



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 14, 2023

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS

- a. AYSA 2022 Year in Review

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. **Recreation Commission Minutes (Meeting of 2.14.2023)**
Consideration of approval of the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from February 14, 2023.
- b. **Recreation Commission Minutes (Workshop of 2.22.2023)**
Consideration of approval of the Recreation Commission workshop minutes from February 22, 2023.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. DIVISIONS

Community Services Division Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - March 2023

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Project Management Division Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Project Management Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

b. DIRECTOR

IX. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- X. PUBLIC COMMENT
- XI. ADJOURNMENT



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amber O'Dwyer
Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreation Commission Minutes (Meeting of 2.14.2023)

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes from February 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Administrative Office Coordinator, Amber O'Dwyer, prepared a synopsis of the pertinent information that occurred during the Recreation Commission meeting on February 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance – February 14, 2023, Recreation Commission Meeting:

- Recreation Commission Members - Present
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 - Brad Bowers
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. RC Minutes 2.14.2023



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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- 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
 - Amanda Musilli – Community 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
 - Amber O'Dwyer – Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from January 10, 2023

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Rand offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written and corrected, from the January 10, 2023, Recreation Commission Meeting.
 - Commissioner Saha seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (8-0).

V. ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS

a. Ambush – 2022 Year in Review

- ❖ *This item was deferred by the association and will be presented at the May 2023 meeting of the Recreation Commission.*

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

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VIII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. DIVISIONS

- Community Services Division Monthly Report – February 2023
 - Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
 - Wire & Wood.
 - Headliners are locked in but cannot share who they are at this time. Excited about the artists able to be secured and will be promoting earlier than before.
 - Taste of Alpharetta
 - Only three months away and plans are underway.
 - Commission feedback on e-ticketing has been considered by staff leading to modifications and staff is feeling good about the new approach.
 - Summer Activity Guide
 - In the final stages of review and should be in hand February 15th.
 - Old Rucker Park and Union Hill Park Public Input Surveys
 - Old Rucker Park survey is currently live, and results will be presented at the next Recreation Commission workshop.
 - Union Hill Park's survey goes live next month.
 - Community Agriculture
 - Still recovering from crops lost in the prior month.
 - February is still a busy month and several crops such as collard greens, spinach, peppers, eggplant, okra, tomatoes and more will be in the grow room several of which will soon migrate to the green house.
 - In the ground, radishes, turnips, beets, and peas will be in the ground.
 - Staff is working hard to produce regular donations to the NFCC by March.

- Started construction today on the community garden redevelopment to address the ant issue at the terrace. It will be rebuilt over the next two weeks so members may begin receiving their plot assignments and start the February 24th seed distribution.
- Staff is aware that ants will still exist and working with pest control vendor to implement new, organic, treatments.
- Mayfield Grow-A-Row
 - Currently staff is exploring the possibility of expanding the grow-a-row program to the Mayfield property in partnership with the City of Milton.

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Q. Commissioner Norton asked if staff had the dates for 2023.

A. Amanda Musilli responded it is always 2nd weekend of October so this year will be October 13th and 14th.

Q. Commissioner Rand inquired as to the notation in the report about offering incentives for restaurants to participate.

A. Amanda Musilli responded that it is rare that a restaurant breaks even for the event, and it is often a loss. Jacob's Eye will have a tiered approach this year for restaurants to make the event profitable for them and Jacob's Eye. Historically, restaurants run out of food halfway through the event. If they keep enough food for the event, the better chance of sales. With the tiered approach, as restaurants meet higher thresholds in sales, the less they must give back in percentage of profits to the City. The less sales, the higher they must pay back. It works well for all but most importantly event attendees.

Q. Commissioner Piedrahita asked what the difference was with this survey compared to the initial input when there were in-person or virtual meetings.

A. Amanda Musilli stated this survey took the feedback from the initial meetings and crafted a design. Questions focused on proximity to park and thoughts on the new design.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the survey had a good response.

A. Amanda Musilli stated that we did.

- Director Rodgers also commented that full results of the Old Rucker Park public input survey and presentation would be provided at the next workshop of Recreation Commission and encouraged commissioners to attend to have questions answered and additional comments made.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the City would have to put up a fence up and inquired as to if that could be costly.

A. Amanda Musilli responded that yes, a fence and water would need to be implemented but for now, staff is only exploring the idea and there is nothing concrete yet.

- Q. Vice Chair Saha asked if the City owned the property or if the City of Milton owned it and inquired as to how the program be financed.
- A. Amanda Musilli stated the cities each own 50% of the property and the concept is so new and early in exploration that no decision on the financing of the project has been established.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked if GDOT was on board with closing Hwy 9 for the TOA?
- A. Amanda Musilli stated the last update was that Public Works had submitted the request and is waiting to hear back from GDOT. There were no issues last year so staff is optimistic that it will be approved.
- Q. Commissioner Bowers asked how activity guides were distributed and if the preference was to direct people to the website or centers to pick-up a guide.
- A. Amanda Musilli stated all of the above. 1500 hardcopies are printed and are distributed, but staff works hard to drive people to the digital version. Currently working on a postcard with a QR code that supports that initiative. Staff does not promote going to the centers to pick-up guides as they are limited.
- **Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – February 2023**
 - Kurt Kirby came forward to present the item on behalf of Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - Kim Manning submitted a detailed presentation leaving little to say.
 - She wished to focus on Black History Month programs which began at the end of the month and will be continuing throughout the month.
 - Additionally, ACT1 will be doing its first performance in Innovation Academy.
 - Staff has been working hard to form a partnership with Innovation Academy which may become a reality.
 - Director Rodgers commented that the Presbyterian Church had pipes freeze that took out part of the preschool program classrooms. The program then had to be moved into the space ACT1 has historically used. ACT1 approached the City for potential new spaces and was able to connect the organization with Innovation Academy. To be mutually beneficial, the students help build the set design, props for ACT1 as part of their educational drama/production classes while ACT1 uses the space for rehearsals and productions.
 - In addition, staff is having early conversations with North Point Mall regarding the use of mall space for a community theatre to keep traffic driving to the area prior to future development plans for the area.

