



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OFFICIAL MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2023

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

a. Swearing-In of Recreation Commission Members

- Mayor Jim Gilvin led the swearing-in ceremony for all Recreation Commission members that were present during the meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from November 15, 2022

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Scott offered a motion to approve the minutes, as written, from the November 15, 2022, Recreation Commission Meeting.
 - Commissioner Kaighin seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (8-0-1, with Commissioner Brad Bowers abstaining).

VI. ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS

a. NAFL – Year in Review Update

- Vaughn Lemoine, President of the North Atlanta Football League (NAFL), came forward to present the item.
- Vaughn Lemoine stated the organization is the city's provider for football and cheerleading.
- The organization offers flag football, tackle football, cheerleading, and is a youth league for kindergarten through fifth graders.
- Do not offer services past this age to support feeder football and high school programs where players can begin continuity of playing with teammates, they would play alongside up through high school.
- Flag football and cheerleading begins kindergarten through fifth grade whereas tackle football begins with second grade.
- The organization plays in the Georgia Football Association and all competitions start tackle football at kindergarten however, for NAFL, second grade proves to be a successful starting age for tackle. In addition, NAFL believes flag football serves as a great introductory to tackle football.
- NAFL leagues play at North Park in Alpharetta and at Bell Memorial Park in Milton.
- The organization has over 600 kids in the program for the first time in over a decade. This is primarily due to the bad publicity around concussion and CTE scares. Now, after covid and, numbers are back up with 300 playing flag football, 201 playing tackle, and 104 cheerleading. In fact, numbers exceeded pre-covid registration.
- The NAFL flag football league has grown substantially, and it now constitutes its own league which used to be a part of the NMFL.
- 4th and 5th grade tackle teams grew from one team to four teams which is great for feeder football and high school football programs.
- The cheer program has tripled in size in two years.
- Expanding upon the tackle football league, the total number of tackle football teams from 2nd grade through 5th grade is ten.
- The tackle teams play in the Georgia Football Association (GFA) as mentioned earlier and includes teams from Fulton and Forsyth counties. Unfortunately, the NAFL is not large enough

to play in their own league. Team opponents include Midway Park, Sharon Springs, and Lanier teams.

- The tackle football teams had much success in championships, semi-finals, and undefeated seasons in the past year. This illustrates the hard work of the players and volunteer coaches.
- Expanding upon flag football, in 2022 NAFL had 19 flag football teams.
- The league includes direct NAFL registrants, Kings Ridge, Chattahoochee, and Johns Creek teams.
- Revisiting cheerleading, which tripled in size, had a change to note.
- Historically, cheerleading had participants because a brother played football. Now, many families participating and supporting the cheer program participate strictly in cheer.
- NAFL attributed this interest and increase to great cheer coaches.
- The NAFL cheer mission is for all cheerleaders to start on the same level with goal being to foster the skills to lead into feeder cheer for high school programs.
- 2023 League Goals:
 - Continue registration growth in all three league divisions.
 - Expand support of feeder partners.
 - Develop a wealth of volunteer coaches that add value to community.

Q. Commissioner Kaighin asked if cheerleaders cheer for both tackle and flag football teams.

A. Vaughn Lemoine stated they cheer for tackle only. This is primarily since if cheerleaders were to cheer for flag football, which is a self-contained league, they would be cheering for everyone on the field versus with tackle in which they cheer for the NAFL team competing against an external organization team.

Q. Commissioner Norton stated there was initially a concern as to the number of kids dropping out of the league per city. He asked if a breakdown of kids from each high school district was available to revisit the concern.

A. Vaughn Lemoine mentioned that he could provide the information, but the NAFL specifically tried not to track this information based upon the newly drafted MOU between the cities that permitted the organization to move more freely between fields. Nevertheless, he can say the number of participants is on the rise.

Vaughn Lemoine stated the NAFL has realized the issue of participation is more of a top-down issue. By recruiting coaches from cities that may have low involvement, coaches are able to help promote growth and involvement of kids residing in the same communities as the coaches. In fact, the association recently brought on two Alpharetta coaches, one of which has made it a mission to recruit more Alpharetta youth to play.

