 Park Services Bond Update to the next scheduled Recreation Commission Workshop on account of time constraints.
 - Vice Chair Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed (8-0).

d. Commission Member Orientation

- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk and Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator came forward to present this item.
- Lauren Shapiro offered a brief orientation for Recreation Commission members on current resources available to access prior meetings and upcoming agendas as well as a refresher on Robert's Rules of Order, and the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct for the City's board and commission members.
 - Vice Chair Saha asked for clarification on conflict of interest, using the example of a council member and downtown restaurateur's role with town green related agenda topics.
 - Lauren Shapiro stated that the council member would decide to recuse based upon whether the proposed amendments would lead to personal benefit.
 - Vice Chair Saha asked about how the Recreation Commission member's five-year terms factor into the four-year terms of the Council Member who appoints them.
 - Lauren Shapiro stated that said Recreation Commission member would serve his/her full five-year term and then, upon approaching the end of the term, would contact the current Council Member serving in the post associated with the Recreation Commission member's appointment to either let the Council Member know his/her term is ending and to seek a new appointment or to request consideration for reappointment.

IV. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- There were no commission comments or reports.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With there being no further items to discuss, Commissioner Rand made a motion to table the discussion of the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Restroom Inventory and the August 2022 Park Services Bond Update to the next scheduled Recreation Commission Workshop.
 - Vice Chair Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).
- ❖ The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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



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V. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – 9.13.22 (Unofficial)



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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 - Morgan Rodgers – Director, 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
 - Eric Milley – Park Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kevin McDonald, Recreation Services Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department
 - Amber O'Dwyer – Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Recognition – Marissa Sequeira

- Kevin McDonald, Recreation Services Coordinator of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- Marissa Sequeira has taught yoga for 4-5 years at the Adult Activity Center and her classes have exponentially grown. When outside on the Miracle League field attendance was nearly 25-30 people per class.
- One can tell by those who showed for her recognition this evening how much she has done for the class which includes not only teaching yoga but also teaching about the Indian culture and holidays (such as Diwali).
- She has been great, and the Adult Activity Center staff is happy to have her as an instructor and hope to continue to have her teach.
- Kevin McDonald invited Ms. Sequeira to the front to say a few words.
- Ms. Sequeira invited Donna Boudakian, Community Engagement Specialist for Galerie Living (the parent company over Village Park and Corso Properties in Alpharetta, Peachtree Corners, and Buckhead) to come forward.
- Ms. Boudakian contacted Dixie Pounds in the Recreation Services Division of Alpharetta's Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department regarding an instructor for the company's adult living communities. As a result, Marissa Sequeira is not only a yoga instructor for the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center but also for the various Village Park and Corso Properties in Alpharetta, Peachtree Corners, and Buckhead.
- Ms. Sequeira showed her gratitude for the opportunity to teach for the City of Alpharetta. She was trained by the first person to bring yoga to America in 1919. She stated her mother used to go to the Alpharetta Arts Center and at the time, the yoga instructor was inconsistent. Her mother, India's first Olympian, saw Marissa's talent, and encouraged Marissa to teach at the center to offer more consistent classes for residents. Now, she does! She teaches from the heart and is excited to be permitted to teach traditional Indian Yoga to her students.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2022, Meeting

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022, meeting.
 - Commissioner Beach seconded the motion.
 - Vice Chair Saha offered a friendly amendment that the minutes from the August 9, 2022, have the duplicated word "unofficially" removed from the sentence "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."
 - Chairman Mitchell accepted the friendly amendment.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

VI. REPORTS

a. Community Services Division Staff Report – September 2022

- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.

Events:

- Scarecrows are coming back and are set to be installed the last week of September and as of today, the city has over 110 applicants.
 - Chairman Mitchell asked how many scarecrows are considered max capacity.
 - Amanda Musilli stated 115. The deadline was extended another week to hit capacity as it was first thought we might not reach 100 scarecrows.
 - Commissioner Beach asked for clarification on the Pre-K through 5th grade level application limitations.
 - Amanda Musilli did not realize there was a grade level cap on the application and requested that Commissioner Beach please extend the invite to all grade levels.
 - Amanda Musilli also stated that this year, downtown business owners have been informed not to put yard signs in hay bales. The structure must be a scarecrow or some type of creation otherwise it will be removed.
- Wire & Wood is the 2nd weekend in October and is ahead of schedule with all talent booked (including Music Match performances). A preview night on October 6th at Avalon will take place and feature a different artist than Wire & Wood but the same genre of music to kick-off the event.
- Season of Celebration plans are coming along nicely. The season will be very similar to last year with the first three Fridays in December being the tree lighting, photos with Santa, and holiday movies on the town green. There is a possibility that a third movie screening may be added into the rotation.
- The Farmers Market runs through end of November.

Community Agriculture:

- The Community Agriculture Plan has been drafted by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and Food Well Alliance. It is currently being updated based upon the steering committee's feedback. The goal is to present the plan to Mayor & Council this fall for approval and adoption.
- The October 3rd fall plant pick-up was successful with over 100 members taking home vegetables and flowers for fall/winter gardens.
- Cambridge High School (CHS) students are back five mornings a week. The group is strong this year appearing very engaged and interested in the work. In addition, a textbook has been added to the curriculum to further the credibility and structure of the program.
 - Vice Chair Saha asked how many students are participating in the program.
 - Amanda Musilli stated we have six, which is about the normal registration for the class. While we were told there could be a chance of fourteen students, we are still happy with the six participants.
- Commissioner Rand asked if there has been any luck in hiring a Volunteer & Education Coordinator.

- Amanda Musilli stated the last interview occurred today and that they may have settled on someone, but nothing is concrete yet.
- Commissioner Norton asked about the number of schools partnering with Old Rucker Farm.
 - Amanda Musilli stated there are four high schools partnering: Alpharetta High School (pickling, preserves, jellies, jams via culinary program); Cambridge High School (Community Agriculture Business class); Milton High School (CBI/special needs students for jar labeling); and Innovation Academy (RFID bee tracking system for foraging data).
 - Vice Chair Saha asked how the tracking system is applied to the bees.
 - Amanda Musilli stated through sedation. They use a vacuum process to extract the bees into a jar that is later refrigerated. The cooling process serves as a type of sedation process (like reptiles) for the bees in which they fall asleep. Once asleep, a tiny tracking device is attached to the thorax after which the bee is then return to the hive to awaken.
 - Vice Chair Saha asked how far the bees travel until they are out of range of the sensor.
 - Amanda Musilli stated bees travel up to five miles (2.5 miles one way) from their hive. The sensors read upon entry/exit of the hive.
 - Commissioner Beach asked where the hive was located.
 - Amanda Musilli stated there are four hives at Rucker Farm, but a community-based grant is underway to raise funding for a second hive to be installed at the school's property. Over \$1k has been raised already.

b. Cultural Services Division Staff Report – September 2022

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item on behalf of Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
- Christine Young reminded Commissioners that most of the information presented may also be found in the agenda packet as well as the Arts & Culture Online Calendar and the Music City Live Music Calendar.

Arts, Music, History Updates:

- The *Medley* Outdoor Exhibit was just installed in the City's parks.
 1. *Ribbon Arch* by Jim Gallucci at Wills Park
 2. *Hill Climb* by Jim Collins at Brooke Street Park
 3. *Tree* by Gus & Lina Ocamposilva at Thompson Street Park
 4. *Liquid Sunshine* by Michael Alfano at Brooke Street Park
 5. *Allura* by Nathan Pierce at Brooke Street Park

Upcoming Cultural Happenings:

- *Colors of India* is another exhibit on display at the Alpharetta Arts Center. The exhibit, on display through September 23rd, is hosted by the India American Cultural Association.
- 260 people attended the August 6th opening reception. The event will also have a closing reception/ Diwali kick-off event on September 17th.
 - Vice Chair Saha stated this was interesting as he did not recall closing receptions before.
 - Nancy Murphy of Arts Alpharetta responded this was correct, however, the India American Cultural Association is funding and hosting it.
- *Riders Give Back* (an exhibit of graphic designs used in local horse shows to support the organization's mission to partner with local equestrians to raise money for local children's charities) is also on display through September 23rd.
- The *John Williams Turns 90* concert will take place September 16th at 8pm at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church and is being presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra.
- ARTober, Alpharetta's Celebration of National Arts & Humanities Month, will be all month long in October and will include free cultural happenings and events.
- Family Day at the Arts Center will be October 1st on the Arts Center front lawn and adults and kids are invited to attend.
- Christine Young stated that for additional details or events, one can reference the staff report in the agenda packet and the Arts Center calendar.

c. Recreation Services Division Staff Report – September 2022

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.