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Q. Vice Chair Saha asked if Innovation Academy gets paid for facility usage by ACT1.

A. Director Rodgers stated it is a non-monetary agreement but a trade of services. The benefit is an exchange for curriculum provided for students to build props/site design, for use of the facility for productions.

- **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – February 2023**

- Christine Young, Cultural Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- Selma Merbaum turned 100. The Adult Activity Center and the Historical Society had celebrations for her at which the mayors of Johns Creek and Alpharetta were in attendance.
- Jack Buckner turned 100 in the City of Milton and February 3rd was designated “Jack Buckner” day.
- Gymnastics
 - Aven Van Gelder scored a 9.9 on the vault in one of her gymnastics competitions.
 - Alpharetta’s Gymnastics Academy is doing great this season winning several first-place categories at their meets!
 - Katelyn Ohashi is a gymnast on the UCLA team and several of the girls got to meet her at a competition that she hosted.
- Polar Bear Plunge
 - It was very cold that morning!
 - The event was great and the “bunny guy” jumps every year.
 - Councilmember Hipes was there and jumped too.
 - Rotary raised over \$118k this year!
 - You can see the BrewAble team which includes Mayor Gilvin who does the same jump every year.
- Summer Guide
 - Guides will go live online February 15th for the “best summer ever!”
 - Resident registration begins March 8th.
 - Open registration begins March 22nd.
- ACC Family Valentine’s Dance
 - Staff did a great job with a fairy land décor.
 - 130 people came.
 - Princess Ana was a dance teacher’s daughter staff has known for years.

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- Q. Commissioner Norton commented that the money raised at the Polar Bear Plunge does not keep any of the \$118k raised but it is distributed back to the organizations that participated. And there was a huge crowd!
- A. Christine Young stated there was at least 250 people and the Fireman were there for the Chili Cookoff!
- Commissioner Piedrahita extended a big thank you for the work that went into the Valentine's Family Dance.
- **Parks Services Division (Excluding Wills Park) Monthly Report – February 2023**
 - Eric Milley, Park Services Manager Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Over the past month, staff installed automatic locks in the restrooms at the parking deck, The Greenway, and North Park. The restroom locks are on a timer and will in the evenings and open again in the mornings. Hours are currently 7am to 6pm.
 - Staff is preparing to put mulch around City Hall, Brooke Street Park, Haynes Bridge, the medians and tree wells. Tree wells will be delayed and due to repairs and concrete pouring.
 - Park staff is preparing for the spring season by replacing bases, netting, portable mounds, filling in areas where infields hold water.
 - Staff has also been working hard to keep the Greenway clear for minimal trail closures and keep them safe by raking silt from trail flooding that covers the Greenway from rain.

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- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked for confirmation that the restrooms close at 6pm.
- A. Eric Milley stated they close at 6pm which is dusk, but as the season gets longer the restrooms will remain open later. The concern is residents in the restrooms at night and the locks are to deter the activity.
- Q. Rand asked for clarification on "residents".
- A. Eric Milley stated sleepers.
- Q. Vice Chair Saha asked when they close at North Park?
- A. Eric Milley stated at 10pm when the park closes. The Greenway closed at 6pm like the parking deck.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked if someone was in when the restrooms, could they get out?
- A. Eric Milley stated yes, there is an override.

- Director Rodgers stated the goal is to have all outdoor restrooms include automated locks to control unintended usage of the restrooms.

Q. Vice Chair Saha asked if the approach to clearing the Greenway is manual.

A. Eric Milley stated there is machinery but some areas must be addressed manually because the equipment will not work in those areas.

- Director Rodgers stated the work is recurring as every time it rains the work must be done again.

- **Parks Services Division (Wills Park & Equestrian) Monthly Report – February 2023**

- Matt Casey, Park Services for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- Field #4 is just about complete. There are a few remaining punch list items before opening day March 4th.
- The mound shipped was not correct so had to be corrected and now have it for opening day.
- The Recreation Center playground was reconfigured to be compliant with State streamline buffer requirements and the reforestation grant project. Trees are being planted and erosion control completed and should be completed by March 31.
- Equestrian Center has been going through wintertime maintenance.
 - Covered arena has been laser graded.
 - Outdoor arenas have been graded.
 - Shows started a few weeks ago and should be every weekend for the season.

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Q. Commissioner Piedrahita asked about the downtime of the turf fields.

A. Matt Casey stated that they have to go through testing but before then it is considered a construction site so try to keep people safe but all fields should be open now.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if staff considered the issue of mulch run off when reconfiguring the Recreation Center playground.

