



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 10, 2023

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. **SWEARING-IN**
 - a. Swearing-In of Recreation Commission Members
- V. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from November 15, 2022**
- VI. **ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. NAFL - Year in Review Update
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- IX. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**
 - a. **DIVISIONS**
 - Community Services Division Monthly Report - January 2023
 - Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - January 2023
 - Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - January 2023
 - Park Services, Park Bonds, and Project Management Monthly Report - January 2023
 - b. **DIRECTOR**
 - 2022 Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department Year in Review
- X. **RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
- XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- XII. **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 (Meeting of 11/15/22)

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes from November 15, 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 meeting on November 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. attached hereto as "Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – 11.15.22 (Unofficial)".

Attendance – November 15, 2022, Recreation Commission Meeting:

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

V. ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: To deny the minutes as written, request corrections, and then approve the minutes.

Option 2: To defer the minutes should a quorum of the members who attended the November 15, 2022, meeting not be present to vote accordingly.

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – 11.15.22 (Unofficial)



RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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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
 - Jeremy Scott
 - Shuntel Beach
 - Karla Peidrahita
 - John Norton
 - Derek Kaighin – Arrived after the approval of the minutes.
- Recreation Commission Members – Absent
 - 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
 - Kim Manning – Cultural Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Eric Milley – Park Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Matt Casey – Wills Park Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Lindsey Pritchard – Recreation Services Supervisor, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Amber O'Dwyer – Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022, Workshop

- ❖ Commissioner Saha offered a motion to remove from the table the minutes from the September 28, 2022, Recreation Commission workshop.
 - Commissioner Rand seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (6-0-1; with Commissioner Piedrahita abstaining).
- ❖ Commissioner Rand offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the September 28, 2022, Recreation Commission workshop.
 - Commissioner Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (4-0-3; with Commissioners Beach, Piedrahita, and Scott abstaining).

b. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2022, Meeting

- ❖ Commissioner Beach offered a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022, Recreation Commission meeting.
 - Commissioners Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (5-0-2; with Commissioners Piedrahita and Norton abstaining).

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Youth Athletic Association Sponsorship Banner Policy

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services came forward to recap the item and address any outstanding questions.
- She restated staff was seeking approval to renew the Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy permitting local athletic associations to seek sponsorships through vendor marketing on banners posted within Wills Park, North Park, and Webb Bridge Park under the terms and conditions as written within the policy.
- Chairman Mitchell asked for clarification on the term length of the policy.
 - Christine Young stated it expires annually, with this year being May 2023 and renewing in the fall.
- Commissioner Rand asked why the item was not voted on at the last meeting.
 - Amber O'Dwyer stated it was because she inadvertently left it off the agenda.
- Commissioner Norton asked for confirmation that there has been no trouble with the associations regarding the policy.
 - Christine Young stated none so far. The associations have been very respectful of the rules.
- ❖ Commissioner Piedrahita offered a motion to approve renewal of the Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy permitting local athletic associations to seek sponsorships through vendor marketing on banners posted within Wills Park, North Park, and Webb Bridge Park under the terms and conditions as written within the policy.
 - Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.

- The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Mitchell noted there was no new business to discuss.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Norton offered a thank you to Morgan Rodgers and Matt Casey for working with the international students via the Alpharetta Rotary Club to complete a community service project at Wills Park.
- Commissioner Saha stated the groundbreaking for the AlphaLoop was an amazing event with a large turn out and that the communication around the event was amazing.
- Commissioner Kaighin wished to recognize Christine Young and her underthrow shot at the Ceremonial Game of "Cool" that was shown on Facebook.
- Commissioner Saha asked Christine Young to consider paid open play for pickleball court at indoor courts at either Crabapple or Wills Park as the weather gets cooler.
 - Christine Young stated evening rentals are booked for basketball but there are possible openings during the day throughout the week. Lessons do fill spaces but there are also windows for open play. She recommended reaching out to Kevin McDonald or Tyler Spinnenweber regarding daytime court availability at the two locations.

VIII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. DIVISIONS

- Community Services Monthly Division Report – November 2022
 - Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
 - Community Agriculture Program Membership renewals for 2023 started November 27th. Existing members were given seven days to renew prior to opening slots to the public. Of the 37 existing members, 32 renewed. The remaining slots went quickly with no vacancies for 2023.
 - The City Agriculture Plan is ready for the Council to review as a workshop on November 28th with approval on the consent agenda for December 5th.
 - Commissioner Rand asked for clarity on the agenda item.
 - Musilli stated it was the comprehensive City Agriculture Plan associated with the steering committee.
 - Special Events is preparing for the annual Season of Celebration coming soon with three Fridays dedicated to the event. The first Friday begins with the lighting of the tree followed by additional activities (including community caroling, movies on the green, snow, and photos with Santa) the remaining Fridays.
 - The Hamilton Hotel will be the backdrop for photos to prevent a rainout for Santa's photos.
 - Commissioner Beach asked for timing of the event.
 - Amanda Musilli stated from 5pm-9pm.
 - Hot cocoa and snacks will be available for sale.

