



RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP

JUNE 28, 2023

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. WORKSHOP ITEMS

a. Phoenix Rugby - Youth Athletic Association Partnership

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services presented the item via Zoom.
- Christine Young gave an overview of the Phoenix Youth Rugby program and why staff is recommending approval for them to become a partnered youth athletic association with the City of Alpharetta.

- They have been renting field space for two years from Alpharetta.
 - North Park fields during the week
 - Innovation Academy lower practice field on Saturdays
- As an Association, we can help them grow this program.
- They will continue to use the same spaces as they rented.
- We will work with them on marketing and on will monitor their field usage.
- If the program grows, we will work within our existing field usage to accommodate.
- No field space will be taken away from any existing Youth Athletic Association.
- The more leagues, teams, and sports we can provide for the youth of community to have things to do the better our community will be.

RECREATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

RE: Phoenix Rugby

Q What about the future of this sport and their need for additional space? (Cheryl Rand)

A Initially, Rugby will continue to use the same space they currently rent. We will work closely with the Board and determine any future needs and work to provide the space, without negatively affecting any other sports.

Q What about the wear and tear on the fields? (John Norton)

A We don't anticipate any additional wear and tear on the fields. We will, of course, monitor the fields as we do with our other Associations. If they use the fields when they are soaked or dormant, green grass will not reappear.

Q Does the City have any financial responsibility for any negative fund balances for the Association? (Karla Piedrahita)

A No.

Q Would this new association have to adhere to residency requirements like the other Associations for their Board members and travel programs? (Dennis Mitchell)

A Yes, the Board will sign the same facility use agreement that the other Associations do which outlines requirements and responsibilities such as residency requirements and financial reporting.

Q Does Phoenix Youth Rugby have the necessary leadership in place to meet the requirements and deliver a successful program? (Derek Kaighin)

A Yes. Staff has met numerous times with Phoenix and feel confident they will be an asset to the City.

IV. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- There were no items from commissioners.

V. ADJOURNMENT

❖ *Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Rodgers, Director
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services