Q. Commissioner Piedrahita asked what the association considers the contributing factors to the growth in the cheer programs.

A. Vaughn Lemoine stated coaches that help with recruitment and promoting the program as well as non-sibling related interest in cheerleading.

Q. Commissioner Bowers asked if the teams incorporated from other organizations such as from Kings Ridge or Chattahoochee co-mingled with NAFL participants or if the organization teams were apparently different.

A. Vaughn Lemoine stated that with flag football, it is very apparent. Johns Creek participants practice on their own fields and have their own coaches and compete against NAFL participants who register directly with NAFL. In terms of tackle, it is the same approach. NAFL participants/residents play together against outside organizations in the GFA.

Q. Commissioner Scott posed a question about screening and physical check-ups/protocols being synchronous across leagues.

A. Vaughn Lemoine stated that a screening process and set of standards are in place for players and leagues as well as requirements (such as background checks) unique to each city.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Rand nominated Commissioner Dennis Mitchell for the role of Chairman of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Norton seconded.
 - ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a vote that all those in favor of Commissioner Mitchell for Chairman, vote in approval.
 - ❖ The vote for approval was unanimous (9-0).
- Chairman Mitchell announced that the Recreation Commission has voted in favor of Commissioner Dennis Mitchell as the Chairman for calendar year 2023.

Q. Amber O'Dwyer asked for confirmation as to their being no other nominations.

A. The Commission confirmed there were none.

- Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Rand nominated Commissioner Arijit Saha for the role of Vice Chair of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Beach seconded.
- Chairman Mitchell closed the floor from any further nominations.
 - ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a vote that all those in favor of Commissioner Saha for Vice Chairman, vote in approval.
 - ❖ The vote for approval was unanimous (9-0).
- Chairman Mitchell announced that the Recreation Commission has voted in favor of Commissioner Arijit Saha as the Vice Chairman for calendar year 2023.

IX. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. DIVISIONS

- Community Services Division Monthly Report – January 2023

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

Monthly Highlights:

- The Season of Celebration, despite some difficult weather the second Friday night resulting in the shuffling of activities, still proved to be a successful event.
- The Tree Lighting was beautiful, and thousands attended the event.
- Amanda Musilli stated the first semester of the Cambridge High School Ag-Business program just ended.
 - This year proved to have the best students in the CHS AG-Business program to date.
 - The students have been selling on average seven AG-aretta boxes each week.
 - Unfortunately, the extremely cold weather, harvests were lost except for one row of collard greens. Nonetheless, the experience proved to be beneficial in teaching the students in real time how to pivot and become creative when things do not go as planned.

Monthly Initiatives:

- In terms of special events, staff is moving ahead with the 2023 Taste of Alpharetta.
 - A meeting occurred the week prior to better determine the details of the event now that the City is in it's second year with Jacob's Eye, the event facilitator.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked if a date for the 2023 Taste of Alpharetta had been determined.
- A. Amanda Musilli stated the 2023 TOA will be the second Thursday of the month to avoid Cinco de Mayo.
- Q. Vice Chairman Saha asked if any changes would take place from this past year to the next.
- A. Amanda Musilli stated the event will convert to digital ticketing. Previously the conversion was cost-prohibitive, and staff had the concern that making an event entirely digital could be detrimental in the event of lost power and/or digital access. Currently, digital vendor that Jacob's Eye has researched has experience digitizing events the size of the Taste of Alpharetta and has an approach that the City is comfortable implementing. More details will be made available as staff draws nearer to the event.
- Q. Commissioner Rand asked if digitizing the event could be done securely for restaurants that would be now handling digital currency.
- A. Amanda Musilli stated that noting the cost to move digital for restaurateurs is great, staff would not move forward with the new method unless confident in the approach.
- Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the City would try again to spread the event across both sides of Hwy 9.
- A. Amanda Musilli stated yes, as spreading the crowd across both sides proved to be much safer but ultimately, it is contingent on GDOT's approval of the road closure.

Q. Commissioner Beach asked if staff considered graduation dates when planning the event. The new date would be the graduation date for Kings Ridge and wondered if public schools would have the same conflict.