Aquatics:

- Highlighted swim season which ended on September 5th.
 - Christine Young mentioned she had the pleasure of lifeguarding recently and it was fun.
 - Weather permitting, senior swim will end September 24th.
 - Overall, it was a highly successful season (May 29th – September 5th) with over 30,855 to admissions. This is up 23% from last year and is likely attributed to less swim lessons and more open swim hours.
 - To add, the percentage of non-residents was 59%. People come from all over (Atlanta, Cherokee County) for the unique pool including the slide and high dive.
 - The city sold 431 unique member pool passes. This is also up from last year.
 - The Master Swim program permitted people to work with a trainer this year.
 - Water Fitness classes proved successful with a count of 745 pool passes swiped.
 - Overall, the city had 2,591 swipes of pool passes this year.

- Commissioner Kaighin asked if the pool usually closes around the same time every year.
 - Christine Young stated once the kids return to school, the pool is only open on weekends. There is not an incentive to keep the pool open once sport seasons start.
- Commissioner Norton asked if there had been trouble with lifeguards this year.
 - Christine Young stated there was none. Recreation Services was very intentional with hiring lifeguards this year. The plan was to keep properly training highschoolers versus college students to keep them on staff for 4-5 years until they graduate and cycle out with the next group.
 - Christine Young also stated Kat Abdolrazagh, the new Aquatics Supervisor did an amazing job with staff.
- Commissioner Rand asked how swim lessons went at the YMCA this season.
 - Christine Young stated the YMCA was packed. And those that wish to continue lessons can do so year-round at the YMCA if interested.
- Commissioner Rand asked if any people were turned away on account of max capacity.
 - Christine Young was unsure and stated this would be a good question for Ryder Leary with the YMCA who stated classes were full but did not indicate if there was a waiting list.
- Commissioner Bowers asked if the increased participation was anticipated.
 - Christine Young stated yes, due to more public swim hours and having remained open through Labor Day.
- Commissioner Bowers asked if non-resident attendance was typical/atypical for the season.
 - Christine Young stated it was higher than usual and once again, likely due to more open swim hours.
- Commissioner Rand asked if residents had to join and pay a membership for the YMCA to take place in the swim lessons offered.
 - Christine Young stated if someone was an Alpharetta resident, they received the resident rate for swim lessons offered at the YMCA.

Events:

- North Fulton Special Needs Field Day is this Saturday, September 17th from 10am-2pm on the event lawn in The Grove behind the Alpharetta Community Center. Collaboration between Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Roswell, Milton, and the YCMA make this event possible. It should be a fun afternoon of games and activities for special needs community members and their families.
- This is the second year for the event with the first year being highly successful.
- While the event is free, pre-registration is required.
- Commissioner Rand asked if this event was in lieu of the Special Needs Expo.

- Christine Young stated it is not. The Special Needs Expo was hosted by Roswell last March (as the hosting city rotates annually) and the next date has not been released.

Athletics:

- A new coordinator started last week, Alan Sanders. Another coordinator and an administrative assistant to replace Kim Unger should start in the next few weeks which will bring the Wills Park Recreation Center back to full staff.
- Commissioner Bowers asked if all were new positions or to fill vacated positions.
 - Christine Young stated it was to fill vacated positions.
- All fall sports are underway. The Alpharetta Ambush Soccer Club has almost 1600 kids participating in the upcoming fall season.

Active Adults:

- Preston Ridge will begin classes once renovations are complete on the storage area and coordinator's office.
- Staff and seniors had a great time rafting the Nantahala River. Attempted the one, Class III (advanced) route for the river and they really enjoyed it.
- Seniors had a luncheon at the center today with leftover fried chicken for anyone interested.

Health & Wellness:

- A new program "Kilometer Kids" via the Atlanta Track Club began September 6th and has 29 participants. The running program promotes healthy habits, goal setting, and respect for the sport of running.
 - Commissioner Bowers suggested free admission to Peachtree Road Race.
 - Christine Young stated this is something to be considered for next year.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if the city is hosting a kids' triathlon.
 - Christine Young stated one is coming up soon, but the Iron Kids triathlon had already taken place.

d. Park Services Division Staff Report (Excluding Wills Park) – September 2022

- 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 for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
- Opening Day of soccer and Miracle League programs started September 10th. Staff worked hard to make sure grounds were immaculate for the season.
- The tree removal initiative to remove dead wood has finished and capital funding has been depleted. At this time, there are still trees that need to be removed and expenses will come from existing operating funds. The continued goal is not to remove trees unless necessary.

- Staff is still interviewing for the position of Park Technician. Unfortunately, we cannot seem to close the deal with the last few candidates declining at the last minute.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if this could be due to a low pay wage.
 - Kurt Kirby stated many factors are involved not just pay though it can be an issue in the public sector. Other jobs often seem more appealing as the role constitutes hard work and not everyone is cut out for such a labor-intensive position.
- Staff is also currently seeking bids for shrub replacement, arboretum trees, and street trees at the City Center and Brooke Street in addition to bids to replace the privacy fence at Cogburn.

e. Park Services Division Staff Report (Wills Park) – September 2022

- 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 for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
- The focus of the park's "off season" is Wacky World which needs to be replaced. It will not be replaced soon as it must go through a formal process beginning with design of a new playground. That said, staff is currently trying to maintain the playground's integrity as the best playground in the state (maybe the country) until replacement can occur.
- The focus for the next few weeks will be on the Mansell House grounds and structures. Recently the gazebo was removed as it proved to be structurally unsound. The wooden bridge leading to the storage area was also hazardous, so it was replaced. Next, staff will upgrade the lighting and make other enhancements to revive the facility's event space.
- Staff has made multiple ground repairs to Wills Park including raising the tree canopy around walking trails and installing sod for worn spots in areas of heavy activity.
- As a reminder, The Equestrian Center Arena Ribbon Cutting is this Friday, September 16th at 5pm. Commissioners are encouraged to attend to see the nice, finished look.

f. Capital & Park Bond Projects Update – September 2022

- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.

Capital Projects:

- Webb Zone, the mostly wooden playground at Webb Bridge Park, has reached the end of its life cycle and is due for replacement. Staff plans to seek approval of the replacement by City Council on September 26th.
 - Commissioner Rand stated she thought the Webb Zone playground was mostly metal.
 - Kurt Kirby stated that the Webb Zone play structures are mostly wood. The swings are not wood, but play structures are wood.
 - Kurt Kirby stated the city has spent \$74k in repairs and believes that for structural integrity and cost effectiveness it is time to focus on replacing the playground.
 - Staff has previously enhanced the area with new fencing, and other minor modifications, and now the focus is on equipment replacement.

- Chairman Mitchell asked how long the process from design to execution could take.
 - Kurt Kirby stated design could take 8-12 weeks while installation would only be 2-3 weeks. Hope is to have it completed in winter months in preparation of the warmer months.
- The Alpharetta Community Center Gym Floor replacement started in August.
 - Installation is now complete up to the bleachers. Bleachers have been moved to finish that portion of the floor and will then be reinstalled. The entire process should be completed by mid-October as to not interfere with the youth basketball program.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if the source of the water damage was able to be detected during the renovation.
 - Kurt Kirby stated the contractors did not find anything deemed a major foundation issue. Nevertheless, an epoxy was applied to the new flooring to serve as a water barrier to prevent future damage.
 - Director Rodgers added that installers were convinced the water came up through the concrete foundation across the entire floor and not via a solitary spring.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if this was isolated to just the one gym or an issue for the entire building.
 - Director Rodgers stated this was just the one gym floor and likely due to the lack of inclusion of water barrier at initial installation.
- The Greenway wayfinding project is also in its final stage. Staff hopes to begin the installation of the signage come the end of fall.