- Staff started working on the activity guide for the summer. Marketing is already putting forth deadlines and working with graphic designers.
- Commissioner Saha asked about the membership renewal openings for home gardens.
 - Amanda Musilli stated home garden memberships were open for renewal to join on December 14th.
- **Cultural Services Monthly Division Report – November 2022**
 - Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Kim Manning distributed the new arts walking tour brochures to the Commission. The brochure is comprised of stories about the art, artist, etc. for the City's permanent and temporary outdoor art sculptures on exhibit.
 - The Cultural Services Division is in the process of completing an artistic crosswalk mural at Wills Park Pool. The notes in the artwork will follow the song, *"Here Comes the Sun"*.
 - The musical notes will be properly positioned so that if you can read music, you can note the song.
 - Crosswalk murals require asphalt paint that is not conducive to cold weather. Staff hopes to find a window of nice weather to complete the art. If not, they must wait until spring.
 - Commissioner Rand asked who was completing the work.
 - Kim Manning mentioned it was designed by a staff member, Amanda Shelnutt, and the artwork will be a paint-by-numbers process, that will engage the community to complete the numbered pieces.
 - Commissioner Kaighin asked if this is just one of project?
 - Kim Manning stated a pilot crosswalk mural was done at the Arts Center and this is the second one. More are to come!
 - Kim Manning gave a brief overview of the various exhibits available at the City Hall Community Gallery, Arts Center, etc.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if brochures were available for the exhibits.
 - Kim Manning stated groups complete an application process to reserve the space for the exhibit, the City does not produce, so brochures are responsibility of art group that reserves the space.
 - *"Charlie Brown Christmas Musical"* is showing for free November 17th-18th at the Arts Center.
 - Act 1 is doing *"A Christmas Story"* December 2-18th. It will be a ticketed event.
 - The Artist Holiday Market is taking place December 2nd and 3rd and you can make holiday gifts for friends or family.
 - The *"Color & Light"* gallery reception which will lead into an adult focused jazz night will be Thursday, December 7th.
 - The Metropolitan Ballet will have *"The Nutcracker"* playing again this year in their new facility December 16th, 17th, and 18th.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if the new location was located off Maxwell?

- Kim Manning stated they moved within the last month, but she is unsure of the new location's address.
- Commissioner Rand asked for clarification on the Color & Light Gallery Reception.
 - Kim Manning stated that staff usually provided the range for the exhibit so people can come see the art at any time, but the reception is usually a set date (such as December 10th).
- Commissioner Saha went to see the artwork for the *"All About Pastels"* exhibit. He stated the work was fantastic and he was told the work is supposed to be more real than a photo.
- **Recreation Services Monthly Division Report – November 2022**
 - Christine Young, Cultural Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Boo Bash had over 2,000 people turn up for the event on The Grove (behind the Community Center).
 - The event included bouncy houses, movies, a great DJ, and more fun!
 - It was a very successful event, and everyone seemed happy!
 - On November 8th the Adult Activity Center had a Veterans Day celebration with Bo's famous Brunswick stew.
 - It was a beautiful day outside.
 - Staff was able to honor those who served us.
 - In response to Commissioner Saha's request to address summer-camp drop off processes, staff has developed a consistent system across all divisions. The method will include vehicle placards and follow a color-coded system to represent the different camps.
 - Division Managers are also collaborating on the training for all camp counselors to ensure all counselors will have the same level of training (such as CPR.)
 - Jolly Jingle Jam will be held at Preston Ridge Community Center on Dec. 2nd from 10-12pm and is for ages 2-5.
 - Santa's Mailbox begins November 28th at the Alpharetta Community Center and kids who submit letters will get a response letter.
 - Commissioner Rand inquired as to who replied to the letter.
 - Santa's helpers at the ACC and Rec Center.
 - Pickleball has open play on two courts at Wills Park Rec Center on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12pm-3pm.
 - Lindsey Pritchard, Recreation Services Supervisor for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to talk about the Heartfelt Holiday Market.
 - The event is December 3rd.
 - Staff has partnered with Lionheart WORKS for a new event at Preston Ridge Community Center and will have a Santa and several vendors are collaborating to create a unique event.

- Artists or companies connected to the special needs community are to come sell items for free at the event.
- Currently, the event has between 8-9 vendors.
- The ACVB is going to help pay for a photographer.
- BrewAble, Three Basketeers, Lionheart WORKS graduates, etc. will be there.
- **Park Services Division (Excluding Wills Park) Monthly Report – November 2022**
 - Eric Milley, Park Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Baseball and soccer have ended for the season, so staff has winterized the Innovation Academy fields.
 - Staff has also added the seasonal color plantings in Downtown planters.
 - Work on Hwy 9 was the one-time improvement to raise soil levels in the medians and tree wells.
 - Staff is still pricing replacement trees for Downtown.
 - Commissioner Rand asked about the fountains.
 - The fountain in the formal garden has issues with piping and staff is getting pricing for disassembly and repair.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if all the fountains were turned-off in winter?
 - Eric Milley stated “no”, as it does not really get cold enough.
 - Commissioner Rand asked about the fountain on town green. Would it be turned off for the Christmas Tree?
 - Eric Milley responded, “yes”, it would be shut down before the tree is erected within the next week.
 - Director Rodgers reiterated that the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department inherited the responsibility for maintaining the medians along Hwy 9. Before, the tree wells looked like giant holes, but it was a lot of work for staff to bring the soil levels up to par for Downtown.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if the additional soil would rot tree trunks.
 - Eric Milley responded “no”.
- **Park Services Division (Wills Park) Monthly Report – November 2022**
 - Matt Casey, Wills Park Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Field #4 turf replacement project is underway.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if the materials were what was taking over the parking lot?
 - Matt Casey stated, “yes”.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if staff could get the car out of the space that looked as if it was blocked in.
 - Matt Casey stated he was certain Barry Pike took care of that.
 - New fencing, new netting, and a new mound are also planned for Field #4.