A. Amanda Musilli stated staff did not look at specific dates but knew to stay clear of the end of May.

Commissioner Beach stated she used to be concerned about final exams but pushing the event back a week might make it a conflict for graduation dates.

- **Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – January 2023**

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

Monthly Initiatives:

- Kim Manning provided an update on mid-year requests coming before City Council.

Cultural Arts Master Plan:

- In 2018, the Department had a master plan created. At that time Cultural Services was too young and could not offer much guidance as to the needs of the program.
- In 2020, the Department asked for consideration of a Cultural Arts Master Plan then the COVID pandemic hit and could not be funded.
- Currently, staff is seeking approval of the development of a Cultural Arts Master Plan once again to develop an approach to the Public Art tasks put forth by the Community Development Department and to gain a better understanding of what the community desires for the future.
- The current proposal submitted by a consultant to draft the Cultural Arts Master Plan would include:
 - Online surveys, visioning workshops, and stockholder interviews for engagement.
 - Identifying organizations and foundations.
 - Inventory of all art resources.
 - Arts and culture programming.
 - A strategic plan for arts and cultures including partnership strategies, programming recommendations, and a short-term work program.

The Stories Project:

- The second mid-year request involves the Stories Project and funding for the Bailey Johnson Community Documentary.
- The project includes live interviews of community residents to foster the history of the community.
- This year, there is a three-minute teaser video that staff would be happy to share with the Recreation Commission.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked the average length of the documentary videos.

A. Kim Manning stated, if anyone had seen The Farmhouse Documentary, the videos are usually 30 minutes. Without knowing how much content is available, the proposal ranges from twenty-minutes to forty-minutes to sixty-minutes in

length. If much content is provided, talks are in the works for a partnership to supplement funding for the increased documentary length.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the format would follow that of The Farmhouse Documentary which seemed to be quite a production.

A. Kim Manning stated that would be a safe assumption, but the project is still not far enough along to confirm. She did say that the story is a great one to tell as it is unique in that all black residents had the one school in North Fulton to attend. Before then, students had to travel over two hours to attend school in Atlanta.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the people who bought the property would be interested in helping subsidize.

A. Kim Manning stated the owners are the individuals that staff approached to help with the funding of the project.

Q. Commissioner Kaighin asked if an activity or event was happening at the property that was making it the focus of the documentary.

A. Kim Manning stated no, but that the historical society had voted for it to be the next documentary filmed.

- Another project for the division is replacement of the Arts Center baby grand piano.
 - The piano is no longer in tune or repairable with wear and tear of being primarily outdoors.
 - Staff is looking to replace the piano and have four offers of donations currently.
 - The next step would be to have someone test each piano for tuning and reduce the offers to the best possible piano available.
 - The existing piano is being disassembled and re-purposed into art to become an indoor sculpture at the Arts Center.
 - The current project will then be unveiled as part of Black History Month and a “Harlem Renaissance Meets Alpharetta” event will be February 11th at 6:30pm and is free to the public.

Current Happenings:

- Portrait Quilts gallery exhibit in Community Room at City Hall is wrapping up.
- Down Home on the Farm is an open call for artist to work with historians for unique local art.
- Bob Ross painting class still has a few spaces open for those interested!
- “Love, Sex, and the IRS” will be presented by the City Center players in the Arts Center Black Box. The play is story about jobless musicians who are pretending and file taxes jointly and get caught.
- **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – January 2023**
 - Christine Young, Cultural Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.

Monthly Highlights:

- The Holiday Heartfelt Market had over 16 vendors and staff hope to expand the event next year.
- The Winter Solstice Lantern Walk was cancelled due to the freezing weather.
- Recreation Services has hired a new supervisor for the Adult Activity Center, Toby Smallwood coming from the Cultural Services Division.
- NAFL numbers differ from what was presented by staff. This is due to staff's numbers being strictly what was on Alpharetta park fields.
- The Parks Without Borders MOU which added soccer the list of sports was approved by City Council.

Monthly Initiatives:

- The division will be updating and implementing a new recreation strategy and expanding it from a three-year to a five-year strategy.
- Staff is also working on expanding offerings at the Adult Activity Center art-wing and at Preston Ridge Community Center.
- Staff development is also an on-going initiative to keep staff growing and challenged.
- Facility improvements include painting some facilities and enhancing interior spaces.
- The number one focus is always to serve the community by offering the highest quality programs, activities, events, and customer service.