Bond Projects:

- Union Hill Park and Old Rucker Park designs were approved by City Council on August 22nd. The first kick-off meeting for Old Rucker Park takes place tomorrow.
- Wills Park Proper and Wills Park Equestrian designs still need City Council approval but hope to be approved and awarded to Barge Design Solutions, Inc.
- The Waters Road / Kimball Bridge Park design concept is set to be discussed by City Council as a workshop item for the October 3rd City Council Meeting. The Gordian Group prices the cost to build the park at \$1.1M which is under budget.
- Mid-Broadwell Park is estimated to exceed the funding allocated in the 2022 Park Bond. That said, the park project will now be delayed as Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services as well as Public Works staff work to determine cost and funding.
 - Commissioner Beach asked what caused the increased cost.
 - Kurt Kirby stated the increased cost is in materials. Staff also had to accommodate more stormwater design than anticipated and stream buffers driven by the infrastructure. While this does make the project challenging, the end goal, is to build the park properly and to not have issues down the road.

g. Director's Report

- Morgan Rodgers, Director of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present his reports.
- Director Rodgers provided a City Council & Commission Agenda Schedule to illustrate items that must come before the Commission and City Council in the next few months.
 - Director Rodgers stated the deadline for which staff is to submit City Council agenda items has been increased thereby advancing the timeline of the Commission items.
 - Staff can no longer assume that workshop items may be approved by City Council as quickly as the very next week.
- Director Rodgers also informed Commissioners that Fulton County has notified staff that the county has plans to conduct sewer work along the Greenway between Rock Mill and Preston Ridge. This work will result in closure of the Greenway in October for about 3-5 days. Staff is informing the Commission because they understand residents will not be happy with the closing. Unfortunately, it is part of the agreement with Fulton County that the Greenway may be closed at any time for needed sewer maintenance or repair. To add, the October dates could change on a moment's notice so please be prepared.
 - Commissioner Beach asked about communication to the public regarding the upcoming closing.
 - Director Rodgers stated staff is currently gathering as much information as they can from Fulton County after which they will inform the public and give as much notice as possible.
- Director Rodgers reiterated that Friday, September 16th at 5pm is The Equestrian Center Arena Ribbon Cutting. Food trucks, music, four-pole contest of horses, and other activities are planned. Please do come and have a good time!
 - Commissioner Bowers asked if there was a specific place to meet or gather for the event.
 - Director Rodgers stated is next to the concession stand, closest to parking lot. It will be the only arena with a black, good-looking fence.
- Lastly, the Nashville based Veterans Songwriters Group that works with veterans and helps them write songs will be coming to Preston Ridge on November 4-6th. This is exciting and shows that branding Alpharetta as a music city is proving to be successful. More information will be provided as we draw closer to the event.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Waters Road Park Concept

- Morgan Rodgers, Director of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- The city hosted virtual and in-person public input meetings regarding the Kimball Bridge / Waters Road Park design. Based upon citizen input, a revised design of Kimball Bridge/Waters Road Park has been conceptualized.
 - The main difference is that the dog park has been removed.

- The design has also shifted to be as close to Kimball Bridge Road as possible.
- The design includes a small parking lot (large enough for a fire truck to turnaround), a playground, trails, restrooms next to the playground, and two small picnic areas for two single picnic tables (to avoid larger gatherings).
- Staff is asking Commissioners to approve the design for City Council to discuss at the October 3rd City Council Meeting.
- Commissioner Kaighin asked what other parks the playground design is mirrored after.
 - Director Rodgers stated Cogburn Park is a similar concept.
- Commissioner Rand asked about swings.
 - Director Rodgers stated two sets are included: one for children under age five and one for older children.
- Vice Chair Saha asked when the naming of the park would take place.
 - Director Rodgers stated, while the park has not been formally named, the title is usually based upon the road the park is closest to so staff will recommend "Kimball Bridge Park". Until then, because residents know it to be "Waters Road Park", staff is calling the park the "Kimball Bridge/Waters Road Park" to avoid confusion.
- Commissioner Rand asked if the restrooms could deliver similar challenges to that of Mid-Broadwell Park.
 - Director Rodgers stated staff was not concerned and have planned accordingly. Staff is aware of where the location of the sewage lines reside based upon the location of where the house once stood on the property.
- Commissioner Kaighin asked if staff aimed for minimal tree removal and land disturbance.
 - Director Rodgers stated "Yes." Staff is using areas where the house once stood for the parking lot and playground in an to attempt to utilize areas where no trees currently stand as part of the effort to remove as few trees as possible.
- Commissioner Kaighin asked if the entry drive will remain open.
 - Director Rodgers stated "Yes." In similar fashion to other community parks. To add, restrooms will automatically lock at dark and unlock come the morning. Motion sensor lights will also alert Public Safety if someone is in the restrooms after hours.
- Commissioner Rand asked about pedestrian crossings.
 - Director Rodgers stated they are located at the intersection of Kimball Bridge Road and Waters Road.
 - Commissioner Rand asked about how far the apartment tenants would have to walk to reach the park crossing.
 - Director Rodgers stated that the question is more geared for Public Works staff who typically do not like mid-block crossings as they consider them too dangerous.
 - Commissioner Rand stated she was curious to know about the pedestrian crossings as there are no markings on the rendering.
 - Director Rodgers said he was not sure but would be happy to ask Public Works staff for answers and to ensure adequate crossings when the time comes.

- Commissioner Bowers asked if the only entry way into the park was coming from the west.
 - Chairman Mitchell stated a turn lane from both directions is included in the rendering though it may be difficult to see.
- Commissioner Beach inquired as to what material will be used for walking trails.
 - Director Rodgers indicated slate will be used which can allow for strollers and is ADA compliant.
- Chairman Mitchell asked if the plan was to keep the park as level as possible given the slope at the location.
 - Director Rodgers stated "Yes."
- Commissioner Rand asked about overflow parking at the Korean church.
 - Director Rodgers stated crafting a transition from our property to the church proved to be too expensive for the project's funding but could be considered in the future.

Public Comment:

- Dottie Cooper, a resident of the Waters Mill Subdivision came forward to speak.
- She noticed the trees on the rendering and asked why such a cluster of trees were left in the one area rather than being used for a greater purpose such as an additional park amenity.
 - Director Rodgers stated the rendering and may not illustrate the true number of trees in the cluster and that the goal was to have as little impact on trees as possible, only removing trees deemed unhealthy or dangerous.
- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the latest rendering of the conceptual site plan for Kimball Bridge/ Waters Road Park based upon the original design by Pollack Associates.
 - Commissioner Rand offered a motion to approve the latest rendering of the conceptual site plan for Kimball Bridge/ Waters Road Park based upon the original design by Pollack Associates
 - Commissioner Kaighin seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

IX. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION / CITY COUNCIL

- There were no commission comments or reports.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Commissioner Rand offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Vice Chair Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

- With there being no further business to hear or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber O'Dwyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "O".

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



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Recreation Commission Minutes (Workshop of 9/28/2022)

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Recreation Commission workshop minutes from September 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

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 workshop on September 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. attached hereto as "Recreation Commission Workshop Minutes – 9.28.22 (Unofficial)".

Attendance – September 28, 2022, Recreation Commission Workshop:

- Recreation Commission Members - Present
 - Dennis Mitchell (Chairman)
 - Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
 - Cheryl Rand
 - Derek Kaighin
 - John Norton
 - Karla Peidrahita
- Recreation Commission Members – Absent
 - Jeremy Scott
 - Brad Bowers
 - Shuntel Beach

V. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

Recreation Commission Workshop Minutes – 9.28.22 (Unofficial)



RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

- Recreation Commission Members – Present
 - Dennis Mitchell (Chairman)
 - Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
 - Cheryl Rand
 - John Norton
 - Karla Peidrahita
 - Derek Kaighin
- Recreation Commission Members - Absent
 - Shuntel Beach
 - Jeremy Scott
 - Brad Bowers
- Staff
 - Morgan Rodgers – Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kurt Kirby – Project Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Christine Young – Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Amber O'Dwyer – Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. WORKSHOP ITEMS

- Commission Meeting & Workshop Schedule
 - Recreation Commissioners discussed the current schedule of Recreation Commission meetings and how best to proceed in the future.