- Basketball and walking trail resurfacing quotes came in under budget.
 - Staff is now adding more linear feet to the walking trail improvements and coupling landscape projects with the basketball resurfacing.
- Tree canopies in the Alpharetta Community Center parking lot was raised to help with lighting issues.
 - The international kids who volunteered via Rotary helped with the mulch and other aspects of the project, and it was a great help.
- The last big horse show of the year is the Georgia Hunter/Jumper Finals, and it is scheduled for the coming weekend. There will be 230-240 horses.
- Chairman Mitchell asked if the feedback on the new arena was positive.
 - Matt Casey stated “yes”, and people use it even when it rains. He would say it has been very well received and is excited to move to renovating the next one.
- Arena #3 RFP was just released with December 15th the due date for bid submittals.
 - Commissioner Kaighin asked if the equestrian arenas are historically busy with events.
 - Matt Casey stated the City is always adding events and anticipates more with the renovations.
 - Commissioner Rand asked when staff will begin booking the 2023 calendar.
 - Matt Casey stated 2023 is already booked and staff is trying to schedule bookings around renovations and repairs.
 - Commissioner Saha asked about the construction schedule’s impact on scouts and summer camps?
 - Matt Casey responded that construction of the new barns is still far enough out that staff can work with scouts’ summer camp schedule.
 - Chairman Mitchell asked about the arena footing materials and the status for obtaining them.
 - Matt Casey stated footing materials for Arena #3 are already on site.
- **RPCS Project Management Update – November 2022**
 - Kurt Kirby stated that we’d like to focus on a successful project. Has asked Lindsey Pritchard to give an overview of the basketball court renovation project as she was the onsite project manager.
 - Lindsey Pritchard, Recreation Services Supervisor for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the first item.
 - Staff used a sole-source vendor who began right after camps ended.
 - The old wood was given to a veteran’s organization to be repurposed and to avoid waste.
 - The photos illustrated the old mildewed, molded floor which caused the buckling.
 - After the old wood flooring was removed, the concrete was sand blasted.
 - The cracks were patched and then a two-coat epoxy was applied as well as a vapor barrier for additional protection.

- Two layers of plywood were laid in two opposing directions followed by the floor racking.
- The vendor personally looked at the floor and helped make sure the coloring was consistent throughout.
- The bleachers were then removed, and the same process began again on the final portion of the floor.
- The design on the floor was completed through a hand-taping process.
- November 15th was the deadline, but the project was completed early (October 10th).
- In summary, it was a well-spent \$175,000 for a full court/half-court basketball gym.
- Commissioner Piedrahita asked about the life expectancy of the flooring.
 - Lindsey Pritchard responded that with proper care the floor could last 20+ years.
- Commissioner Rand asked if pickleball will continue to be allowed.
 - Lindsey Pritchard stated not anymore. Staff is planning to reserve the gym as a premier basketball court. The plan is to work with several other groups to promote more use of the space for basketball activities.
- Commissioner Rand asked if tournaments were year-round? She thought the gym was full of residents playing basketball.
 - Lindsey Pritchard stated that through March, the gym is full of residents playing basketball from 5pm until the room closes for the rec league. During the day it is open gym basketball. However, rec league gets first use of the court. A tournament would take precedence over open gym but not the rec league.
- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the remaining items.
- He recognized Lindsey for her efforts and hard work in her role with the Alpharetta Community Center gym floor and roof replacement.
- In terms of park enhancements, staff is still working on the wayfinding project. The project has been slow to complete as the department does not have the full funding it had pre-covid.
 - Staff is collaborating with the ACVB on the wayfinding signage to help offset costs.
 - For Greenway wayfinding, staff will have to ask Council for approval to reallocate 2016 Bond funds to cover the cost of the project.
 - Staff will likely seek approval in January with installation to begin the first of next quarter.
 - Director Rodgers stated staff anticipates the 2016 Bond fund request being part of the mid-year budget, not a standalone request.
 - Webb Bridge Park traffic signage and wayfinding is underway.

- Council approved the Park Rules Ordinance. Staff is now working on park rules signage with the first installment at Cogburn Park.
- Staff is also updating signage at Wills Park Rec Center and Alpharetta Community Center that is due for completion in December.
- Staff is currently working on RFPs for a few major projects; athletic wood pole replacement and LED lighting upgrades and the Webb Bridge Webb Zone playground.
 - Webb Zone playground is a 23-year-old wood structure overdue for replacement.
 - Staff has spent money trying to keep it safe and it is now due for full replacement.

b. DIRECTOR

• Biannual 2022 Park Bond Series Update

- Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- Staff is now one year into the 2022 Bond Park Projects, and he would like to provide an update to the Commission for what will be reported to Council on December 5th.
- There are nine projects at \$29.5M in the 2022 Bond; \$5M from the Equestrian Foundation.

Mid-Broadwell Park

- The packet should provide you with specific details including the project scope, funding, and project status.
- The Mid-Broadwell project is the biggest disappointment because staff thought when we got the bond referendum of \$500,000 it would be enough to finish the project. Now staff will need \$1.1M to complete the project because of unforeseen storm water and sewer issues.
 - It will be up to Council on December 5th to approve one of the following options:
 1. Proceed with a \$500,000 park that will look like a \$500,000 park.
 2. Find additional funding to complete the park below standard.
 3. Approve the additional \$600,000 to complete the project to the standard set.
- Commissioner Beach asked how long it would take to complete the project if Council approved the funding.
 - Director Rodgers stated 9-12 months.
- Commissioner Saha asked what a \$500,000 park would look like if Council did not approve an additional \$600,000 to complete the project.
 - Director Rodgers stated staff would have to eliminate trails and the parking lot. The \$500,000 would permit only the hook-up of restrooms and a playground. Nothing more. The neighboring church is not interested in letting residents use their parking space.
- Commissioner Rand asked for clarity on Council deciding not to build if \$600,000 could not be identified for the project.

- Director Rodgers stated Council would have to decide whether we build to a standard or to a price.
- Commissioner Scott asked if there was even an option to not build when the bond was approved by vote.
 - Director Rodgers stated that question would be best posed to the City's legal team, but his understanding is that the City is obligated to spend the \$500,000 on Mid-Broadwell Park.
 - Director Rodgers mentioned staff has looked at possibilities at length and these are the current options on the table.
- Commissioner Rand asked if vested residents should begin preparing in the hopes of influencing the outcome of Council's vote.
 - Director Rodgers stated that at this time, it is simply a workshop item for Council to review. It is not time for a vote and Commissioners will be informed accordingly.

