

**Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**  
**5:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

The Peachtree City Recreation Advisory Group (RAG) met Tuesday, May 6, 2025 in the Community Room at City Hall. Chair Erin McDowell called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Other members present were Michael Pappas, Stacey Clarke, and Rohit Nanda. Michael Polacek and Tommy Johnson were absent, as was Recreation Director Cathy Wilder. Assistant Recreation Director Harold Layton and Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby also were present.

**Minutes**

**A. April 21, 2025 Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes**

Pappas moved to approve the April 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Clarke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion**

**A. Kedron Fieldhouse & Aquatic Center presentation**

Layton introduced General Program Coordinator Billy Spezzano, who gave an overview of the aquatics and gym facilities and the programs at Kedron, noting that more than 26,600 people used the facility in 2024, paying about \$162,000 in registration fees, which netted a profit of more than \$42,000 that went into the General Fund.

Layton expressed the need for another gym and said they were in negotiations with the Fayette County Board of Education to use the old Booth Middle School gym.

**B. Drake Field pavilion update**

Layton said they were getting a quote to see how much restoration of the pavilion would be. The City was having to rent a stage in order to host Sunset Sounds on the upcoming weekend. The plan was to shore the pavilion up for use through December, while figuring out funding and what to do for a final solution.

**C. July 4th parade registration discussion**

Parade registration opened the previous day, Layton stated, and the number of entrants would not be limited. Candy would be thrown again this year, and longer trailers floats would be allowed. There would be first come, first serve for the parade lineup, with a few exceptions, and a marching band had been engaged. There would be stopping points along the route to prevent gaps from forming. Last year, Layton noted, there were about 42,000 onlookers along a two-mile strip of Peachtree Parkway.

**D. Group/Staff topics**

Derek White had resigned from the group, Layton reported. Hobby said the Mayor

and Council would be taking applications and hold interviews to fill the seat. McDowell would be part of the interview process, too.

Layton said they might want to consider holding just one meeting in both June and July. He asked them to think about a meeting schedule, and they could discuss it and vote at the next meeting on May 19.

The use of athletic facilities by organized and unorganized groups was becoming more of a problem, Layton remarked, and he had been looking into changes to ordinances to prevent these issues. People were constantly reporting unauthorized uses of the facilities, and he was afraid the problem would get worse with the closing of MOBA soccer. Tennis and track were big problems. There were lot of rentals, but facilities were also being used without authorization.

Layton said this was a problem for recreation departments across the country, and he intended to be proactive by getting with the City Attorney and seeing what they could bring to Council in terms of tightening up the ordinances. What it came down to was if a person was charging for a lesson or participation, they should get a permit to use the facility. He said Fayette County issued cards to regular users.

Clarke commended the work that had been done to improve accessibility at the Line Creek boardwalk. Pappas said he was glad to see windsocks at the pickleball courts.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Clarke moved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Nanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary

  
Erin McDowell, Chairwoman