- Currently, the schedule includes one meeting and one workshop each month with division managers on rotation to present staff reports so that not all need be in attendance.
- Commissioners voiced they wish to feel more connected and have better conversation with department staff during commission meetings and feel this is not possible given the staff rotation.
- Commissioners also preferred to have questions answered during the meeting versus via email or phone and to not have just a bird's eye view of happenings but details on specific topics.
- A few commissioners felt The Commission was designed differently from other boards and commissions with the purpose being to include engagement and conversation and not to meet only for points of action.
- Commissioner Piedrahita stated she understood the staff rotation as an effort to make the most use of staff's time, respecting the fact that division managers may have additional commitments making attendance at every meeting challenging.
- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department stated staff would love any guidance provided by The Commission, and candidly speaking, many are lost directionally in terms of agenda reports and that the current approach feels monotonous.
- Chairman Mitchell suggested it might be wise to have Recreation Commissioners rekindle their division liaison assignments to help address the issue.
- Morgan Rodgers, Director of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department stated he would be happy to increase staff engagement with the Recreation Commission, requesting feedback to help steer staff in the right direction.
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department requested that if any Recreation Commissioners had questions arise between meetings, to please contact staff for more immediate answers.
- Commissioner Rand mentioned she would like to see partner associations come back before The Commission for annual reports as well.
- The final decision included a trial period lasting through February 2023 in which:
 - The meeting schedule would remain as is with two meetings a month: one official meeting and one workshop (pending items).
 - All department division managers would be present at the meetings to report on their respective divisions and to answer division-related questions.
 - Recreation Commissioners would provide continued feedback and clarification as to the level of detail and content they wish to see from staff reports.
 - Agenda packets would be released at least two days prior to meetings and workshops to allow Commissioners an opportunity to review discussion topics and reports.
 - Partner associations would begin presenting annual reports come January 2023.

- Director Rodgers asked Commissioners to provide questions pertaining to agenda items in advance of meetings, when possible, to allow staff an opportunity to prepare the best responses.
- **Johns Creek MOU – Discussion**
 - Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
 - Currently, the Parks Without Borders Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) permits residents and employees of the Cities of Johns Creek and Alpharetta to participate in either city's recreational softball, baseball, and lacrosse programs at the respective city's resident rate. It is important to note that travel programs are excluded from the MOU.
 - With the MOU up for renewal, the City of Johns Creek wishes to add recreational soccer to the list of programs shared between the two cities and City of Alpharetta staff sees this as mutually beneficial given the increased interest and participation in the program.
 - Additionally, the two parks that offer soccer fields and programs, Webb Bridge Park (City of Alpharetta) and Ocee Park (City of Johns Creek) sit along the adjoining border of both cities. This ease of access for Alpharetta and Johns Creek citizens furthers the idea that sharing in the recreational soccer programs and facilities is advantageous.
 - Commissioner Rand asked about the addition of the word "club" used in the MOU and whether it was a distinguishing difference between "travel select" and "travel select club".
 - Christine Young stated there was no difference but reiterated that travel programs are not currently included in the MOU.
 - Director Rodgers stated that while travel programs might be considered for the MOU in the future, Kirk Franz with Johns Creek wished to wait until the city's comprehensive plan was finalized before proceeding with the idea.
 - The Recreation Commission will vote to recommend City Council renew the Parks Without Borders Memorandum of Understanding to include recreational soccer programs at the October 11, 2022, Recreation Commission Meeting.
- **Design Services – Wills Park Proper & Equestrian Center**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
 - Director Rodgers informed the Recreation Commission that the Department of Public Works has been steering the project and is now ready to recommend Barge Design Solutions, Inc. as the designer for the Wills Park Proper & Equestrian Center improvements to City Council at the October 3, 2022, Council Meeting.
 - Through a Request for Qualifications and thorough evaluation of vendor submissions, Barge Design Solutions, Inc. was selected for the project.
 - Rendering costs are approximately \$1.8M and includes all aspects of design leading up to construction as well as an estimated cost to build.

- Wills Park Proper improvement designs are an amount not to exceed \$625,650.00.
 - Wills Park Equestrian Center improvement designs are an amount not to exceed \$1,184,750.00.
- Commissioner Norton asked if the design would incorporate ADA restrooms for Wacky World playground.
 - Director Rodgers stated that it would.
- Commissioner Piedrahita asked for the overall timeline of the project.
 - Director Rodgers stated he believed the project would take 18 months to complete.
- Vice Chair Saha asked about tennis court lighting.
 - Director Rodgers stated that while athletic lighting was not included in the bond renovation, renovations are planned and to be funded by a separate initiative and will include lighting for the tennis courts.
- **Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy**
 - Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
 - The Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy Program permits local athletic associations to seek sponsorships through vendor marketing on banners posted within Wills Park.
 - Currently, the program includes four associations: AMBUSH (soccer), NAFL (football), AYBA (baseball), and AYSA (softball).
 - A few of the associations are still determining their bandwidth for participation while others have found it essential for funding.
 - The program includes policies and guidelines to avoid clutter or inappropriate advertising within Wills Park.
 - Banners are permitted only during the length of the season and not all year long.
 - Currently, the banner program requires review and renewal by the Recreation Commission as it expired in May 2022.
 - Chairman Mitchell asked how much the program has raised to date.
 - Christine Young stated that estimates would be provided in reports come the end of the year and that despite a vote to renew the program would need to come prior to the release of the numbers, this is due, in part, to having intentionally not asked the associations' profit margins on account of the short ROI window.
 - Vice Chair Saha asked if staff had received any feedback, positive or negative as to the commercializing of the fields.
 - Director Rodgers and Christine Young both stated that neither had heard any negative comments to date.
 - Staff will seek approval to renew the program and policy by the Recreation Commission at the October 11, 2022, Recreation Commission Meeting.

IV. REPORTS

- Director Rodgers stated that the Annual Holiday Dinner Mixer of the Recreation Commission and the Cultural Arts Commission has been scheduled for December 13, 2022 and will likely take place at Rena's Restaurant.
- Director Rodgers and Chairman Mitchell announced Recreation workshops for November and December are cancelled on account of the holiday season and would resume in January. The last workshop for 2022 would be October 26, 2022.
- Vice Chair Saha asked for staff updates to be provided at the next Recreation Commission meeting regarding Waters Road crosswalks and left turn lanes as they relate to the Kimball Bridge / Waters Road Park design. He also asked for updates on the Department's bench memorial program.
- Commissioner Norton stated the equestrian arena ribbon cutting was fantastic.
 - Director Rodgers stated that there is better to come with the entire area receiving major enhancements. He also noted that most of the arena project was funded without 2022 Series Bond funding with the exception for the natural, tiered seating wall.
- Director Rodgers announced that October 24, 2022, will be the groundbreaking of the Alpha Loop extension from Old Milton Parkway to Northwinds Parkway adding connectivity to the Atley residential development, Westside Parkway, and the Northwinds office campus. More details are forthcoming.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With there being no further items to discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

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: MORGAN RODGERS, DIRECTOR, RECREATION, PARKS &
CULTURAL SERVICES

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Johns Creek & City of Alpharetta Parks Without Borders MOU Renewal

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Please recommend the Mayor and City Council approve the renewal of the Parks Without Borders Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Alpharetta and the City of Johns Creek to allow residents and employees access to each city's recreational soccer program and continued access to each city's softball, baseball, and lacrosse programs and facilities at the respective city's resident rate and to permit the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

III. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

☐ NON-BUDGETED ITEM

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT

☐ INCLUDED IN CURRENT FY CAPITAL BUDGET

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TOTAL PROJECT COST: It is believed the agreement has had and will continue to have a positive fiscal impact on the City of Alpharetta. Currently, the city's recreational sports programs are available to all neighboring residents at a non-resident rate, but participation can be minimally beneficial when the programs and facilities are not easily accessible to non-residents. Fortunately, Alpharetta and Johns Creek are neighboring cities with parks available on their adjoining borders and both boast quality recreational sports programs. Allowing each city to expand through simple sharing raises the number of available facilities and programs at no cost to either city, increases revenue through participation, and is an effective way to enhance the program and ultimately, the quality of life for residents.

IV. REPORT IN BRIEF:

The cities of Alpharetta and Johns Creek offer exceptional recreation programs and, throughout the years, have each experienced a high level of citizen engagement in recreational youth softball, baseball, and lacrosse. As resident participation continued to grow, eventually exceeding either city's bandwidth, the adjoining cities discovered that sharing certain programs and facilities would permit both cities to meet the increased demand.