A. Matt Casey stated the new reconfiguration should help with the issue in addition to the black buffer installed to shield the mulch from sliding.

Q. Commissioner Norton asked if there were shows every weekend.

A. Matt Casey stated yes.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if shows were booked out for 2023.

A. Matt Casey stated yes.

Q. Chairman Mitchell asked for confirmation that opening day for the spring baseball and softball season was March 4.

A. Matt Casey stated yes.

- **Park Bonds and Project Management Monthly Report – February 2023**

- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
- Wills Park Maintenance Facility:
 - In the final stretch. It is enclosed, windows are in, the mezzanine stairs are installed, and started painting this week. The fire suppression system has been submitted to the Fire Marshall for approval.
- Park Bond Updates:
 - Old Rucker Park & Union Hill Park
 - Design concept is going for approval to City Council.
 - Hoping to have designs for both approved by April and to move to the next phase by May 1.
- Waters Road Park
 - Construction plans are anticipated by end of February.
 - Should progress quickly as well and should break ground in May pending permitting.
- Mid-Broadwell Park
 - Going out for bid next week with a revised, phased concept next week.
 - Hope the initial plans will come back preparing the parking area, site work for the playground, and bioretention work. Hope it comes back positive as the lower the cost for site work, the more funding for the playground.
- Webb Bridge Park Artificial Turf
 - Install of turf and sewer have been divided into two separate projects.
 - Working on sewer project first and can then circle back to the turf installation in a design-build concept.
 - Director Rodgers stated the City has taken a stance that the sewer is not part of the Park Bond project but rather an infrastructure issue. The plan is to complete the project in such a way that the baseball restrooms and maintenance shop could be added to the new sewer lines.
- Farmhouse Historical Site
 - Community Development is to reach out to new property owners of the development adjacent to the site to see about a potential parking easement for accessibility to the site.

- Wills Park
 - The first design concept for Wills Park Proper was provided by the design team. Staff is pleased with the direction of the project.
 - Should have a design for the equestrian center soon.

RECREATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Q. Chairman Mitchell ask if Webb Bridge would be a straight bid.

A. Yes, that would be advertised for four weeks.

Q. Chairman Mitchell asked if the Webb Bridge line would connect to the other bathrooms.

A. No, will go down the trail, back towards the parking lot, continue in a straight line until it gets to the road, and then turn again to the entrance of the park.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if there were only two septic areas in the park and inquired about the tennis restrooms being on septic.

A. Director Rodgers stated there are four, soccer, baseball, tennis, and the maintenance shop. Since tennis does not get as used as much as the baseball and soccer fields, they are lower priority. Current goal is to hook-up the soccer restrooms, and then return to the baseball restrooms. Focus is on soccer septic as those have failed. A capital improvement project is planned for baseball restrooms.

b. DIRECTOR

- Union Hill Park – Covered Arena Electrical Upgrades Vendor Selection
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - First wished to state he was excited about the Park Bond projects and the progress being made.
 - Staff will be seeking approval by City Council at the February 20 Council Meeting for the use of a pre-existing contract with Meer Electric for covered arena electrical upgrades.
 - Total for the project is roughly \$86,000.
 - Must seek approval because it exceeds \$50,000.
 - Current electrical works but is not ideal for special event productions which is the future purpose for the site.
 - Following the electrical conduit upgrades, the plan is to paint the facility.
 - Additionally, \$300,000 has been allocated for the entire renovation of the arena and including:
 - Restrooms
 - Concessions
 - Roof & Gutter Repairs

- Electrical Upgrades
- Non-slip Floor Sealant

RECREATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Q. Chairman Mitchell asked what the actual capacity was for the venue.

A. Director Rodgers stated easily 200-300 with table and chairs up to 500 for a theatrical performance but parking is limited. Staff is currently talking with surrounding businesses for parking options.

Q. Commissioner Norton asked if Home By Dark would be there again this summer.

A. Director Rogers stated, yes at least six concerts. In addition, six special needs camps titled "Camp Momentum" will be hosted at the park this coming summer.

Q. Commissioner Bowers asked if the design would remain open air.

A. Director Rodgers stated yes as the acoustics are ideal for the venue.

Q. Commissioner Piedrahita asked about the City Council Retreat.

A. Director Rodgers stated he is awaiting a report to be provided by the City Administrator. Until then, this item has been deferred. All he can say is that it was a good retreat, and he is hopeful he can provide a full report at the Recreation Commission workshop but it might be the March meeting.

- 2023 City Council Retreat Update

❖ *This item was deferred by staff and will be presented at the March 2023 meeting of the Recreation Commission.*

IX. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Scott wished to provide an update on Wacky World.
 - The playground is due for a millennial upgrade given its age.
 - The city has set aside funds in the bond referendum to help support the initiative.
 - Commissioner Scott is on a citizen committee for Wacky World 2.0 to help shepherd the project which has gained a lot of momentum recently.
 - Play By Design is the designer behind the project which specializes in community piloted projects.
 - The first big date is March 28th which is the official design day at Alpharetta Elementary School.
 - Students will get to provide input with the designer on specifications they'd like to see in the playground design.

- Later that evening there will be an unveiling of the conceptual design composed from the students' input and will open the concept to citywide families and residents interested in learning more about the project.
- The hope is to have the new playground built in Spring 2024.
- More information will be coming and volunteer, donation, and subcommittee opportunities for the project will be introduced.

