



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2017

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commission Chair Ben Easterling called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Jamie Bendall, Kevin Johnson, Melissa Jurgens, Jarrett Long, Bill Lubsy, Dennis Mitchell
- Commission absent: Shuntel Beach, Wendi Schutt
- City staff present: Interim Director of Recreation & Parks Lisa Gurganus, Parks Services Manager Eric Milley, Special Events Manager Kim Dodson, Marketing/Accreditation Coordinator Amy Rickman
- City Council: Jason Binder

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2017

- Motion by Mr. Long to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017 as written. Second by Mrs. Jurgens.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

- None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administration – Mr. Long

- Committee is considering delving into efficiencies and utilization of facilities and services as a future project.
- CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies) standards require periodic review of documents. Commission by-laws and the department mission statement should be reviewed by the end of 2017. Next CAPRA review will tentatively be early summer 2018.
- Mrs. Gurganus will email current by-laws and mission statement to members.
- The last citizen survey was completed in 2013 in preparation for Master Plan 2025.

B. Parks – Mr. Bendall

- No meeting this month. Considering list of places/items to look at for park projects needed.

C. Recreation – Mrs. Gurganus

- Committee did not meet
- Discussion on CAPRA – what it is, why it is important, the process, etc.
- This is the final preparation year for next CAPRA review. Staff are working on standards and documentation.
- Alpharetta was first accredited in 1999 and has been reaccredited every 5 years since then.

D. Cultural Arts – Mrs. Schutt (written report)

- Arts Alpharetta had a nice fundraiser at Vino 100, with money raised to fund their 501c3 status. The board met to discuss the public sculpture project phase 2.
- From Cultural Arts Supervisor Toby Smallwood
 - Everything still on track for art center timeline, with August 2017 groundbreaking and spring 2018 for targeted completion
 - Staff is currently in the process of interviewing contractors who bid the job, with more concrete details possible by May meeting
 - Toby is gearing up for summer camps, with counselor-in-training and staff interviews ongoing and participant enrollments underway

VIII. PARTNER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. AYSA – Mr. Bendall

- Memorial celebration for two UGA students (former AYSA players) who were killed in a 2016 auto accident will be held May 7th at 3pm at North Park. AYSA has established a scholarship program in their memory.
- Season going well. Upcoming tournaments; partnership investment for skills development.
- Senior Day is a separate event; date will be sent to members. Mr. Johnson to reach out for media coverage of events.

B. AYBA – Mrs. Jurgens

- No meeting this month. Opening ceremonies were March 25. Mayor David Belle Isle threw out first pitch. Former Director Mike Perry presented with a bat in honor of his years of service in support of AYBA.
- Season is going well.

C. NAFL – Mr. Lusby

- Next meeting Tuesday, April 18. Registration open for fall season. Showing of Little Giants on May 13. Current president (Stephanie Butler) will resign at end of this season.

D. NMML – Mrs. Gurganus

- Season kicked off April 8 and everything is going well.

E. Ambush – Mr. Mitchell

- Going well, another month of games before tournaments start. Upcoming tryouts to be promoted soon. Will be finished with landscaping for seating at Webb Bridge soon.

IX. PARK SERVICE'S REPORT – Eric Milley

- **General**

- Planters will be replanted with new vegetation starting next week.
- Mulch is being put out at all facilities.
- Bob Regus working with contractor to replace shrubs under warranty at City Hall.

- **Wills Park**

- Batting cages at Wills Park are on schedule to be complete by May 23.
- Volunteer community service day at the park this Saturday, April 15, 60 volunteers.
- Next two weekends, Rotary Club doing some work on Pavilion 1 behind center.
- Just completed pressure washing work at Mansell House; gazebo rails repaired/painted/stained.
- Eagle Scout project replaced 20 arboretum signs at Wills, purchased by CVB
- Day of service on April 29.

- **Rock Mill Park**

- Rail has been repaired from when car ran through it off of Old Milton.
- Several trees removed following recent storms.
- Rock Mill will have a day of service in the park on April 29.