Webb Bridge Park Soccer Field

- Staff planned to replace the turf on the field in which 60% of practices and games were cancelled due to wet conditions.
- At this time, the septic field under the soccer field at Webb Bridge has failed and staff cannot put artificial turf atop the defunct septic field.
- Staff will have to use the funds to address the issue before placing artificial turf.
- Commissioner Beach asked if staff could not tie in the septic anywhere.
 - Director Rodgers stated one could but, to do so would result in tying into the farthest restroom and a very long, and expensive run.
 - Public Works is currently testing the four septic fields in the park to confirm whether all four are failing. If so, the only recourse would be to place the entire park on sewer.
- Commissioner Saha asked for clarification on the presentation slides as the status states "on schedule" however the target completion date is TBD. How can the project be on schedule when the completion date is undetermined?
 - Director Rodgers noted this was a good point and the status should be updated to "unknown".

Waters Road

- Director Rodgers stated that Council approved the concept from October 17, 2022, and the project is moving forward to the next phase.
- Staff is now under negotiations with the Gordian Group for a design-build agreement for a \$1.2M park from design to completion.
- The plan is to bring a final contract to Council for approval in December.
- If approved, the project will begin come the first of the year and last nine months.
- The entire project is \$1.5M, with some funds spent on conceptualization.
- Chairman Mitchell asked if this project was on sewer?
 - Director Rodgers stated yes.

Farmhouse

- Per Director Rodgers, this project is the most difficult because staff has an idea only and not a visual rendering and that access to the initial site is challenging.
- Public Works asked two groups (Columbia and Dix-Hite) to provide proposals for access only to the initial site (one for stairs; one with ADA access). Neither include vehicular access.
- Columbia Engineering was given a Notice to Proceed on October 7 for designs for both stairwell and ADA access.
- Commissioner Norton asked if access had to be ADA compliant.
 - Director Rodgers responded that there is flexibility in that access does not have to be ADA compliant when the route is considered a “nature trail”.

Old Rucker

- Columbia Engineering is crafting a design for the park to be provided in the next few weeks.
- This will be the first draft for staff’s review and revision. The final draft will come before the Recreation Commission and Council for approval before moving to the construction phase.
- Commissioner Saha asked if the design phase duration of eight months to over a year was normal.
 - Director Rodgers stated yes as the design must consider topography, sewer, etc. when being drafted.

Union Hill

- Dix-Hite has a design underway, and staff is waiting for the design to be complete come the end of November.

Wills Park Equestrian & Proper

- Barge Design is to complete the design for both projects.
- The contract includes a \$2M design package which is now with Barge for final acceptance (as it has been reviewed by our legal team and approved).

AlphaLoop

- The Haynes Bridge Road tunnel is still being discussed as to whether it is the best option.
 - The tunnel must be built with ADA accessibility in mind.
 - The project is very complex and as of now, there are no new reports since the project is currently being conceptualized from an engineering perspective.
 - Commissioner Rand asked why staff is considering a tunnel versus a flyover.
 - Director Rodgers stated tunnels are usually cheaper. In addition, flyovers must be high enough to accommodate tractor trailers and is directly correlated to where ramps would land to accommodate the height.
- Chairman Mitchell reminded everyone that there would be no Recreation Workshop in November.

c. CITY COUNCIL

- There were no City Council comments or reports.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Rand offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Beach seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to hear or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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



North Atlanta Football League

“NAFL”

Programs Provided:

- **Tackle Football**
- **Flag Football**
- **Cheerleading**



Who we serve:

**NAFL is a YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
serving Alpharetta and Milton residents.**

- **Teams are Grade-Based:**
- **Flag Football = Kindergarten – 5th Grade**
- **Cheerleading = Kindergarten – 5th Grade**
- **Tackle Football = 2nd Grade – 5th Grade**

Where we play:

- **North Park (Alpharetta)**



- **Bell Memorial Park (Milton)**



Registrations:

- **605 kids in our Program in Fall 2022!**
- **Tackle Football = 201**
- **Flag Football = 300**
 - **Cheer = 104**

Growth:

7% Growth from 2021 to 2022

- **Total Registrations:** **563 → 605**
- **Tackle Football:** **198 → 201**
- **Flag Football:** **296 → 300**
- **Cheerleading:** **69 → 104**

Growth Trend:

Year-after-Year-after-Year

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
• Total Registrations:	376	374	563	605
• Tackle Football:	136	134	198	201
• Flag Football:	208	205	296	300
• Cheerleading:	32	35	69	104

Growth

Benefits of Growth:

- **NAFL has created it's own Flag Football League (previously was a member of the NMFL)**
- **4th and 5th Grade Tackle grew from one (1) team in 2020 to four (4) teams in each grade for 2022! This is incredibly valuable for our local Feeder Football and H.S. Football Programs**
- **Cheer has TRIPLED in size in the last 2 years, also providing a big increase in future Feeder and H.S. Cheerleaders**

Tackle Football



In 2022 we had 10 total Tackle Teams.

2nd Grade = 1 team

3rd Grade = 2 teams

4th Grade = 4 teams

5th Grade = 3 teams

Tackle Football League

Our Tackle teams play in the Georgia Football Association (GFA).

The GFA includes teams from Fulton County & Forsyth County.

**Our Opponents include:
Midway Park, Sharon Springs,
and Lanier teams**



Tackle Football Success!

2nd Grade -- Undefeated Regular Season and GFA Champions!

3rd Grade -- Undefeated Regular Season and Runner-up in the GFA Championship!

4th Grade -- Teams reached the GFA Semifinals

5th Grade -- Undefeated Regular Season and won the GFA Championship!