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Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the target audience was west side only or all Alpharetta?

A. Commissioner Scott said it is open to all.

Q. Commissioner Kaighin asked if the company was used for all playground designs?

A. Commissioner Scott stated this company specializes in community build projects (including tool donations, food donations, childcare, etc.) which differs from projects solely the responsibility of the City.

Q. Commissioner Bowers asked for clarity in the student/contractor design day elements.

A. Beginning early in the morning, students give ideas to consultants within a certain number of hours, and the designer crafts a preliminary design from the feedback provided which will be unveiled to the public attending that evening.

Q. Commissioner Bowers inquired as to the donation process from a corporate standpoint. Asks because some companies are reluctant to donate directly to the City versus an organization.

A. Commissioner Scott stated funding is given directly to the City and filtered through the City's Finance Department to help fund the project but donations are tax deductible.

Q. Chairman Mitchell asked for confirmation that it took awhile for materials to arrive last time.

A. Matt Casey replied yes but hopefully supply chain issues will not be an issue.

- Chairman Mitchell reminded commissioners to send in their 3 objectives for 2023.
- Director Rodgers stated arena #3 has been signed by the City and is waiting for the vendor to execute contract so we can proceed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Commissioner Rand offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Bowers seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (8-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amber O'Dwyer
Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

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RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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III. WORKSHOP ITEMS

a. Rucker Road Park Design Concept

- Morgan Rodgers, Director of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services presented the item.
- The latest rendering of Rucker Road Park's design was presented, and modifications stated included:
 - Parking was altered from the initial design.
 - The rendering shows trails but currently these are not included in the first phase of design.

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- Q. Vice Chair Saha asked about the on-street/curb parking and whether it would still be available.
- A. Director Rodgers stated Rucker Road is expanding so on-street/curb parking will be eliminated. To address the loss, both parking lots will be open to all (not just staff and ADA).
- Q. Commissioners Rand and Vice Chair Saha inquired about the paving of the parking lots.
- A. Director Rodgers stated parking lots would be paved one of which will have pavers intertwined with the asphalt. This is on account of the cost of asphalt and the inclusion of pavers as a less expensive option is made possible by the water retention areas that already exist at the park.
- Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the concept for Old Rucker Park's parking intentionally impervious or being approached in a similar fashion as Mid-Broadwell Park's parking in that it would be impervious until funding could be identified.
- A. Director Rodgers stated because water retention areas exist at the park, the mix of asphalt and pavers was a viable option. Currently, water retention is not pre-existing at Mid-Broadwell Park so the ground is not conducive to asphalt.
- Q. Vice Chair Saha inquired as to the number of steps remaining in the approval process.
- A. Director Rodgers responded that this would be the final rendering with no additional public input. The intent now is to get feedback from the Recreation Commission and City Council during workshops. If neither had issues, staff would seek approval would seek approval by City Council. Once approved, an RFP process would begin to identify a construction vendor.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked if lighting was down to dusk with no electrical lighting.
- A. Director Rodgers stated this was correct.
- Q. Commissioner Rand asked why some trails were concrete and others not.
- A. Staff stated one provides access to the maintenance shop and is considered a service road that must be a hard service to handle heavy loads properly and safely.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked for the width of the road/trail to maintenance shed.
- A. Staff responded 10 feet wide; other trails being 8 feet wide.

- Q. Commissioner Rand – Not needing to connect to City sewer available on opposite side of Rucker Road? Why not connect if we are on septic here?
- A. Staff responded unlike Webb Bridge; it will not have the same foot traffic, so staff feels confident keeping septic.

Q. Vice Chair Saha what happened to the chicken coop?

- A. Staff replied it is still there. Anything inside the fenced area noted on the rendering remains untouched.

Q. Vice Chair Saha asked about a playground design being incorporated.

- A. It was noted that Wills Park is less than a mile from Old Rucker Park. That the design will have places for kids to play but no traditional playground slides, etc. Rather, natural play items such as climbing boulders would be the design elements included. The design does not preclude a future playground installment if need be; however, it is not part of the initial concept.

Commissioner Norton stated how this park was designated for community agriculture and not ever intended for recreational play.

Q. Vice Chair Saha asked if a more descriptive list of items for the “natural play area” could be provided.

- A. Staff took note and stated yes.

Q. Commissioner Bowers inquired as to the future of the old home on the site.

- A. Staff stated it is currently used as a grow room, for pickling, and the occasional class of eight or less but is to eventually be renovated and used as an educational center.

Q. Vice Chair Saha asked what the driving factor was behind the maple trees.

- A. Staff responded it was because they are already there. The maple grove trees would be thinned out to support solid, strong, healthy trees to make it a neat feature of the park. As for fruit orchard, it will be new and a place where residents could come and pick fruit directly from.