- **Webb Bridge Park**

- Repairing playground equipment damaged by recent storms.
- Replacing several support posts that were starting to rot.
- Spectator seating at Webb Bridge is almost complete; final landscape to be installed by April 30.
- Turf planning at soccer field versus sodding.

- **North Park**

- Working on two batting cages at North Park fields 6 and 7.
- Starting prep for turf planning on fields 1-4.

X. SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT – Ms. Dodson

- Staff is currently in full event logistics/production mode.
- Food Truck Alley starts tonight, runs through October. Putting information on social media regarding parking options. Also will be placing walking signage from parking deck.
- Taste of Alpharetta on May 4. Great turnout at restaurant meeting; 62 participants with 22 new this year; 18 community partners involved (complimentary booth if group provides approved entertainment value at event).
- Alpharetta Arts StreetFest held over three days at end of May.
- Memorial Day tribute will be held that same weekend.
- Alpharetta Farmers Market starting April 15.
- Broad planning is ongoing to develop standardized event zones downtown.
- New group has formed with event planners from other cities; meet quarterly; good discussion with event challenges and opportunities. Race events highly popular and most challenging to address; try to prioritize with Alpharetta non-profits.
- Consider a new sign placement for road closure on Old Milton if coming from Crabapple.

XI. EQUESTRIAN REPORT – No Report

XII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mrs. Gurganus

- Spring programs and athletic leagues are going well.
- Hiring process for summer staff continues.

- Staff continues working with vendors on various projects: (see project update spreadsheet)
 - Park system wayfinding/signage project – Hopeful for funds in new budget for implementation plan.
 - Park Master Plan for Union Hill and Windward Soccer – Meeting to discuss options went well; next steering committee meeting May 2. Pond will present to commission on May 9; open house for public on May 17 to gather feedback.
 - Wills Park Pool project – Interviews today with construction bidders; in holding pattern to gather clear-cut ideas for budget, add-alternates, and value engineering.
- Preparations underway for our new director.
- Alpharetta Golden Age Club – May as Older Americans Month; proclamation with council.
- Lightening detection system not working; signs removed to avoid false sense of safety; summer/pool staff will be informed. Budget request for replacement system in 2018. Looking at options to tie into other systems. Mr. Johnson to share possible access ideas.
- Avalon Fitness Park – triangular area across from Avalon with fitness components.
- Fulton Golden Games Opening Day – April 26 at Bell Memorial Park. Invitation to members to please come; arrive 9:30-10am. Mayor's Challenge (punt/pass/kick)
- Ms. Rickman provided an update on Bike Share Program. Two new stations with pads will be installed by developers (City Center and Thompson Street Park); new bikes for stations in department budget for 2018. Zagster recommendation to consider adding stations to highly used current stations. A new access system to be rolled out by company soon.

XIII. CITY COUNCIL REPORT – Mr. Binder

- Morgan Rodgers will start April 24 as new department director. Thank you to Mr. Easterling for participating in selection process.
- Mr. Binder provided an update on the Milton Log Cabin. Fulton County has agreed to give it to the City but there are many details that need to be worked out. The preferred location is Milton Ave on newly purchased property. Staff is working on park design ideas. Moving and maintenance costs are not certain. Staff will get quotes. All parties need to know the financial commitment and options if fundraising goal is not met by December 2017. Send any questions about this to Mrs. Gurganus or Alice Smith.
- Pool project – Determine best plan for proceeding within bond funding budget or value engineering. Still on schedule for groundbreaking in August.
- Update on Eastside project – YMCA working with their regional office regarding budget
- Milton MOU – No update at this time

XIV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- Alpharetta Golden Age Club President Tom Eiswerth commented on the Fulton Golden Games, AGAC reorganization, popularity of trips with new bus, and the need for replacement equipment in woodshop.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Johnson. Second by Mr. Long.
- **All in favor. Motion carried.**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm
- NEXT MEETING: Please note change of meeting date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017