Flag Football

**In 2022 we had 19 NAFL
Flag Football Teams:**

K/1st = 7 NAFL teams

2nd/3rd = 8 NAFL teams

4th/5th = 4 NAFL teams



Flag Football League

**Our NAFL flag football teams play in the
our own NAFL Flag Football League.**

**The NAFL Flag Football League includes
teams from NAFL, Kings Ridge, Johns
Creek, and Chattahoochee.**



Cheerleading



**Registrations have TRIPILED in the last 2 years!!
(35 in 2020 to 104 in 2022)**

Cheer Mission

- **All cheerleaders start on the same level and progress together as a team.**
 - **We offer a fun, no judgment environment that allows all cheerleaders to shine.**
- **Our goal is to create well rounded cheerleaders who will be ready to move to the Feeder Level if they so choose.**



League Goals for 2023

(and beyond)

- **Continued registration growth in all 3 League Divisions (Tackle, Flag and Cheer). Our strong City partnerships are providing additional field space for growth, so the sky is the limit in our eyes!**
- **Expanded support of our Feeder Partners at Alpharetta HS, Milton HS and Cambridge HS. Our ultimate goal is to fill our local Middle School Feeder Teams and High Schools with an abundance of kids that love the sport of football and cheer.**
- **Develop a wealth of volunteer coaches that will add long-term value to our League, and the Community, with leadership that focuses on our youth.**



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Community Services Division Monthly Report – January 2023

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

- Season of Celebration was the first three Fridays in December. On the 2nd, the Christmas Tree was lit to a crowd of thousands and the annual community food drive was launched. On the 9th, the rain cancelled the community caroling on the Town Green, but photos with Santa still happened at the Hamilton Hotel. On the 16th, the movies on the Town Green were a hit with families, and the caroling between films was loved by all.
- In December we wrapped up the semester with the CHS Agri-business students, ending on a high note with 7 weekly CSA boxes sold on average, and adding herbal pet treats, foraged door swags and center pieces, tea blends and honey to their online store.
- The City Agriculture Plan was adopted by Mayor and Council on December 12, making Alpharetta the second city in Georgia to have a comprehensive plan for incorporating agriculture.
- The extremely cold temperatures over the holidays resulted in significant loss of crops at Old Rucker Farm. We covered everything with heavy duty frost cloth, but the tender plants couldn't handle the severe cold. We think the kale and collards survived, thankfully.
- We have new trays of lettuce started in the indoor grow-room, but our deliveries to NFCC will be very slim, if at all, until the plants grow.
- The CHS students' AGAretta Box program will continue but will shift to "added-value" items from the farm, like jam, salsa, honey, and tea. We are working with the students to develop creative ways to continue their micro-business until the new crops develop. It's all part of the learning, and it's similar to what many farmers face in this situation.

Monthly Initiatives

- In January, the City Agriculture Plan steering committee will reconvene to determine the path forward regarding prioritizing and implementing the Plan's recommendations.
- In January, Taste of Alpharetta planning will begin in earnest. While planning for the city's largest event never stops, January marks the month that the team really focuses on the event. In 2023, the TOA will be held on Thursday, May 11.

Recreation Commission Q&A

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

Monthly Happenings

- Community Ag Program Class Offerings in January:
 - Jan 9: Spring Seed Starting
 - Jan 12: Growing Sprouts to Eat
 - Jan 19: Staghorn Fern Workshop
 - Jan 21: Beekeeping 101
 - Jan 25: Birdhouse Gourds Workshop
 - Jan 31: Book Club (meet at the Alpharetta Library) – We are reading *“Animal, Vegetable, Miracle”*.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- None.



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – January 2023

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 Initiatives

- Arts, Music, History Updates
 - Upcoming Mid-Year Requests
 - Cultural Arts Master Plan
 - Stories Project – Bailey Johnson Community Documentary
 - Play It Again Piano Program – Art Center Baby Grand Piano Updates

Recreation Commission Q&A

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

Monthly 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/>
- Dec 1 – Jan 31: *Portrait Quilts - Quilting by Numbers Exhibit* / Community Gallery in Alpharetta City Hall
- Jan 14: *Bob Ross Winter Wonderland* Painting Workshop / Alpharetta Arts Center / 10am-1:30pm / Registration Required
- Feb 1 – Mar 18: *Down Home on the Farm* / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery Exhibit / Opening Reception Feb 4 at 5pm
- Mar 10-12, 18-19: *Love, Sex and the IRS* presented by City Center Players / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box Theater / Fri & Sat 7pm & Sun 2pm / Ticketed Event \$15 - Visit <https://www.citycenterplayers.com>

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- Cultural Services Division Monthly Report Presentation – January 2023

Alpharetta Arts & Culture
Recreation Commission
Report
January 2023

Cultural Arts Master Plan Mid-Year Request



PUBLIC ART: BEYOND THE BRONZE SCULPTURE

Public art is so much more than sculptures. Check out these examples, and imagine what can happen in an Art-Infused Alpharetta.



FUNCTIONAL ART

This is exactly what sounds like: art with a function or purpose, like benches, bike racks, and shelters.



ENVIRONMENTAL ART

Nature-based art that mostly uses natural materials and is made for a specific place.



SCULPTURAL ART

What most people think of when they hear "public art," sculpture can run the gamut between highly traditional to surprising.



MURALS

Art—usually painted—on publicly-visible surfaces like building walls, retaining walls, and along roadways.



INTERACTIVE ART

This kind of art invites people to not just observe it, but to engage it directly. A lot of these installations take advantage of cool technology, and really shine at night.



TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

Temporary exhibits can be as quick-lived as only a few hours to many months, and are a good way to try out more experimental types of art—without a big commitment.

More than the Arts Center: An Art-Infused Alpharetta

Like the Arts Center serving as a hub for arts in Alpharetta, the City will need to increasingly take on the role of a coordinating agency for arts activities and events in the city. This should include other arts organizations and facilities in the community. Forming an Alpharetta Arts Council would help with this effort. Along these lines, the Arts Center should not be the only location in the city for these types of activities to take place.