Q. Chairman Mitchell asked if the well would remain.

- A. Staff replied that it would.

b. Webb Bridge Dog Park

- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services introduced Nate Hand and Claire Thurber.
- Nate Hand, Parks Supervisor and Claire Thurber, Special Events Coordinator of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services presented the item.
- A gentleman wanted to donate memorial benches which spun off into a conversation about establishing a dog park funded by his private donation.
- In response, Nate Hand looked for an area that could meet the gentlemen's request.
- The ideal spot seemed to be adjacent to the parking lot and baseball fields at Webb Bridge Park. The location would have a small impact on tree removal and be large enough for dogs to play and while also being accessible to the parking and trails.
- The dog park would include two entry points:
 - The first entry point would be ADA compliant, given the grading is flat, and would connect to the trail near the baseball fields.
 - A secondary entry point would be located on the opposite end of the dog park and connecting to a different location on the trail.
- The dog park itself would need to be curved on all sides (containing no angles) to avoid dogs the potential cornering of dogs from other dominant dogs.

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- Q. Commissioner Rand asked as to why this location seemed ideal versus closer to the neighborhood in which dogs would likely originate.
- A. Nate Hand replied that the alternate area proposed was intended to be passive and could upset neighbors who would not want to hear dogs barking, etc.
- Q. Commissioner Rand asked why chain link would be used as it is not favorable.
- A. Nate Hand agreed that traditional chain link fencing is not aesthetically pleasing or a marking of Alpharetta's design. In this case, black, vinyl coated, thick gauge chain link would look much nicer, meet the Alpharetta standard, and could disappear into the landscape.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked whether wood or chain link fencing would be less expensive.
- A. Nate Hand responded wood would be less expensive but is not easily maintained, overtime degrading faster than chain link. Additionally, it would be less conducive for the curvature design needed to avoid the angles leading to the issue stated above.
- Q. Commissioner Norton asked if the gravel entry path would be considered ADA accessible?

A. Nate Hand stated that because there is no grading, it should be easy to traverse and ADA compliant.

Q. Chairman Mitchell asked what the next steps would be to make the concept realized.

A. Director Rodgers stated Nate Hand would first confirm with the donor if the project cost could be completely covered. If so, the concept would come back before the Recreation Commission and City Council for approval to proceed.

Q. Commissioner Norton asked if permitting was required.

A. Director Rodgers stated he did not believe so, but it all depends on private donor being able to cover the entire cost of the project.

Q. Commissioner Bowers asked about the maintenance requirements and staff's level of involvement.

A. Nate Hand stated there would be some maintenance work required by staff but felt the benefit offset the cost.

Q. Commissioner Kaighin inquired as to whether the City was prepared for the nuances that could come from a dog park complaint, concerns of dog parks from residents?

A. Director Rodgers stated the City already have a dog park (Waggy World) and is prepared for the responsibilities associated with a dog park. To add, the one at Webb Bridge would not be as extensive.

Q. Commissioner Norton asked if the dog park would be turfed.

A. Nate Hand stated no as grass would not grow under the tree coverage. Mulch would be used instead.

Q. Vice Chair Saha asked for the approximate size.

A. Nate Hand replied that it would be a little smaller than the one at Wills Park; about 100 feet by 200 feet.

Q. Vice Chair Saha inquired as to the number of trees to be cut to accommodate the project.

A. Nate Hand said 1/3 of the trees, several of which are unhealthy or small in diameter, would be cut.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the donor requested recognition signage.

- A. Nate Hand stated the donor would like to have a plaque displaying the family name that donated the dog park.
- Q. Commissioner Rand returned to the topic of the memorial benches and rocks and asked if staff had considered the idea that the program could morph Alpharetta into a "walking cemetery".
- A. Claire Thurber stated every application is evaluated and staff works hard to space out locations as a preventative measure.
- Q. It was asked if any memorial swings had been purchased to date.
- A. Claire Thurber replied that the first two were purchased from the donor interested in establishing the dog park at Webb Bridge.
- Director Rodgers stated that while on the topic of Webb Bridge, the sewer project has been delayed but still must happen before the turf can be installed.
- Q. Commissioner Scott asked if the project would still be completed within 5 years?
- A. Staff responded yes.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked for a reminder on how the new sewer line would be run at Webb Bridge Park.
- A. Director Rodgers stated it would follow the trail down pass the parking lot, pass the baseball field, turn to cross under the access road, and connect near the main road.

c. Restroom Inventory

- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services came forward to present the item.
- ARPCS has 24 total restrooms.
- Staff is aware some restrooms are in desperate need of attention.
- UHP, North Park, Webb Bridge are top vandalism targets.
- In the last 4-5 years, maintenance teams designated to maintain specific park restrooms now oversee districts, maintaining a general area.
- Additionally, cleaning crew comes in seven days a week to keep them maintained but are so overused can be hard to keep pristine. RPCS has increased the level of maintenance and cleaning to try and keep them to a certain standard.
- Public Works calibrates with the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department to help maintain the restrooms.