Formalized as the "Parks Without Borders" Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the agreement permits residents in either city to enjoy the neighboring city's recreational youth softball, baseball, and lacrosse programs at the respective city's resident rates, provided space is available. Residents of each city would have first priority to register for their city's programs, after which residents of the other city will have priority. Lastly, an open registration period for non-Alpharetta and non-Johns Creek residents will begin. Additionally, the MOU has permitted full-time employees of each partner city and their immediate family members living in the same household to be considered residents of the city in which they are employed, granting access to youth softball, baseball, and lacrosse programs at the respective

city's resident rates. It is important to note the MOU is limited to recreational sports programs only and does not include travel programs.

Currently, the MOU is due for review and renewal by the Mayor and Council of each city. This year, the City of Johns Creek wishes to make an amendment to the longstanding agreement. Amid updates to the city's comprehensive plan, Johns Creek has realized that soccer is now one of the city's most popular recreational sports programs and wishes to include recreational soccer on the list of shared programs between Alpharetta and Johns Creek.

The City of Alpharetta has experienced similar growth in its recreational soccer program and staff finds the requested amendment mutually beneficial for both cities. Sharing the recreational soccer program and facilities also seems a natural fit given that Webb Bridge Park and Ocee Park, which host soccer fields, are situated along the neighboring cities' border, making programs and facilities easily accessible for citizens of either city.

To continue fostering the relationship between the two cities and for the added benefit brought to residents, Alpharetta and Johns Creek city staff are recommending renewal of the MOU to include recreational soccer on the list of shared programs and facilities attached hereto as the City of Alpharetta & City of Johns Creek Parks Without Borders Memorandum of Understanding.

V. ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Not renewing the longstanding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cities of Alpharetta and Johns Creek. It is believed this would be a viable choice should the MOU prove no longer beneficial to the two participating cities. Choosing not to renew the agreement would temporarily require each city to work within its own ability to offer exceptional recreational sports programs. To do so in the interim, each city may be required to limit the participation of residents in the programs to avoid losing quality due to quantity. In the long term, Alpharetta would determine if additional facilities could be either identified or constructed within the city's limits or explored through the possibility of sharing programs with other neighboring communities, such as Roswell or Milton.

Option 2: Renewing the longstanding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) without the addition of recreational soccer. It is believed this would be a viable choice should the addition of shared recreational soccer programs prove only to be beneficial to the City of Johns Creek. One determining factor for this option would be if the additional usage of Alpharetta's recreational soccer facilities by Johns Creek residents proved to lead to costly repairs. Another determining factor would be if the difference from non-resident to resident rates from the sharing of recreational soccer programs and facilities proved to be a substantial reduction in revenue for the City of Alpharetta. Currently, staff has identified only positive results from the sharing of recreational softball, baseball, and lacrosse programs and facilities and therefore predicts the same conclusion from sharing recreational soccer programs.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

- City of Alpharetta & Johns Creek Parks Without Borders MOU

PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA AND THE CITY OF JOHNS CREEK

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is entered into by and between the City of Alpharetta ("Alpharetta"), a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, and the City of Johns Creek ("Johns Creek").

WHEREAS, the Cities of Alpharetta and Johns Creek are adjoining communities in North Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, each City maintains and provides staff for its respective department within each City for the purpose of providing recreation and parks services; and

WHEREAS, the Cities have determined that it is to their best interest and mutual advantage to share certain programs and facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. GENERAL PURPOSE OF MOU.

The purpose of this MOU is to take another step to continue to foster a long-term mutually beneficial relationship between Alpharetta and Johns Creek as it relates to parks and recreation programs and services as a way to better serve the Cities' respective citizens, offer a wider variety of recreational services, and grow the relationship between the Cities such that similar opportunities can be developed over time.

2. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES.

(a) Alpharetta shall waive non-resident fees for Johns Creek residents who participate in Alpharetta's recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer programs, provided space is available.

(b) Johns Creek shall waive non-resident fees for Alpharetta residents who participate in Johns Creek's recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer programs, provided space is available.

(c) Travel/select/club softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer programs are not included in this MOU. (d) Residents of each City shall have first priority to register for their City's recreation programs (at least two (2) weeks before open registration). Residents of the other City shall have second priority to register for the recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer programs (at least one (1) week before open registration). The open registration period for non-Alpharetta and non-Johns Creek residents shall begin after the priority registration ends.

(e) Full time employees of each partner City and their immediate family members living in the same household will be considered residents of the City in which they are employed. As residents of the partner City, eligible employees/family members may register for recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer programs during the partner City's resident registration period and will pay resident registration fees. Each partner City will waive non-resident fees for the full-time employees and their immediate family members of the other City. To receive the non-resident fee waiver, an employee must provide proof of employment with the partner City when registering for the program. These guidelines are not applicable for part-time and seasonal employees, contracted vendors, and volunteers.

(f) The MOU shall become effective with registration for the Spring 2023 recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer seasons and shall continue through registration for the Fall 2023 recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer seasons.

Thereafter, this MOU shall be renewed automatically with registration for the Spring 2024 recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer seasons and shall continue through the registration for the Fall 2024 recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer seasons unless either City delivers written notice of non-renewal to the other City at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the term. If written notice of nonrenewal is given, this MOU will terminate upon the expiration of the existing term. Nothing stated herein shall obligate either City to extend this MOU beyond the term or any renewal term.

(g) At the conclusion of each Spring season, Alpharetta, and Johns Creek officials (to include the Mayors and City Manager/Administrator, or their designees), shall evaluate the effectiveness of the MOU in meeting established goals. Officials shall evaluate participation in recreational youth softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer, and the other terms of the MOU to ensure they are fair and just for both parties. The parties shall exercise their best efforts to resolve any issues.

(h) Termination. Both parties shall have the ability to terminate the MOU without cause with six (6) months prior written notice to the other party. The termination shall be effective at the end of the six (6) month period.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) The parties place high value on regular, timely and full communications between themselves, and commit themselves to ensuring strong communication links through their actions.

(b) Each party will designate a single point of contact to coordinate all activities between the parties involved.

(c) Communication between the two parties at the highest level (Mayors, any Administrator/City Manager) will take place if judged necessary by the respective Recreation & Parks Director or Recreation Manager of each City.

(d) More specific delineations of roles, responsibilities, resources, and commitments concerning particular matters may be addressed in written guidelines approved by the Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Director and the Johns Creek Recreation Manager, if such guidelines are consistent with the general purposes of this MOU.

(e) Unless otherwise provided for herein, this MOU does not impose specific program, resources, or budgetary obligations on either party.

4. OTHER PROVISIONS.

(a) Indemnity. Each City shall indemnify, defend, and hold the other City, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits, including attorney's fees, arising out of the acts, errors, or omissions of the indemnifying City, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers in the performance of its obligations under this MOU, except to the extent the injuries were caused by the indemnified City, to the extent, if any, allowed by law.

(b) Insurance. Each City shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining its own liability and property insurance against losses or liability related to this MOU.

(c) No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no third party beneficiaries to this MOU. No person or entity other than a party to this MOU shall have any rights hereunder or any authority to enforce its provisions. Nothing in this MOU shall be deemed to waive either party's sovereign or other immunity.

(d) Duration – Termination. The term of the MOU shall be for a period of one year. This MOU shall take effect and be in full force on December 1, 2020. The MOU will automatically renew for a period of one year unless either City delivers written notice of non-renewal to the other City at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the term. The MOU can be terminated pursuant to Section 2 (h) of this MOU.

(e) Relationship Between the Parties. In consideration of the mutual services provided herein, both parties agree that nothing contained herein is intended to be or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of partners or joint ventures between the parties hereto or as constituting an agency relationship in any manner whatsoever. The individual parties are and shall remain independent entities with respect to all services performed under this MOU. Each party represents that it has, or will secure all its expense, all personnel required in performing its service obligation under this MOU and that the acts of its employees performing the service under this MOU shall be the acts of employees of that entity alone. Each entity agrees that in the performance of this mutual service, its employees shall not require nor be entitled to any compensation, rights, or benefits of any kind whatsoever from the other entity to this MOU, including, but not limited to, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, disability, Worker's Compensation or Unemployment Compensation.

(f) Severability. In the event any part or provision of this MOU is held to be invalid, the remainder of this MOU shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

(g) Applicable Law. This MOU shall be governed in all respects as to the validity, construction, capacity, performance, or otherwise by the laws of the State of Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the day and year written below.