The City has an opportunity to lead the future of arts and culture in the community, particularly in how the arts can be incorporated into public spaces. To really accomplish this at a large scale, the City should undertake an Arts and Culture Master Plan, with an emphasis on public art. This plan should include the following:

- An inventory of all arts and cultural organizations operating in Alpharetta, both public and private
- Interviews with representatives from arts and cultural organizations
- At least one public workshop
- Vision and goals for arts and culture in the community
- Plan for art in public spaces, including functional art, environmental art, sculptural art, murals, interactive art, and temporary exhibits; this should include general guidelines for each and a list of potential locations
- Arts and cultural programming needs assessment and recommendations, including a close look at special events (as part of the Program Plan)
- Identification of partners and funding sources, both public and private
- Identification of policy changes required to support the vision for an Arts-Infused Alpharetta

Festivals + Other Cultural Events

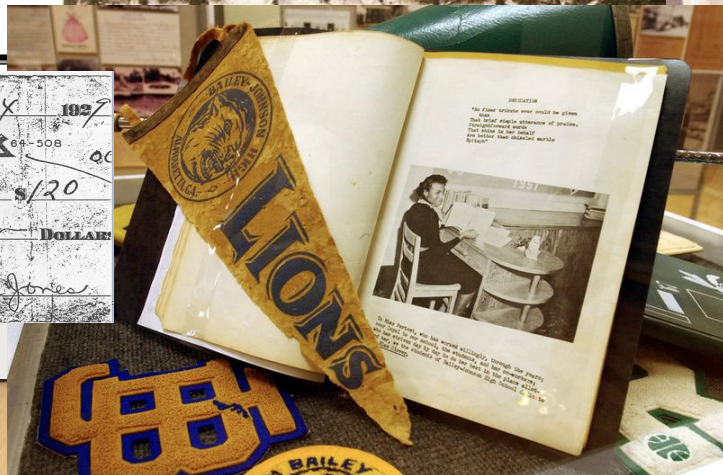
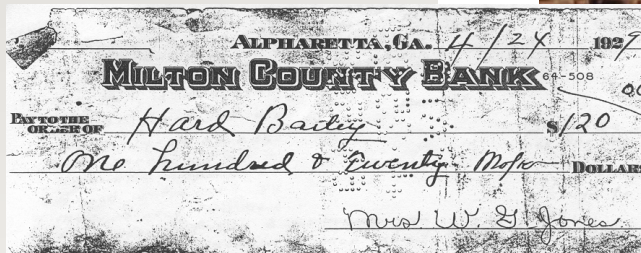
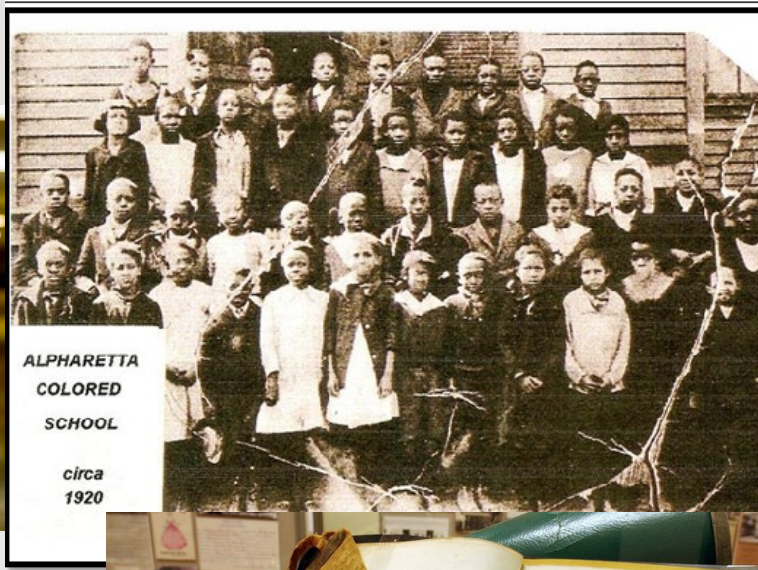
A major piece of the arts and culture puzzle is festivals and special events. Festivals can be defined as events, usually put on by a local community, to celebrate some significant or unique aspect of that community. There are three main types of roles the City can play in festivals:

Stories Project

Bailey Johnson Community Documentary

Example from Producer's Proposal –
Story of the Community, Church, School

<https://vimeo.com/mjupro/review/669677556/04f6a0956c>



HISTORY OF THE ALPHALETTA COLORED SCHOOL Origins of Bailey-Johnson

March 1, 1932: "The (Fulton County) Board referred the matter of opening a colored school at Sheltonville in the northeast section of old Milton County to the superintendent with the power to act."
Fulton County Board of Education Minutes
Volume: January 1930-December 8, 1937, 32-585



The Alphaletta Colored School was created out of a merger of Sheltonville, Mt. Mary and Old Alphaletta colored schools in 1932. It is important to note that this was the same year in which Milton County (to the north) and Campbell County (to the southwest) were being merged with Fulton, forming the unique shape of the county we see today. It was the height of the Great Depression and even local governments were searching for new ways to save money. Mergers and consolidations of school systems were crucial to this new method for managing limited funds. Even so, it was common for a small community to have two schools close to each other—one for white children and one for black children.

Pictured here is a school for African American students built in 1934 and located in Roswell. Based on a *Rosenwald design*, this school was a predecessor to the Alphaletta Colored School. According to records housed in the Fulton County Schools Archives, this property was sold to the Roswell Housing Authority for \$200 in 1951, just after the new Alphaletta Colored School was constructed.

Courtesy of the Roswell Historical Society

A new building for the students of the Alphaletta Colored School was constructed in 1949 along Kimball Bridge Road. By 1953, it also had a new name: Bailey-Johnson School—named for a former slave and proponent of African-American education, Warren Johnson, and George "Hard" Bailey, donor of the land.



Present day North Maintenance Facility, Alphaletta, GA, Fulton County Schools—once Bailey-Johnson.

Bailey-Johnson provided a place where black students could receive an education from first to twelfth grade. (Before this era, African-American children who wished to attend past the seventh grade had to travel 30 miles south to Atlanta schools... at their own cost.)

In 1968, Bailey-Johnson finally closed and the 109 elementary and 57 high school students who were taught there transferred to other schools in the Fulton County System. The building now serves as the North Maintenance Facility.