- North District
 - Consists of North Park and Cogburn Park.
 - There are 6 total restrooms in the district: 5 at North Park, 1 at Cogburn Park.
 - North Park in the north district is the oldest park in the system of Alpharetta.
 - Cogburn Park had a vandalism attack of sledgehammers on toilets/sinks.
 - Vandalism led to the initiation of auto-locks.
- East District
 - Consists of Webb Bridge Park, Windward Community Park, and Union Hill Park
 - There are 6 total restrooms in the district: 4 at Webb Bridge Park, 1 at Union Hill Park, 1 at Windward Community Park
 - Windward Community Park is a precast, prefabricated restroom on sewer.
 - Such prefabricated restrooms would be coming to Rucker Road Park and Waters Road Park.
- South District
 - Consists of North Point Park, Rock Mill Park, and Preston Ridge Park.
 - There are 3 total restrooms in the district: 1 at North Point Park, 1 at Rock Mill Park, and 1 at Preston Ridge Park.
 - North Point Park has had the biggest issue with homeless and automated locks as well as Public Safety have helped deter this and other unwelcome activity at that location.
- West District
 - Consists of Wills Park and the Equestrian Center.
 - There are 5 total restrooms in the district: 3 at Wills Park, 2 at the Equestrian Center.
- Auto Locks
 - Initiative is to get all restrooms on an auto lock system to deter shady or overnight activity.
 - Staff has been able to install auto locks on half the restrooms to date.
 - The cost per restroom is approximately \$5,000.

RECREATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Q. Commissioner Kaighin asked if the City preferred paper towels vs air blowers.

A. Staff prefers blowers because it cuts down on waste of paper towels.

- Q. Commissioner Norton asked if the capacity at Union Hill Park was capable of handling large crowds.
- A. Staff responded that last year, it appeared to handle the load of people of the Concert Series (250). Anything large would require portable toilets.
- Q. Commissioner Rand asked if upgrade options existed for the prefabricated restrooms.
- A. Staff stated the idea could be explored.
- Q. Commissioner Rand stated couldn't someone just safely lock themselves in the restroom.
- A. Staff replied yes, but auto lights trigger police that movement is occurring in a locked restroom and can arrest the individual for trespassing at that time.

IV. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Commissioner Scott distributed information on the March 28th design day for Wacky World 2.0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amanda Musilli
Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Community Services Division Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Taste of Alpharetta is eight weeks away. All plans are coming along well, and we are prepared for the biggest and best Taste of Alpharetta yet.
- The Community Garden at Old Rucker Farm has been renovated to prevent ants from entering the beds. The new space looks fresh and beautiful.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- None.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission for the Community Services Division at the February meeting.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Alpharetta Farmers Market opens April 1.
- Community Work Day at Old Rucker Farm on April 22.
- Plant sale, in partnership with GNPS at Old Rucker Farm on April 29.
- Taste of Alpharetta on May 11.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Kim Manning

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Pocket Park Performance Permit - March Application Available & April Begins

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Wills Park Crosswalk Painting "Here Comes the Sun" - April 3-4

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission to the Cultural Services Division at the February meeting.

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/>
- Down Home on the Farm / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery Exhibit / Feb 1 – March 18 / Opening Reception Feb 4 at 5pm
- A Song Can Change Your Life Podcast Release: Marcia Ramirez / Next Episode –Listen on all major podcast outlets and at: <https://www.homebydark.com/podcast>
- Love, Sex and the IRS presented by City Center Players / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box Theater / March 10-12 and 18-19 / Fri & Sat 7pm & Sun 2pm / Ticketed Event \$15 - Visit <https://www.citycenterplayers.com>
- Silent Sky by ACT 1 Theater / Innovations Academy Charter School Theater / Fri - Sun, March 10-12 & 17-19 & 24-26 / Fri & Sat 8pm and Sun Matinees 2pm / Tickets <https://act1theater.org/shows-20222023>
- Black and White / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery Exhibit / March 22 – May 6 / Opening Reception Sat, March 25 at 5pm
- Shakespeare in the Park Midsummer Night's Dream presented by ACT1 Theater / The Grove (Grand Pavilion) behind the Alpharetta Community Center, 175 Roswell St. / April 14-15 & 21-22 at 8pm / <https://act1theater.org/shows-20222023>
- Organic Fanfare presented by Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra / Alpharetta First United Methodist Church

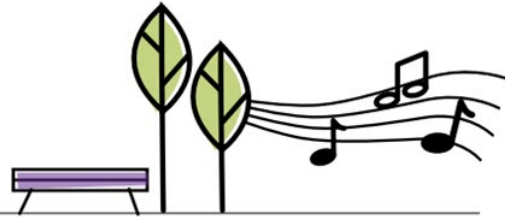
- 69 North Main St. / Friday, April 21 at 8pm / <https://www.alpharettasympphony.org/>
- Alpharetta Garden Club Plant Sale / Historic Mansell House and Gardens / Sat, April 22 from 9am-3pm

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – March 2023 Presentation

Alpharetta Recreation Commission Report March 2023

POCKET PARK PERFORMANCE PERMIT



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**POCKET PARK
PERFORMANCE
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**LANCE
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Jazz Guitarist
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Kim Manning

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PERFORMANCES SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE
FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- 1 OLD ROSWELL STREET POCKET PARK (on old roswell street, behind curbside, by the oak tree near food truck alley)
- 2 MILTON AVENUE PARK (corner of milton avenue and main street)
- 3 ROSWELL STREET POCKET PARK (corner of old roswell street & roswell street)
- 4 CANTON STREET POCKET PARK (corner of old canton street & canton street)



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911
City of Alpharetta Police Department 678.297.6390
North Fulton Hospital 3000 Hospital Blvd. 770.751.2500
Alpharetta Arts Center 236 Canton St. 678.297.6135
Kim Manning 600.806.0000 Meghan Vilela 600.000.0000



MILTON AVENUE PARK (CORNER OF
MILTON AVENUE AND MAIN STREET)



