



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

JULY 12, 2022

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 5:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Recreation Commission Members - Present
 - Chairman Dennis Mitchell
 - Vice Chairman Jit Saha
 - Commissioner Cheryl Rand
 - Commissioner John Norton
 - Commissioner Jeremy Scott
 - Commissioner Shuntel Beach
- Recreation Commission Members - Absent
 - Commissioner Scott Doll
 - Commissioner Karla Peidrahita
 - Newly Appointed Commissioner Brad Bowers
- Staff
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director of 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
 - Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022, Meeting

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell offered a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022, meeting.

- Vice Chairman Saha seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

B. Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2022, Workshop

- ❖ The minutes from the May 25, 2022, workshop were tabled at the request of the Chairman until proper procedure for approval of workshop minutes could be clarified.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

- July 2022 Report – Amanda Musilli
 - Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - This was the first year to host the July 4th fireworks under the Community Services Division versus Recreation Services. From the feedback of the event (having been challenging with the inclement weather) the hope is to have better communication for announcing that the fireworks are a rain-or-shine event and that the show could have a start time between dusk and 11:00 p.m.
 1. Commissioner Saha commented that communication went well even though some may have complained and that press release sent within the following days was well written.
 - Regarding Special Events, the division is working to better streamline the event application process having added a Google form questionnaire online as a pre-cursor to the full-blown application.
 - In terms of staffing, Claire Thurber is returning to the Community Services Division from the Recreation Services Division and a new Marketing Coordinator, Deanna McKay, is joining the team.
 - Regarding Community Agriculture, the division had success with the summer Ag-Venture Camp and a list of upcoming events such as the Fall Harvest Picnic were announced.

B. CULTURAL SERVICES

- July 2022 Report
 - Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item on behalf of Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - An update was provided on arts, music, and history.
 1. An update on the beta testing for performance permits in pocket parks will be presented by the Cultural Arts Commission to City Council at an upcoming City Council meeting.
 2. The City Council and Cultural Arts Commission are finalizing last steps regarding whether to repair or replace the A-Sculpture.

3. A list of sculptures leaving the outdoor sculpture exhibit was announced making way for a new outdoor sculpture exhibit called "Medley". Arts Alpharetta is currently curating this exhibit.
 4. The Preston Ridge Facility will be used as practice space for several art leader groups including the Metropolitan Ballet, Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra, Alpharetta Youth Symphony Orchestra, and the Alpharetta City Band.
- Upcoming cultural happenings were also announced including the ongoing exhibit of *"Juneteenth: What Freedom Means to Me"* and the upcoming exhibits of *"Comforting Stitches: Quilters' Response to the Pandemic"* and the *"Colors of India"*.

C. PARK SERVICES

- July 2022 Report | Wills Park

- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Service Department came forward to present this item.
- Park Services is making progress on the arena construction, a pre-existing project unrelated to Park Bonds.
 1. Crews are moving on to ring "3" which is the largest and are obtaining permitting to have it under construction come fall.
- The Maintenance Facility is "hanging in there" as staff awaits building materials due November. The hope is to have it completed by spring of following year.
 1. Chairman Mitchell inquired about a pipe found in area and Kurt Kirby responded that the respective pipe is not active.
- As for other parks, the staff have repaired fences, installed new turf, and bocce ball courts. Upcoming maintenance, replacements, and repairs include:
 1. Artificial turf on Field 4.
 2. Replacing equipment at Webb Zone.
 3. A new roof and gym floor replacement for the Community Center.
 4. Trail replacements and athletic lighting for fields 1,2,3 at Wills Park.
 5. Resurfacing of Wills Park basketball courts.
 6. Deadwood (deemed hazardous) removal in parks.
- Commissioners asked questions about the existing moisture of the gym floor and to its reasoning.
 1. Kurt Kirby responded that to know for sure, we must pull the floor up to understand the reasoning behind the moisture (flooding, leak, etc.) which could take a few weeks to complete. We do know, when the floor will be redone, the plan is to add epoxy to help control future moisture of the gym floor.

- July 2022 Report | Park Bonds

- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Service Department came forward to present this item.

- Staff is currently working on pricing and obtaining proposals for various Park Bond projects.
- With new fiscal year funding, non-bond projects are also underway. In addition to those mentioned above under the Wills Park July Update, the plan is to also implement wayfinding on the Greenway.
- The following projects are set to go before City Council on the following dates:
 1. Wills Park Baseball Field: July 11 Council Agenda
 2. Gym Floor Replacement: July 11 Council Agenda
 3. Alpharetta Community Center New Roof: July 25 Council Agenda

D. RECREATION SERVICES

- **July 2022 Report – Christine Young**
 - Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Recreation Services is currently halfway through camp season and pushing through the last few weeks. Camps overall are up 15% registration from 2021.
 - The School Year 22-23 Recreation Guide is set to be released mid-July online. Soon after hardcopies will be provided.
 - The Sharks Swim Team are 5-0 with all swim meets this season. They were champions in their division at the ASA Championship at GA Tech. Coach Mimo was also awarded "Coach of the Year". For their success, The Sharks Swim Team will be recognized at the July 25 City Council meeting.
 - COAST just started practice for State meet.
 - In terms of staffing, Kim Unger is leaving to be closer to family, Anna Virgo left to pursue being a Para-Pro in ESOL, and Angel Cornista will be taking on the role of Health & Wellness Coordinator at Preston Ridge. The division will begin taking applications to fill Angel's vacated role of Athletics Coordinator in the hopes of filling it by the end of the month.
- **Commission Program Registration**
 - Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present this item.
 - Currently, a better system is needed to identify family members of various boards and commission members wishing to take advantage of the benefit of special rates for Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Service classes and camps. Revisions include:
 1. An updated policy and form to be provided to all Boards & Commissions to RPCS recognize the participation of family members. The form serves for one season.
 2. On fee is waived, supplies must still be purchased but very few classes have supply requirements (namely art classes, etc).
 3. Registration is limited to immediate family members including spouses and children, 18 and under, who are living at home.
 4. There will be one central point of contact, Stacey Shirley, who will check the approved list of family and ensure people are registered.

5. Commissioner Rand asked for clarification on rental pricing and approved candidates and Christine Young stated she would update the form to include all eligible individuals not just fulltime/parttime employees.

E. DIRECTOR

- Director's Report

- Morgan Rodgers, Director of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to deliver his report.
- Regarding the AlphaLoop, funding is being provided through multiple sources to connect various sections of the AlphaLoop and this topic is set for approval by City Council at the upcoming Monday meeting.
 1. It was clarified that the Westside crossover is a tunnel while the Northwinds crossover is a HAWK.
- This Friday, 101.5 Radio Station (Kincaid & Dallas) will be doing a live remote from Community Center.
 1. Several months ago, they were chatting on the show about jobs they had never had but wanted to have one of which was to be a "camp counselor".
 2. Lindsey Pritchard, Recreation Supervisor II of the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department called and told them to come experience being a "counselor for a day" at Alpharetta's Community Center. The show took her up on the offer. The event is from 5:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. and Commissioners are invited to come and visit.

F. CITY COUNCIL / COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Chairman Mitchell announced that Commissioner Doll has sold his home and no longer lives within the Alpharetta city limits as of today. That said, he has vacated his seat effective immediately.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With there being no further business to hear or discuss, Chairman Mitchell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ❖ Vice Chairman Saha offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Commissioner Scott seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).
- ❖ Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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