Proposing same format as Farm House Documentary:

<https://vimeo.com/mjupro/review/358849440/f50ee3c4d9>

Play It Again Piano Program Alpharetta Arts Center Piano

*TIME TO RETIRE & REPLACE
WITH NEWLY PAINTED BABY
GRAND

*SEARCHING FOR PIANO &
ARTIST

*GOAL SPRING 2023

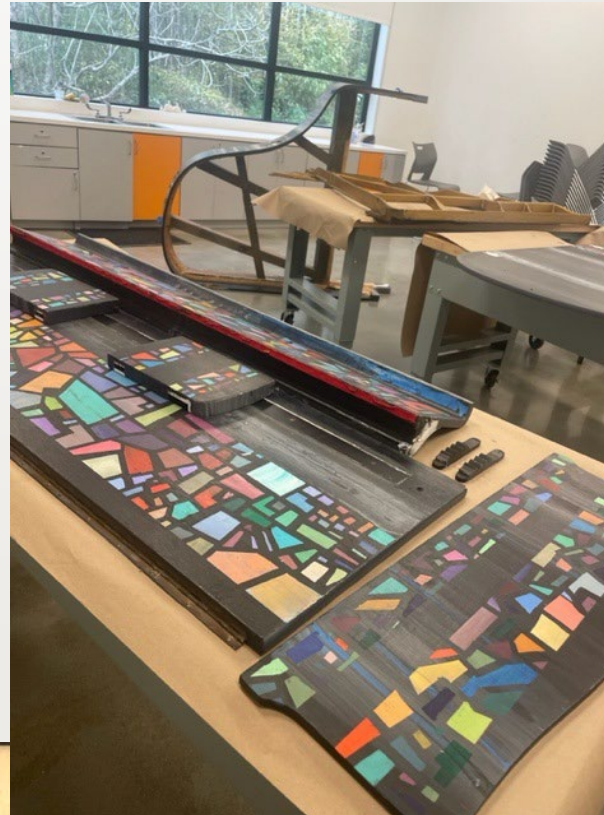
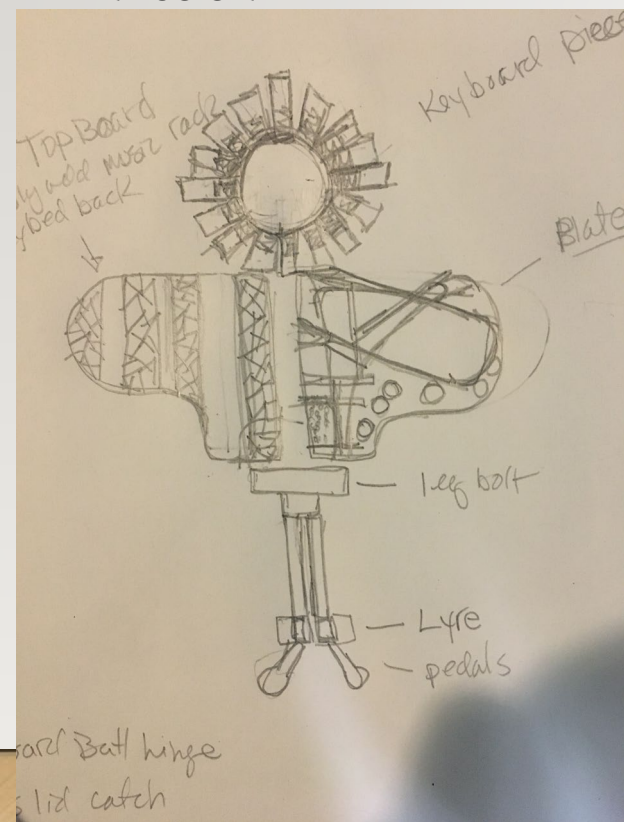


Creation of Piano Sculpture at the Alpharetta Arts Center

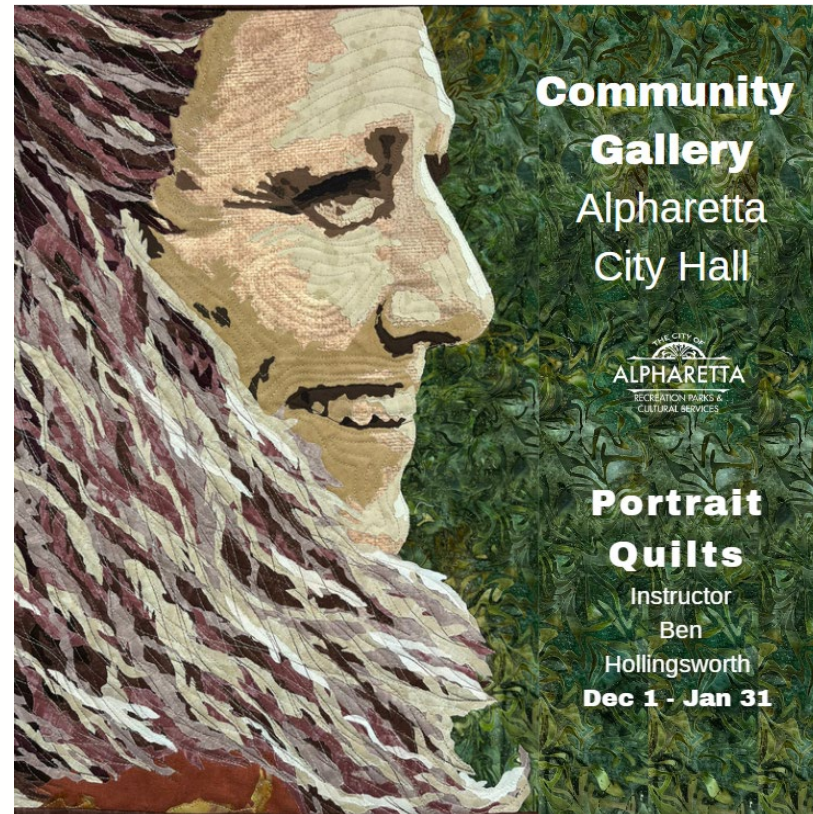
1-ARTIST RENDERING – CREATE A PERSON FROM THE PIANO USING FOOT AS FEET, KEYS AS HAIR, AND SO ON

2- WALL - Sculpture Location

3- Process begins.....