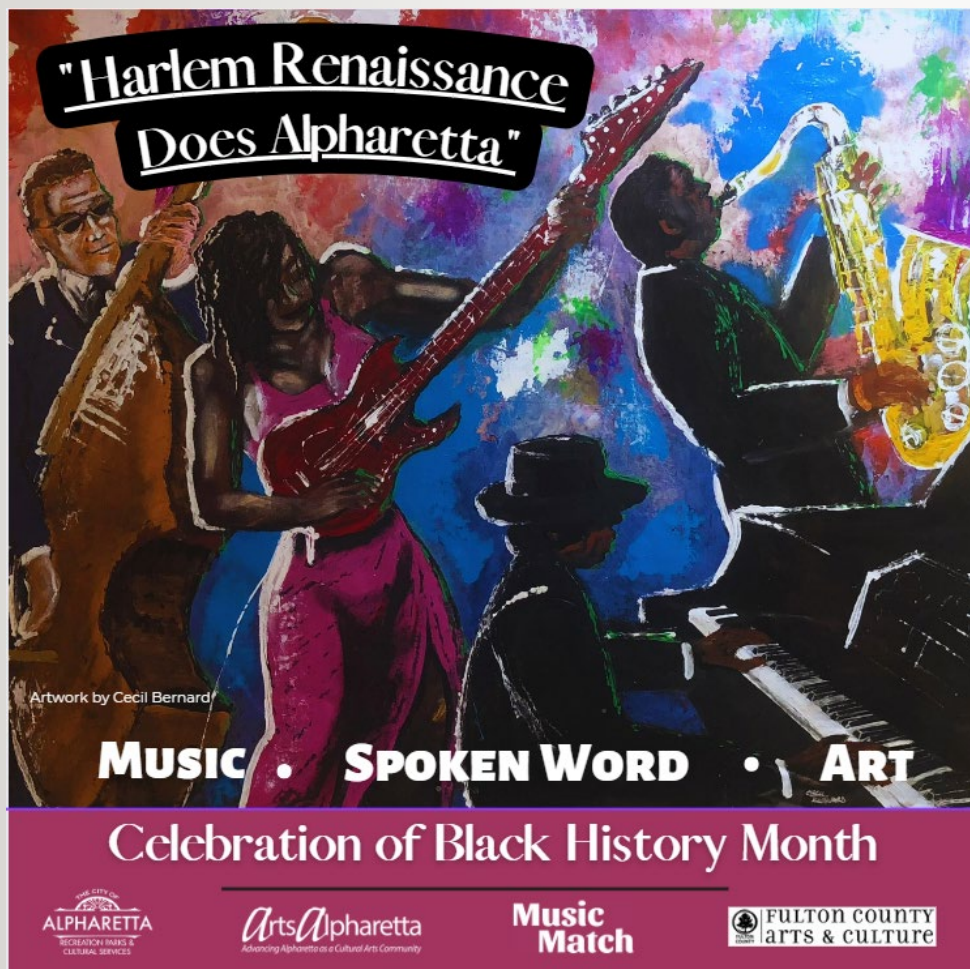
ROSWELL STREET POCKET PARK
(CORNER OF OLD ROSWELL STREET &
ROSWELL STREET)

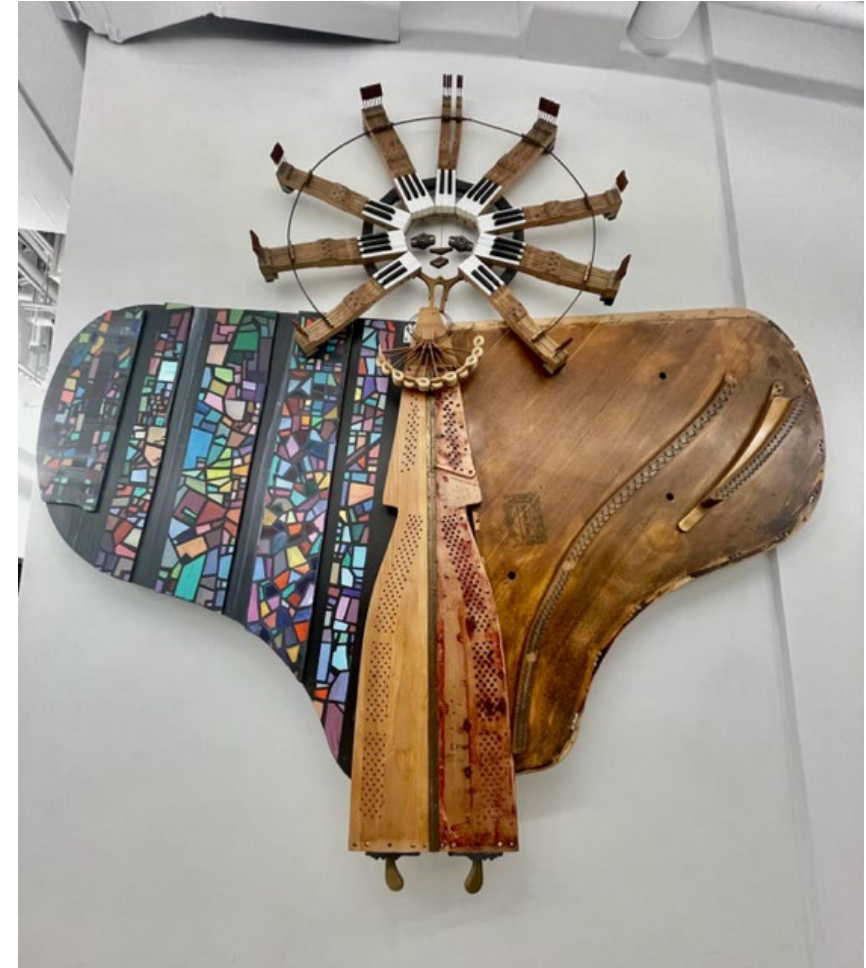


**Crosswalk Mural at
Wills Park the Pool**



"Here Comes the Sun"