Upcoming Events:

- The Rotary Polar Bear Plunge coming up on February 4th.
 - The Mayor confirmed he will be jumping for the event.
- The Valentine's Day "Enchanted Forest Family Dance will take place February 11th.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked about an update on MOUs with Milton, etc. as it relates to athletics.

A. Christine Young stated that City of Milton agreements include football, softball, lacrosse, and special needs camps. City of Johns Creek agreements include baseball, lacrosse, softball, and soccer.

Chairman Mitchell stated this only included recreation leagues only not competition.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked why not basketball.

A. Christine Young stated the reason being is that there is not an association league, it is run entirely by city staff.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if this meant there was not a residency requirement.

A. Christine Young stated participants must be Alpharetta residents to play.

- Q. Commissioner Kaighin stated The Christmas Market felt very chaotic and messy. He wondered if a better approach could be implemented for traffic flow.
- A. Morgan Rodgers stated the event was an extension of the holiday farmer's market facilitated by the ABA and staff was surprised by the turnout and more attended as anticipated. Plans to make the event flow better by moving the gym and the field behind the community center for the event. To add, the ACVB had photos of Santa in the lobby which added to the crowd and could be moved to another room to open the space.
- Q. Commissioner Saha asked if additional parking will be added for the holiday farmer's market event.
- A. Morgan Rodgers stated there will not be more parking than this year but will let people know where they *can* park. Unfortunately, it appeared vendors took up the best parking and a different approach will be put in place next year.
- Q. Commissioner Saha asked about future programming at Preston Ridge Community Center inquiring as to whether programming was now at capacity.
- A. Christine Young stated the center now has a full-time coordinator to bring about additional programming. Most programs are during the day and are geared towards seniors, several fitness classes, games, and one-off events. The plan is to have this continue to grow and reach capacity by mid-year.
- The space also is the premier rental facility for weekends and evenings.
- Q. Chairman asked about what kind of event rentals take place at the center.
- A. Christine Young stated the events are adult-focused and include birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, trainings, or cultural group events.

❖ *Commissioners Scott and Bowers excused themselves to leave the meeting early.*

- Parks Services, Park Bonds, and Project Management Monthly Report – January 2023
 - Kurt Kirby, Project Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.

Park Services:

- The Wills Park Maintenance facility is going vertical and has made tremendous progress.
 - The mezzanine has been installed including the concrete having been poured and enclosed.
- The turf replacement project at Wills Park was ahead of schedule but has slowed down but still on schedule based on the weather delays. Punch list items still need to be addressed but hope to allow use of the field come January 31st. One outstanding requirement includes a G-Max or, an impact test, to ensure the field surface is safe should a child fall to minimize risk of injury.

- Wayfinding signage is seeing strides with directional signage installed at Webb Bridge Park.
- Staff is beginning the park rules sign initiative. The ordinance was updated last year, and Cogburn Road Park was the first park to have the updated signs installed.
- Facility entrance signs have been installed at the Wills Park Recreation Center and the Alpharetta Community Center and changed the entrances tremendously.
- Lastly, cold weather resulted in some damage of broken pipes, etc. at parks. Staff is working with Public Works, plumbers, and other contractors and thankfully the damage proved not to be as severe or critical to operations as was the case with some of the surrounding communities.

Q. Commissioner Piedrahita asked regarding damage and the yellow tape installed at Wills Park playgrounds.

A. Kurt Kirby stated the Public Works Department is completing a streambank restoration project and some of the existing playground equipment is having to be reconfigured as it is infringing on the stream bank buffers which is not compliant with State requirements. The issue should be rectified within the next few weeks and the only loss will be the tire swing. All other elements will remain.

Morgan Rodgers also commented stating the Public Works Director found an opportunity with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to secure funding to reforest the bank along the creek from the bridge closest to the Wills Park Recreation Center to Wills Road. The streams are eroding, and Public Works could work with EPA to secure the funding for the project if it was "shovel ready". Therefore, the project had to happen quickly.

