



RECREATION COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2024

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 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- **Recreation Commissioners Present**
 - Dennis Mitchell (Chair)
 - Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
 - Brad Bowers
 - Derek Kaighin
 - Cheryl Rand
 - Karla Piedrahita
 - Shuntel Beach
- **Recreation Commissioners Absent**
 - John Norton
 - Paul Slavik
- **Staff**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
 - Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. WORK SESSION ITEMS

- a. **City Council Agenda Items**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department introduced the item.
 - Director Rodgers presented the Commission with a slide of the items that will be on the upcoming City Council Agendas.
- Community Services:**
- Downtown Décor Contract

- Construction of greenhouse at Rucker Farm
- WPRC Landscaping Contract
- IGA with City of Milton for Community AG Programming at Mayfield

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A

RE: Community Services

- Q How does the Downtown Décor budget compare to other jurisdictions? (Kaighin)
- A Pretty common to have \$50,000, Brooke Street Park will get warmer lights. (Rodgers)
- Q How much bigger will the Greenhouse be at Rucker? (Saha)
- A Much bigger, planning to move Grow A Row to Mayfield Property. (Rodgers)
- Q Do we have an agreement with Milton for the Mayfield Property? (Rand)
- A No, we do not. (Rodgers)
- Q Allow Permission? (Rand)
- A Just Grow A Row (Rodgers)
- Q Will there be a sprinkler system in place for Grow A Row? (Saha)
- A Not as elaborate as Rucker but it will have what is needed. Milton is excited to do this. (Rodgers)

Cultural Services

- Arts & Culture Master Plan
- Outdoor-On-Loan Sculpture Exhibit

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A

RE: Cultural Services

- Q Is that plan to allow sculptures in the parks? (Saha)
- A This is a bird's eye view plan, the consultants will give us direction. (Rodgers)
- Q Master plan came from the consultants we met with? (Bowers)
- A Yes, that is who we will get the direction from. (Rodgers)

Recreation Services

- Amana Park Usage and Evacuation MOU
- AYSA, AYBA, Ambush, NAFL, Alpharetta Phoenix Rugby Annual Facility Use Agreements
- Johns Creek MOU Renewal
- Special Events Barricades

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A

RE: Recreation Services

- Q Does the Amana MOU mostly impact the Purple Playground? (Piedrahita)
- A Purple Playground and The Grove, they have to understand they do not have carte blanche of the park. (Rodgers)
- Q Includes in school hours? (Bowers)
- A Includes both in school hours and after school programs. (Rodgers)
- Q Compensation on their part? (Rand)

- A No, could be added at the Council Level. (Rodgers)
- Q The list of groups, are these the only ones we have MOU's with? (Rand)
- A These are use agreements. (Rodgers)
- Q Miracle League is not? (Rand)
- A That is a 5-year agreement. (Rodgers)
- Q Nothing with Milton? (Rand)
- A No (Rodgers)
- Q Do we rent or own the barricades? (Rand)
- A Rent, there is not a return on them. (Rodgers)

Park Services (All other parks & downtown) – Eric

- Wayfinding Signage
- Construction Bid for Encore Park

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A

RE: Park Services (All other parks & downtown)

- Q People are upset about the parking for Pickleball at North Park, what can be done? (Saha)
- A We can look at a possible redesign and potentially move the bus barn. If people are playing Pickleball, then they are more mobile. (Rodgers)

Park Services (Equestrian Center and Wills Park) – Matt

- Stall Cleaning Contract
- Wayfinding Signage
- Construction Bid for Old Rucker Park

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A

RE: Park Services (Equestrian Center and Wills Park)

- Q Will there be an update to the restrooms at Old Rucker Farm? (Saha)
- A Yes, it will be updated. We are talking about design for something we currently do not have money for. (Rodgers)

b. Alpha Loop

- The new sections of the Alpha Loop that have been approved by City Council. The new sections include: Roswell Street, Devore Road, Old Milton Parkway to Thompson, and the intersection of Haynes Bridge Road and Westside Parkway.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A

RE: Alpha Loop

- Q What will the new loop look like? (Piedrahita)
- A It will be a 10 foot to 12 foot wide sidewalk. (Rodgers)
- Q Tunnels or bridges? (Rand)
- A No, it will be all ongrade. (Rodgers)
- Q What is the timeline? (Piedrahita)
- A Not sure, Public Works is in control right now and then we will take over once it is completed. (Rodgers)
- Q Will the loop be in front of Honda or behind? (Bowers)

- A The decision has not been made. I understand that ongrade crossing are not great but it is our only option. This will be a big connection point. (Rodgers)
- Q Do we have an exposure if someone gets hurt at these intersections? (Beach)
- A No more than we normally do. (Rodgers)
- Q Greenway and Alpha Loop, what is the intent for each? (Piedrahita)
- A Always competing for resources. Greenway is Recreation Vision and Alpha Loop is Community Development Vision. (Rodgers)
- Q Are we responsible for the Loop? (Beach)
- A Yes, we are. (Rodgers)
- Q Is the Loop a pet project? (Piedrahita)
- A No, it will connect the City. (Rodgers)
- Q Who is the Alpha Loop Foundation? (Rand)
- A Folks raising money to enhance the loop. (Rodgers)
- Q Are we prepared for more bikes and scooters? (Kaighin)
- A We would have to install more bike racks. (Rodgers)
- Q Will the loop be lit up? (Rand)
- A Yes, it will have lights. (Rodgers)
- Q Carriage rides on the loop for the holidays? (Kaighin)
- A Has not received any traction. (Rodgers)

IV. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Chairman Mitchell announced that the September 10th meeting will be cancelled.

V. ADJOURNMENT

❖ Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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