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Presented by City Center Players

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Love, Sex, and the IRS is filled with twists of fate, sight gags, mistaken identities, and hilarious hijinks in this wild farce of a comedy written by William Van Zandt and Jane Milmore.





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March 10-26, 2023
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When Henrietta Leavitt begins work at the Harvard Observatory in the early 1900s, she isn't allowed to touch a telescope or express an original idea. Instead, she joins a group of women "computers," charting the stars for a renowned astronomer who calculates projects in "girl hours" and has no time for the women's probing theories. As Henrietta, in her free time, attempts to measure the light and distance of stars, she must also take measure of her life on Earth, trying to balance her dedication to science with family obligations and the possibility of love. The true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them. Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications; Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

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Plant Sale

Saturday April 22nd..... 9:00am — 3:00pm
Sunday April 23rd..... 10:00am — 2:00pm



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STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Christine Young
Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- *2023 Summer Activity Guide- hand out*
- *AYBA's Opening Day had to be cancelled due to soaked fields; they will not re-schedule and will proceed with their season.*
- *AMBUSH and AYSA have begun their spring seasons.*

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- *Room divider replacement at the Adult Activity Center in the large room; completion by the end of the fiscal year.*

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- *There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission for the Recreation Services Division at the February meeting.*

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- *Summer registration is open for Residents; OPEN registration starts 3/22*
- *Summer hiring continues; still looking for counselors & lifeguards. All camp & aquatic management positions are filled.*
- *Recreation Services, Art & Cultural Services and Marketing met recently and School Year 23-24 planning has begun. Activity Guides will be available in July.*

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Eric Milley
Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services Division (Excluding Wills Park) Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services Division (excluding Wills Park) of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Ambush had a very successful opening day on March 4th out at Innovation, North Park, and Webb Bridge except for the upper field which was too wet.*

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- *We are writing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the trash receptacles in the downtown area. This will include emptying receptacles, quarterly cleaning of receptacles, and waste management at some of the bigger special events.*
- *We are going to replace some of the declining landscape at city hall and Brooke Street Park. This will not include tree replacement in the City Center street trees.*
- *We are working on pricing to either restore or replace the decorative 3-tier fountain in the formal garden.*
- *We are also working on pricing for repairs as well as adding additional power outlets to the tree wells all around the City Center.*

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- *There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission for the Park Services Division at the February meeting.*

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Matt Casey
Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services Division (Wills Park & Equestrian) Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services Division (Wills Park & Equestrian) of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Opening Day for baseball was cancelled due to rain and saturated fields.
- Arbor Day was Celebrated by planting a native Serviceberry Tree near the Community Garden.
- Wills Park Equestrian Center has continued its show season with the addition of a USEF Dressage show which was added to the event calendar this year. Everyone is excited about the new additions and upcoming improvements.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Staff in eager to utilize its new maintenance facility. Hopefully, we can be working out of that shop withing the next few weeks.
- Paving PO has been approved. We are awaiting a date on the schedule.
- Reforestation project plantings should be complete by end of March.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission for the Park Services Division at the February meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Kurt Kirby
Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Project Management Division Monthly Report - March 2023

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Project Management Division of the Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

PARK DEVELOPMENT:

- **Wills Park Maintenance Facility:** The fire suppression system has been approved and installation is scheduled to begin the week of March 13. The estimated completion date is March 31, 2023.

PARK ENHANCEMENTS & IMPROVEMENTS:

- **Wills Park Baseball turf replacement:** The field is open. There will be additional improvements after the spring season has completed.

BOND PROJECTS OVERVIEW:

- **Old Rucker Road Park:** The design team has finalized the design concept and it was approved by City Council on March 6, 2023.
- **Waters Road Park:** The 50% construction plans that were submitted are now under review by City Staff.
- **Mid-Broadwell Park:** Public bids are due on February 23. The intent is that the park be completed by the end of 2023.
- **Webb Bridge Park Artificial Turf:** The Turf installation and the sewer installation are now separate projects. The Request for Proposals for the sewer design will go out on March 16, 2023.
- **Farmhouse Historical Site:** No updates. City Council has asked staff to explore new opportunities for parking with the new owners of the property adjacent to the site.
- **Wills Park Proper:** Staff approved the submitted preliminary design concept submitted on February 8. The next design update meeting will be held on March 9, 2023.
- **Wills Park Equestrian Center:** Arena 3 renovation contract was awarded to Longwood Arenas. Construction should begin the Week of March 20, 2023.
- **Union Hill Park:** The design team has finalized the design concept to present to the public, the Recreation Commission, and City Council. The intent is to get City Council approval at the April 17, 2023, meeting.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission for the Project Management Division at the February meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None