CITY OF ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA

Date: _____

By: _____

Jim Gilvin, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Molly Esswein, City Attorney

City of Alpharetta, Georgia

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK, GEORGIA

Date: _____

By: _____

John Bradberry, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

E. Ronald Bennett, Jr., City Attorney

City of Johns Creek, Georgia



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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

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

II. RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

III. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Monthly Highlight:

- Wire & Wood was October 7-8

Monthly Initiatives:

- Special Events
 - Preparing for annual review of events with Mayor & Council in December.
- Community AG
 - Preparing for City Ag Plan review on 11/28
 - Membership renewal on 11/7
 - Hired new Volunteer & Education Coordinator

Recreation Commission Q&A:

- No questions related to the Community Services Division were posed by Commissioners at the last meeting or workshop in which a follow-up response was required.

Monthly Happenings:

- 10/15 - Native and Edible Plant Sale at Old Rucker Farm in partnership with GNPS
- 10/16 - Fit Life Expo on Town Green
- 10/22 - Cancer Awareness Walk/Run at St. James UMC
- 10/22 - Final Member Community Workday of 2022 at Old Rucker Farm
- 10/23 - Alpharetta Women's Half Marathon
- 10/24 - AlphaLoop Extension Groundbreaking
- 10/31 - CHS Students will launch AGaretta Box business for 22/23 school year
- 11/07 - Community Garden Membership Renewal for Existing Members (11/14 for new members)

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

None.



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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

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

II. RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

III. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Monthly Highlights:

- Arts, Music, History Updates
 - Alpharetta Celebrates National Arts & Humanities Month in October
 - Proclamation at City Council Meeting on Oct 3
 - Crosswalk Mural Completed – Alpharetta Arts Center
 - Lionheart Partnerships
 - Mini Lionheart Gallery – Exhibited and Given Away Approx 250 Pieces of Original Artwork
 - Art Pal – Starting a New Program that Partners an Adaptive Artist with a Pal in any Art Class or Cultural Program
 - Music Match - Fulton County Contract for Services Grant \$15,000
 - Launched New Grant Oct 4 for Alpharetta Businesses through Dec 31

Monthly Initiatives:

- The Cultural Services division is excited to host and help facilitate numerous events planned over the next three months. The division's current initiative is to focus all efforts on ensuring the best success of upcoming gallery exhibits, music performances, history and/or culture-related events.

Recreation Commission Q&A:

- No questions related to the Cultural Services Division were posed by Commissioners at the last meeting or workshop in which a follow-up response was required.

Monthly Happenings:

- 9/22-10/28 - Natural Expressions 2022 Exhibit
 - Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery
 - 10/9 - Opening Reception from 3-5pm (Presented by Georgia Nature Photographers Association)

- 9/26-11/30 - Georgia Artists with Disabilities Exhibit
 - Alpharetta City Hall Community Gallery
 - Presented by Georgia Artists with Disabilities
 - 10/15 Reception at 2pm
- 9/26-11/11 - Variations on A Theme Exhibit by Artist Juanita Bellavance
 - Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery
- 10/2 - Alpharetta Community Chorus 10th Anniversary Performance
 - 3pm, Alpharetta Presbyterian Church
- 10/7-10/8 - Music Match at Wire & Wood Songwriters Festival
 - Times & Locations Vary (Check Online)
- 10/8 – Alpharetta Arts Center Family Day
 - 10am-1pm, Alpharetta Arts Center
- 10/9 - Music Match Featuring the Siblings
 - 6-8pm, Minnie Olivia
- 10/15 - Music Match Featuring Mic Larry Band
 - 8-10pm, Truck & Tap
- 10/16 - Tour Autrey Mill Nature Preserve-Membership Meeting for Alpharetta Old Milton County Historical Society
 - 2-3:30pm
 - Covered Dish Picnic Following Tour
- 10/29 - Plan from Outer Space Movie Night: Live Riff of Ed Wood's Classic Bad Movie
 - 7pm, Alpharetta Arts Center Terrace
- 10/31-11/22 - All About Pastels Exhibit
 - Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery
 - 11/3 Opening Reception from 5-7pm
 - 11/4-11/6 Pastels Workshop from 9am-4pm
 - 11/1 - Great Locomotive Chase Movie -1956 Walt Disney, Alpharetta Old Milton County Historical Society
 - 11:30am, FFA Log Cabin
- 11/4 - Wires & Pines Concert by Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra
 - 8-10pm, Alpharetta First United Methodist Church
- 11/7 - Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild Monthly Meeting
 - 6:30pm, Alpharetta Adult Activity Center
- 11/11-1/6 - Nan Griffith Exhibit / Studio Gallery Exhibit

- Alpharetta Arts Center
- Opening Reception – TBD

- 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/>

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- Cultural Services Division Report Presentation



Alpharetta Arts & Culture Recreation Commission Report October 2022



Alpharetta Celebrating National
Arts & Humanities Month

Find FREE Cultural Happenings & Events In October



Alpharetta Celebrates --National Arts & Humanities Month



Mondrian Crosswalk Alpharetta Arts Center



The inspiration for this crosswalk design was artist Piet Mondrian. A Dutch abstract artist and founder of the modern De Stijl (The Style) art movement, Mondrian (1872-1944) was known for his linear, primary compositions which were reflective of the outside world - reduced to pure abstraction- simplified to a “universal aesthetic language”. His iconic works remain influential in design and popular culture to this day.



Free Little LionART Gallery

Old Roswell Street Under the Oak Tree



Lionheart WORKS

Sep 15 · 🌐

Don't forget to stop by the Free Little Art Gallery in downtown Alpharetta behind Truck and Tap! The Free Little Art Gallery is stocked by Lionheart WORKS and The Cottage in partnership with the [Alpharetta Arts Center](#). Feel free to tag us in a photo when you pick up a piece of art from our little gallery!

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Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery Exhibit

Natural EXPRESSIONS 2022

Sept 26 - Oct 28



*Arts*Alpharetta
Advancing Alpharetta as a Cultural Arts Community



Community Gallery Exhibit – Alpharetta City Hall



**Georgia Artists
with Disabilities
37th Annual
Art Show
and Tour**

Sept 27 thru Nov 30

Community Gallery
Alpharetta City Hall
2 Park Plaza

THE CITY OF
ALPHARETTA
ARTS CENTER



Studio Gallery Exhibit – Alpharetta Arts Center



SPOOKY • ALIEN • FUN

at the Alpharetta Arts Center

FAMILY DAY

RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE & TIME

Gallery & Front Lawn, 238 Canton Street

Saturday, October 8, 10-1pm

Special guests with Art Studio
on the GO GO and Demos from
Alpharetta Arts Leader Groups.



FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & ADULTS!

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

MUSIC

FACE PAINTING

CLASS DEMONSTRATIONS

MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS



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CULTURAL SERVICES





RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Recreation Services Monthly Division Report – October 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

III. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Monthly Highlights:

- FY2022- A Year in Review

Recreation Commission Q&A:

- No questions related to the Recreation Services Division were posed by Commissioners at the last meeting or workshop in which a follow-up response was required.

Monthly Happenings:

- 10/22 - Boo Bash @ 5-9pm, The Grove behind the ACC
- 10/26 – Chili Cookoff Tuesday @ 12:30pm, Adult Activity Center
 - \$10, pre-registration required

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- FY2022 Recreation Programs Participation Report
- A Year in Review Presentation



Recreation Services FY22





A year in review

Fiscal Year 2022 brought many changes:

- Return to normalcy
- Increased registration and participation
- Innovative programming
- New Partnerships
- Staffing Changes
- Resolute in serving the community



Active Adults

- Baby Boomer wave
- Fastest growing sport in the nation
- Trips Galore
- Art Wing
- Served: A-6,821; NR-14,480
- Wrapped 15 Passenger bus
- Looking forward:
 - Expanding PRCC offerings
 - Fine Arts
 - Programming



1 New Supervisor

2 Facility improvements

3 Swim Team success



Served:

- 745 Water Fitness Seniors
- 30,855 Admissions
- Hired 56 staff
- Looking forward to:
 - Certifications
 - Improved events
 - Public Service Safety Plan