Park Bonds:

- Old Rucker Park's design concept is in the final stages of design and budget numbers are favorable. It is close to being able to be presented to the Recreation Commission, the public, and City Council.
- Waters Road Park's design-build contract was awarded to Prime Contractors by City Council. The first kick-off meeting for the project is this Friday.
- Mid-Broadwell Park is moving forward in a phased approach with the goal of getting the park operational this year. The current focus is on the construction of restrooms and the playground to be followed later by access and the parking lot.

Q. Commissioner Rand asked if the reason the project was moving forward was because the additional \$600,000 was identified to cover the overage.

A. Kurt Kirby stated the \$600,000 would have been needed to build the park in its entirety, however the phased approach allows staff to move forward with the project.

Morgan Rodgers responded that while additional funding has not yet been identified, the phased approach (with a gravel parking lot) will help the park be finished to budget with future funding to be identified for stormwater and subsequent pavement.

- Q. Commissioner Rand stated that at Riverside Park, the parking lot is permeable with dividers and wondered if it could be considered.
- A. Morgan Rodgers stated this could be considered but right now, funding is simply not available to pave or for any other option beside gravel for the moment.
- At Webb Bridge Park, Public Works is working with staff regarding approaches to the water/sewer issue that is impeding the project. The current approach is to consider two different projects: one being water/sewer and the other being the turf replacement.
 - If staff can get the support needed in identifying the concerns as two separate projects, the hope is to move forward using bond funding for the turf installation and identifying funding to address water/sewer issues.
- Q. Commissioner Rand confirmed the City cannot replace turf until the sewer lines are addressed.
- A. Kurt Kirby confirmed yes, the sewer issue must be addressed before committing to the turf replacement.
- Q. Commissioner Norton asked how long the project would be pushed back.
- A. Kurt Kirby stated no.
- Morgan Rodgers stated that hopefully staff will have more information to provide by the next Recreation Commission meeting. Currently, Public Works is working hard to determine how to run a sewer line to address the issue and the estimated cost.
- Q. Chairman asked if the restroom was still operable.
- A. Eric Milley and Kurt Kirby confirmed it is still operational despite having a few issues with the septic.
- The Farmhouse project design team is working on a concept to be ready to be presented to Council and the public as well as the Recreation Commission.
 - Wills Park projects had kick-off meeting for both the equestrian center and Wills Park proper. The project is currently in the conceptual phase of the design.
 - The Wacky World leadership committee has been formed and a website launched.
 - The Wills Park restroom design has been approved and is waiting on the design for the site work and engineering. The hope is that the project will be completed in tandem with the completion of Wacky World.
 - Lastly, a vendor has been selected and is currently in the contract phase for the renovation of Arena #3. Staff hopes to break ground in the next few weeks.
- Q. Commissioner Rand asked how the numbering system was established for the arenas.
- A. Matt Casey stated they were first assigned on a lettering system, "A-D", and staff has moved away from letters to a numbering system that started at the bottom with Arena #1 working up to the covered arena which would be Arena #5.

- For Union Hill Park, staff met with the design team to develop a design in line with available funding.
- Q. Commissioner Saha asked for more information regarding the leadership committee for Wacky World and why the approach differs from the process for other playgrounds.
- A. Kurt Kirby stated the committee for Wacky World 2.0 is mirroring the first generational approach to Wacky World which had a community led committee to help raise funds and interest in the park.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked for a quick backstory on the project for those unfamiliar.
- A. Kurt Kirby stated that in the mid 90's, one of the first efforts was to build a cool playground for the community at Wills Park. A group approached elected officials stating they wished to do a community led program in which a committee could be formed to help raise funding and awareness for the playground. Leathers was a company that facilitated such projects. The committee would include subcommittees including fundraising, child-care, etc. to help make the project completion possible. The committee organized every element from fundraising to design selection to installation. Wacky World 2.0 is to follow the same concept and will be facilitated by Play By Design. Playgrounds have lifespans and wood playgrounds have an even shorter life span and by including the community to help foster the rebuild of the replacement playground, the City actively engages multiple generations of the community.
- Q. Chairman Mitchell asked when staff anticipates the start of actual construction.
- A. Kurt Kirby confirmed it would take about a year but between now and construction, the committee would begin raising awareness and fundraising. In addition, a design must be crafted first.
- Q. Commissioner Saha asked, in terms of fundraising, what the monetary goal was and what would happen if it the goal was not met.
- A. Kurt Kirby stated the goal was \$500,000 to be supplemented with bond funding. Morgan Rodgers stated the current playground is estimated at \$1M (\$500,000 from fundraising and \$500,000 from bond funds). If the fundraising did not reach the goal of \$500,000, the playground would be built with the funding raised and the \$500,000 available bond funding.
- Commissioner Rand stated it would be an interesting story to sell that we have a playground that must be condemned being a 25-year-old playground without scaring the public.
 - Morgan Rodgers responded that therefore the rebuild is focused on being "Wacky World 2.0" and focused on the connection to the community having been actively engaged in the original installation.