Community Gallery Exhibit



DOWN HOME ON THE FARM



OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES
JANUARY 13, 2023



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Complete a Bob Ross style winter wonderland painting in just one class... even if you have never painted before! That's the magic of the techniques used by Bob Ross in his popular TV Series, the Joy of Painting. Bob Ross certified instructor, Jeremy Rogers, walks you through step by step how to paint a stunning Bob Ross landscape. No prior experience is needed. Ages 13+ Jan 14, 2023 Sat 10am to 1:30pm Registration# 29768



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – January 2023

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:

- Events:
 - Holiday Events
 - Santa's Mailbox - Over 200 letters sent from Santa
 - Jolly Jingle Jam - 150 participants and parents
 - Heartfelt Holiday Market - 16 vendors
 - Winter Solstice Lantern Walk - Canceled due to weather
- Staffing:
 - New AAAC Supervisor Toby Smallwood
- Athletics:
 - Youth Basketball games started in December and will finish early March
 - 2021-328 participants; 2022-364 participants. 11% increase from 2021.
 - Youth Athletic Associations facility use agreements signed for 2023
 - Spring season for Ambush, AYSA & AYBA begins early February.
 - NAFL- Total participants 2022 = 451, down 18% from 2021. Increase of 21% Alpharetta participants from 2021.
 - MOU with Johns Creek to add soccer was approved by Mayor and City Council at the December 12, 2022, meeting.

Monthly Initiatives:

- 2023 Focus:
 - Recreation Strategy Update through 2028
 - Expanding offerings at AAAC Art Wing and Center & PRCC
 - Staff Development

- Facility Improvements
- #1 focus is to serve our community by offering the highest quality program, activities, events, and customer service.

Recreation Commission Q&A:

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

Monthly Happenings:

- Feb 4: Rotary Club Polar Plunge at 10am
- Feb 11: Valentine's Dance- Enchanted Forest, 6-9pm

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- None.



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIVISION REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Parks Services, Park Bonds, and Project Management Monthly Report – January 2023

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:

Park Development:

- Wills Park Maintenance Facility pad was poured and the building is going vertical. The assembly of the building will take 4-6 weeks.

Park Enhancements and Improvements:

- Wills Park Baseball turf replacement is on schedule and will be ready for play by the end of January.
- Wayfinding and Park Signage:
 - Webb Bridge traffic signage installed,
 - Park Rules signage at Cogburn installed,
 - Facility entrance signage at the Community Center and Recreation Center installed.

Bond Projects Overview:

- Old Rucker Road Park: The design Team is finalizing the design concept to be presented to the public, recreation commission and city council.
- Waters Road Park: The design/build contract was awarded to Prime Contractors on January 12.
- Mid-Broadwell Park: The direction of how to proceed on this project is anticipated to be discussed at the 2023 City Council retreat.
- Webb Bridge Park Artificial Turf: The direction of how to proceed on this project is anticipated to be discussed at the 2023 City Council retreat.
- Farmhouse Historical Park: The design team is working with staff to develop a conceptual rendering to be presented.
- Wills Park Proper:
 - The design kickoff was held on December 20, 2022, with the design team.
 - The Wacky World leadership committee has been formed

- The Restroom design has been approved.
- **Wills Park Equestrian Center:**
 - Arena 3 renovation Request for Proposal was due on December 15, 2022. The selection committee is schedule to complete it's review on January 3, 2023.
 - The kickoff meeting was held on December 20, 2022, with the design team for the rest of the scope of work.
- **Union Hill Park:** The design Team is finalized the design concept to presented to the public, recreation commission and city council. The next meeting with the design team will be held on January 9 to discuss the budget related to the design being developed.

Recreation Commission Q&A:

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

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- None.



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MONTHLY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: 2022 Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department Year in Review

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:

2022 Highlights

- Work began on the construction of the new maintenance shop in Wills Park
- Outdoor mural installed at Movie Studio Grill
- Wayfinding signage installed at Union Hill Park, Marconi Rd Park, and Webb Bridge Park
- Bocce Ball courts opened at North Park
- Union Hill Pavilion used as special event facility by several groups
- Public Works completed Rotary stream bank stabilization project
- New basketball court installed at Alpharetta Community Center
- Medley, the newest round of temporary public art installed that includes 5 new pieces of artwork
- Art crosswalk installed at Art Center
- New equestrian arena (#1) officially opened
- New audio equipment installed at Equestrian covered arena
- Groundbreaking held for new Alpha Loop section (OMP to Northwinds)
- Registrations at all-day day camps was up 25% and ½-day day camps was up 28%
- Daily pool admissions were up 23%
- Over 130 free monthly health & wellness programs offered – Sponsored by Northside
- 92% of all Cultural Arts camps and 79% of all Cultural Arts programs offered were held
- 12 large non-city events held at the Alpharetta Arts Center (plus 29 rental)
- Alpharetta Youth Softball Association (AYSA) and City replaced fencing at 3 fields at North Park
- Painted interior & exterior of restrooms at Webb Bridge Park, Union Hill Park, & Rock Mill Park.
- Removed dead/dangerous trees at Wills Park, North Park, Webb Bridge Park, Windward Community Park, Milton Ave Park, Cogburn Park, Encore Park, Greenway, and Greenway Parks.
- Entrance signs installed for both the Wills Park Recreation Center and Community Center
- North Park Multi-Purpose Field 2 artificial turf installation completed
- Community Center roofing was repaired (Public Works)
- Memorial Program was launched
- Webb Bridge Park front Tennis courts converted to Pickle Ball and resurfacing
- City's Agricultural Plan was approved by Mayor & City Council (Food Well Alliance & ARC)

- Cultural Arts curated 22 different exhibits and produced 56 Music Match shows

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- None.