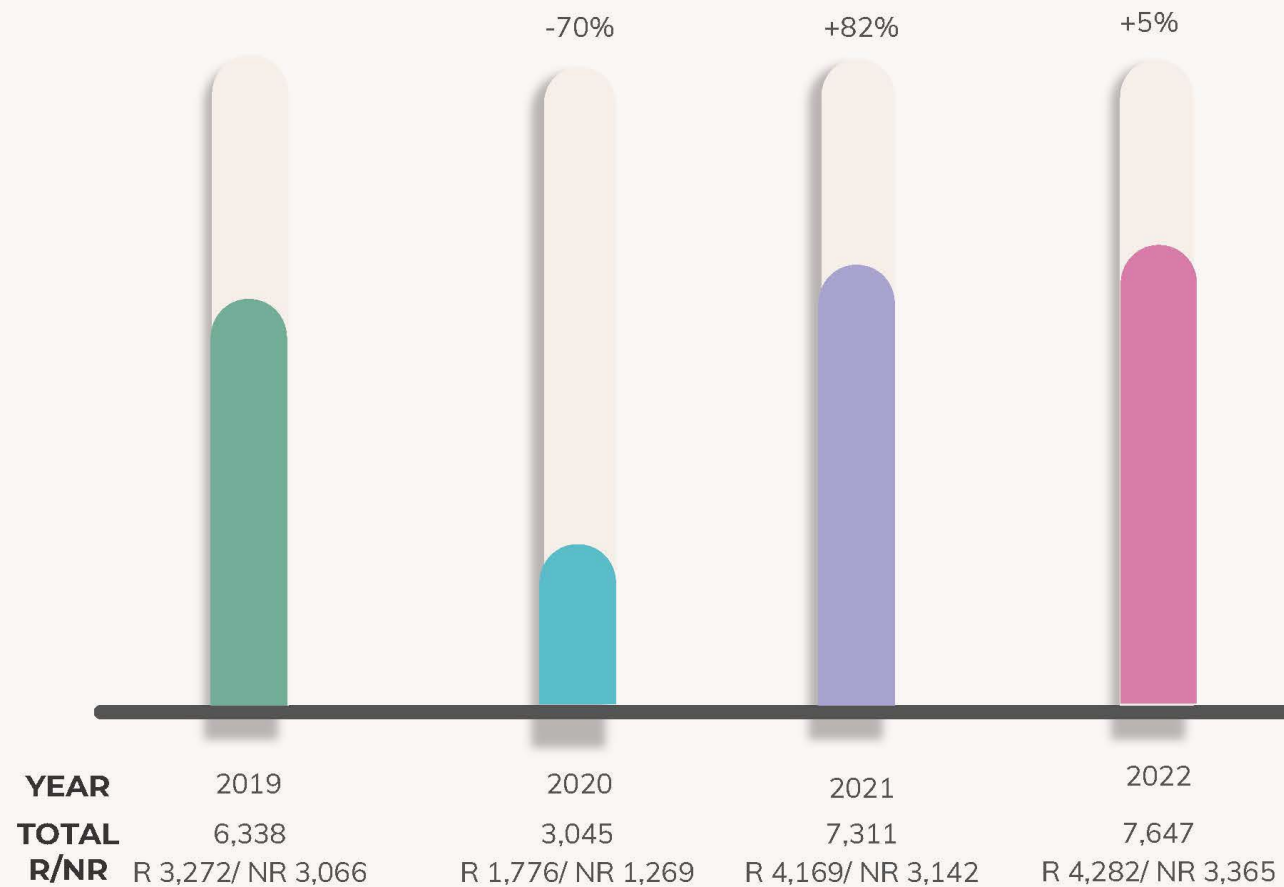
Camps

Summer of FUN!

- Additional Camps
- Increase in Resident registration
- Teamwork

Recreation Services Division 2019-2022 SUMMER REGISTRATION

% Difference Year to Year



ATHLETICS



Addition of Ambush as
an Association

Increase in participation

Field Improvements and
additions





Adult, Teen and Youth Leagues

- Increase in Participation in Adult Leagues
- Expanded offerings
- The return of Youth Basketball
- Looking forward to:
 - New leagues
 - Partnerships



Adaptive Programming



Camp Happy Hearts
Camp Joyful Soles
Camp Moe-Mentum
NMML



Special Needs Expo



Field Day



BrewAble



Adaptive Programming



Increase Offerings



Seek out Partnerships



Community
Conversations

FY2023



KEEP MOVING FORWARD

- Recreation Strategy
- Staff Training
- Programming
- Partnerships
- Keep making it FUN!



Alpharetta Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services Department
FY22 Program Participation Report

PROGRAM / SEASON FY22 July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022	Alpharetta Resident	Non-Resident	TOTALS	HOURS
SUMMER PROGRAMMING				
AQUATICS (May 2022-September 2022)				
COAST Swim Team	18	28	46	36
Lifeguard Certification Class	4	40	44	34
Master Swim	17	14	31	123
Pool Passes	271	400	671	N/A
Senior Swim	1743	1847	3590	N/A
Sharks Swim Team	135	52	187	306
TOTAL	2188	2381	4569	499
SUMMER DAY CAMPS (May 2022-August 2022)				
Camp Happy Hearts	58	181	239	350
Extreme Day Camp	108	39	147	420
MVP Summer Day Camp	309	131	440	420
Teen Adventure Camp	112	59	171	315
Wills Park Summer Day Camp	616	132	748	420
TOTAL	1203	542	1745	1925
SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS (May 2022-August 2022)				
Aquatic Adventure Camp	17	9	26	24
Babysitter Boot Camp	15	8	23	24
Cheerleading Camps	39	19	58	24
Chef Experience Cooking Camp	23	18	41	18
Dance Camps	209	81	290	216
Gymnastics Camps	279	167	446	120
LEGO Camp	75	45	120	60
AEBL Basketball Camps	159	66	225	192
NOC Camps	18	17	35	70

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FY20 Program Participation Report

SporTykes Camps	43	36	79	72
Tennis Camps	109	36	145	264
TOTAL	986	502	1488	1084
HOLIDAY CAMPS (July 2021-May 2022)				
Thanksgiving Dance Camp	9	5	14	9
Winter Break Dance Camp	29	12	41	33
Spring Break Dance Camp	22	10	32	30
Thanksgiving Gymnastics Camp	44	29	73	6
Winter Break GymnasticsCamp	138	77	215	18
Spring Break Gymnastics Camp	96	30	126	9
Spring Break AEBL Basketball Camp	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	338	163	501	105

PROGRAM / SEASON	Alpharetta Resident	Non-Resident	TOTALS	HOURS
INSTRUCTIONAL (July 2021-June 2022)				
Babysitter Certification Course	26	37	63	24
Badminton Lessons	0	0	0	0
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	77	87	164	188
Cheerleading - classes	48	21	69	36
Dance - youth, non-recital	191	118	309	356
Dance - youth, recital/invite	97	58	155	282
Dance - youth, rehearsal	15	5	20	9
Gymnastics - classes	1470	849	2319	1527
Gymnastics Clinics	93	36	129	28
Gymnastics - AGA team, monthly	143	159	302	1838
Instructional Sports - basketball	0	0	0	0
Karate Shotokan	27	17	44	194
Karate Shotokan - Drop In	224	253	477	65

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FY20 Program Participation Report

Open Gym - Drop In	1206	339	1545	N/A
Open Gym - membership	231	41	272	N/A
Pickleball - league	42	95	137	353
Pickleball - lessons	190	126	316	495
Pickleball- Open Play	117	93	210	387
Soccer Shots	165	36	171	93
SporTykes & Tiny Tykes - classes	122	82	204	170
Tennis - Adult	39	12	51	167
Tennis - Youth	336	87	423	1381
Tree Climbing	56	14	70	18
Volleyball	11	4	15	20
TOTAL	4926	2569	7465	7631

PROGRAM / SEASON	Alpharetta Resident	Non-Resident	TOTALS	HOURS
ADAPTIVE ACTIVITIES (July 2021-June 2022)				
iCan Bike 2022	2	32	34	45
Special Needs Field Day 2021	14	53	67	6
TOTAL	16	85	101	51

PROGRAM / SEASON	Alpharetta Resident	Non-Resident	TOTALS	HOURS
HEALTH & WELLNESS (July 2021-June 2022)				
Couch to 5K	41	27	68	37
RUN-SUP-YOGA	7	15	22	8
Trails & Ales Bike	24	48	72	10
Trails & Ales Walk	56	48	104	12
TOTAL	128	138	266	67

PROGRAM / SEASON	Alpharetta Resident	Non-Resident	TOTALS	HOURS
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FY20 Program Participation Report