Q. Commissioner Kaighin asked what if funding was exceeded?

A. Morgan Rodgers stated a larger, better playground could be designed and built.

b. DIRECTOR

- 2022 Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department Year in Review
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Morgan Rodgers wished to review the highlights of 2022. For the sake of time, he was going to list the top 27.
 - Work began on the new maintenance facility at Wills Park. Maintenance workers have been working out of the equestrian barn for two years. Staff is excited to bring up moral by providing a better shop for maintenance crews. Everyone will be invited to that ribbon cutting.
 - An outdoor mural was installed at the Studio Movie Grill which brighten up and bring life to the space validating the reasoning behind the installation.
 - Wayfinding signs were installed at Webb Bridge, Union Hill, and Marconi Road parks.
 - Bocci Ball courts were opened at North Park. Originally a scout project, it turned out very successfully.
 - The Union Hill pavilion has been used as a special events facility by several groups. This is a huge transformation considering the park was once locked and underutilized.
 - Public Works completed the Rotary streambank stabilization project at Wills Park.
 - A new basketball court was installed at the Alpharetta Community Center and included a Game of "Cool".
 - "Medley", the newest round of temporary outdoor art was installed this year.
 - An art crosswalk was installed at the Arts Center which serves as a teaser for more art projects to come.
 - The new equestrian Arena #1 officially opened and served as completion of the 1st phase of a \$10M renovation.
 - New audio equipment was installed at the covered equestrian arena.
 - The groundbreaking was held for the new Alpha Loop connection from Old Milton Pkwy to North Winds. The connection should be completed in the next twelve months.
 - Registration in all day camps was up 25% and half-day camps increased 28%.
 - Daily pool admissions were up 23% over the summer.
 - Over 130 free monthly health and wellness classes were offered. Math means over 1500 free fitness classes were provided to citizens and this is largely in part to donations by Northside Hospital.

- 92% of all Cultural Arts camps and 79% Cultural Arts programs offered were held which shows we are appealing to the demographic interested and that we are gaining traction in awareness.
- The Arts Center hosted 12 large, non-city events and 29 event rentals in 2022.
- With help from the AYSA, the City refenced three of the fields at North Park.
- Staff painted the interior and exterior of restrooms at Webb Bridge Park, Union Hill Park, and Rock Mill Park.
- Staff removed dead and damaged trees at Wills Park, North Park, Webb Bridge Park, Windward Park, and Milton Avenue Park.
- Staff installed entrance signs at Wills Park Recreation Center and the Alpharetta Community Center.
- North Park multipurpose Field #2 artificial turf was installed.
- Public Works replaced the roof at the Alpharetta Community Center.
- The Department launched the Parks Memorial Program.
- Two of the Webb Bridge Park tennis courts were replaced with six pickleball courts given the explosion of interest.
- The City's Community Agricultural Plan was finalized, approved, adopted and funding of \$75,000 from the Food Well Alliance was given to jumpstart the program.
- Lastly, the Cultural Arts Division curated 22 exhibits and 56 music match programs.

X. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- There were no Commissioner reports.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.
- Mayor Gilvin thanked the Commission and staff for all the work they do. The Mayor was grateful to the volunteers that comprise the Recreation Commission for being the "eyes" and "ears" for City Council.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Rand offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Saha seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber O'Dwyer

Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services