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES (July 2021-June 2022)				
Family Dance	74	44	118	3
First Aid & CPR	69	31	100	34
Grinchmas Party	37	15	52	3
Halloween Crafts & Treats	38	12	50	2
Jolly Jingle Jam	37	24	61	2
3V3 March Madness Basketball Tourn.	25	28	53	270
TOTAL	280	154	434	314
YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES				
Basketball - Boys & Girls Winter	252	76	328	1248
Volleyball League - Fall 2021	18	4	22	25
Volleyball League - Spring 2022	14	15	29	25
TOTAL	284	95	379	1298
YOUTH ATHLETIC PARTNER LEAGUES				
AMBUSH - Recreation Fall 2021	418	182	600	11680
AMBUSH - Select Spring 2022	334	322	656	18586
AMBUSH- Recreation Spring 2022	539	213	752	14236
AYBA - Fall 2021 (R= A & JC)	123	354	477	13370
AYBA - Spring 2022 (R= A & JC)	458	160	618	18235
AYBA Travel (R= A & JC)	137	68	205	10752
AYSA - Fall 2021 (R= A, M & JC)	178	38	216	6475
AYSA - Spring 2022 (R= A, M & JC)	266	60	326	10220
AYSA Travel (R= A, M & JC)	22	35	57	5152
NAFL - Cheerleading 2021 (R= A & M)	67	6	73	558
NAFL - Flag Football 2021 (R= A & M)	245	19	264	1980
NAFL - Tackle 2021(R= A & M)	178	24	202	2736
TOTAL	2965	1481	4446	113980
PROGRAM / SEASON	Alpharetta Resident	Non-Resident	TOTALS	HOURS

Alpharetta Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services Department
FY20 Program Participation Report

ADULT & TEEN ATHLETIC LEAGUES				
Basketball - Adult Fall 2021	49	123	172	568
Basketball - Adult Spring 2022	78	203	281	1156
Basketball - Adult Summer 2022	51	190	241	832
Basketball - Teen Fall 2021	24	31	55	276
Basketball - Teen Summer 2022	23	19	42	192
Softball - Adult Fall 2021	239	338	577	3180
Softball - Adult Spring 2022	186	300	486	1332
Softball - Adult Summer 2022	201	345	546	1688
Sand Volleyball Adult Spring 2022	28	61	89	393
Sand Volleyball Adult Summer 2022	3	4	7	243
TOTAL	882	1614	2496	9860
ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER (AAC)				
Programs for People age 50+ (excluding trips)	6557	13606	20163	N/A
Trips for People age 50+	264	874	1138	N/A
Participants (w/o AAAC):	14196	9724	23920	136814
Participants (w/AAAC):	21017	24204	45221	N/A



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Report – October 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

III. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Monthly Highlights:

- The week of October 16th all the seasonal plantings will be replaced in the planters and medians.
- The one-time median construction to raise tree wells on Hwy 9 will begin the week of October 24th.
- Replaced chain link fence on the underpass at the entrance of Webb Bridge Park with standard black metal fencing.

Monthly Initiatives:

- The tree lights along the wooded walkway of Brooke Street Park will be replaced once some minor tree trimming is complete.
- The wood fence behind Cogburn Road park was replaced between the park and Lowes. The wood fence along the right side was repaired.

Recreation Commission Q&A:

- No questions related to the Park Services general operations and maintenance of all parks excluding Wills Park were posed by Commissioners at the last meeting or workshop in which a follow-up response was required.

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

None.



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Park Services (Wills Park) Monthly Division Report – October 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

III. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Monthly Highlights:

- The Equestrian Center had its Grand Opening of the new show arena, and it was a great event. Exhibitors and park patrons have been thrilled about the addition and we are looking forward to the next project. That process has been started for the next arena renovation. The covered arena has been laser graded and speakers for the new sound system have been installed. This will put us in a great position with some very large horseshows coming up on the schedule.

Monthly Initiatives:

- Staff has begun receiving quotes on resurfacing some sections of the walking trail at Wills Park. There are some areas of concern that will need to be addressed. Those repairs should be coming up in the next few weeks.
- Weather has been perfect for fall baseball. Staff is working with the AYBA to identify projects the city can partner on in the future.

Recreation Commission Q&A:

- No questions related to Wills Park operations and maintenance were posed by Commissioners at the last meeting or workshop in which a follow-up response was required.

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

None.



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Park Bond Projects Update – October 2022

II. RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

III. REPORT IN BRIEF:

Monthly Highlights:

- **Old Rucker Park:**
 - The design kick-off meeting was held on September 14. The design and permitting will take approximately six months.
- **Union Hill Park:**
 - The design kick-off meeting will be held on October 7. Staff is currently working on a renovation plan for the cover programming area.
- **Wills Park Masterplan Improvements and Wills Park Equestrian Center Improvements**
 - Up for City Council approval on October 17, 2022.
- **Water Road Park:**
 - The rendering was workshopped at the October 3 City Council meeting.
 - The contract will be voted on at the October 17 meeting for a design/build not to exceed \$1.1M which is below the approved bond amount of \$1.25M.
- **Mid-Broadwell Park:**
 - We are trying to figure the budget on this park.
 - The initial figures came in at two times the amount of what it was originally estimated.
- **Farmhouse Historical Site:**
 - Quotes for the design of this area have been requested.
 - This design will provide an access pathway to the actual historical structure.
- **Webb Bridge Park Turf:**
 - Staff has requested an assessment of all the septic systems in the park.
 - The results will help determine the feasibility installing a sewer line for the park.

Recreation Commission Q&A:

- Question/Inquiry: Update Park Amenity Tribute Program Update:
- Answer:
 - The formal program was launched January 1, 2022. To date there have been:
 - 17 inquires
 - 12 applications have been approved
 - 9 benches
 - 3 rocks
 - No swings or bike racks have been requested
 - Webb Bridge, Greenway, and Brock Street are the most popular parks for this program so far
- Question/Inquiry: Crosswalks and Left-turn Lanes for Kimball Bridge/Waters Road Park
- Answer: The Department of Public Works has had this inquiry under advisement since the early stages of the project. The current focus is on pedestrian use and safety and no changes to access and egress of the community park are planned at this time.

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- Park Amenity Tribute Program Tracker



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: 2022 Schedule of Agenda Items for City Council and/or Recreation Commission Review & Approval

II. RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

III. REPORT IN BRIEF:

As is known to the Recreation Commission, the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services has several items slated for workshop discussion and/or approval by the Recreation Commission and City Council over the next few months. Attached hereto as the "2022 Council / Recreation Commission Schedule" is staff's latest timetable for all agenda items slated to come before the two governing bodies.

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- 2022 Council / Recreation Commission Schedule

2022 COUNCIL / RECREATION COMMISSION SCHEDULE

MEETING DATE	AGENDA DEADLINE	MEETING	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
October 17, 2022	September 30, 2022	Council Meeting	Webb Bridge Playground Waters Road Park Concept - Approval Wills Park - Proper Wills Park - Equestrian	Morgan Rodgers Morgan Rodgers PW PW
October 24, 2022	October 7, 2022	Council Meeting	Home By Dark MOU	Amanda Musilli Morgan Rodgers - Presenter
October 26, 2022	October 19, 2022	Rec Commission Workshop	Bi-Annual Bond Update - Workshop Special Events - Workshop	Morgan Rodgers Kurt Kirby - Presenter Amanda Musilli
November 7, 2022	October 21, 2022	Council Meeting	Wayfinding Signage	Kurt Kirby Morgan Rodgers - Presenter
November 8, 2022	November 2, 2022	Rec Commission Meeting	#N/A	#N/A
November 28, 2022	November 11, 2022	Council Meeting	JohnsCreek MOU - Approval Agricultural Plan - Workshop	Morgan Rodgers Amanda Musilli Presenters: Morgan Rodgers, Amanda Musilli, FWA, ARC
December 5, 2022	November 18, 2022	Council Meeting	Agricultural Plan - Approval Bi-Annual Bond Update - Workshop Special Events - Workshop	Amanda Musilli Morgan Rodgers - Presenter Morgan Rodgers Kurt Kirby - Presenter Amanda Musilli Morgan Rodgers - Presenter
December 12, 2022	November 23, 2022	Council Meeting	#N/A	#N/A
December 13, 2022	December 7, 2022	Rec Commission Meeting	#N/A	#N/A