

**Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 12, 2026**  
**8:00 AM**

**Call to Order**

Chairwoman Erin McDowell called the monthly meeting of the Recreation Advisory Group to order at 8:03 a.m. Other members in attendance were Tommy Johnson, Rohit Nanda, Stacey Clarke, Mike Pappas, Michael Polacek, and Jordan Childress. Recreation and Special Events Director Harold Layton and Assistant Director Michelle Johnson were also in attendance, as well as Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby and Special Events Coordinator Maria Puckett.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Announcements**

Deputy City Clerk Stacey Collins informed the group that the City Had received 17 applications for the seat being vacated by Michael Polacek.

**Presentations**

**A. Kedron pool structure update**

Layton spoke about the field trip that the City Council, as well as several staff members, had taken to see Sprung structures. They went to Jefferson, GA first. This is a permanent structure that is both heated and cooled and has an air purifier to combat the chlorine smell. He said that it "smelled clean". The group also went to Chamblee, GA, where the structure was five years old, with no air conditioning or insulation. The warranty for the fabric, Layton said, was for 30 years, while the warranty for the beams is 50 years,

WM2A, Layton offered, is the architect for this project. The design should come before the RAG in April. Pappas asked about lighting and was told that the top would be translucent and that there would also be LED lights. McDowell mentioned that it is all customizable.

Clarke asked about the pool's downtime, and Layton responded that the structure could be put up in three to four weeks, but with the required concrete work, the project will take approximately eight to twelve months.

**B. 2025 Special Events highlights and upcoming events**

Harold then introduced Maria Puckett, the Special Events Coordinator. She told the group that 2025 was a great year for events in Peachtree City, with 30 city-sponsored events. The Father-Daughter Dance sold out, and Shakerag celebrated its 48th year. This was the second year for Food Truck Thursdays, with a couple of those including dinner. The 4th of July parade grew, to include the Georgia Mass Band, food trucks at both Drake Field and Battery Way, and a DJ. The Fall Festival and Movie Night had record attendance and Hometown Holidays continued to be quite popular as was Sunset Sounds. Puckett was also very happy to share that new events occurred during this past year. These included: Derby Day, Poochella,

Football Saturdays, and the Mother-Son Spy Night.

There were approximately 42 non-City-sponsored events, such as sports tournaments, Night Market, triathlons, Rotary Club 1/2 Marathon and 5-K, Dragon Boat races, and the Rotary Club 5-k's with the elementary schools. Six film permits were issued in 2025.

Puckett concluded her presentation by letting the RAG know, that in 2026, many of these events will continue and even grow. A series of pop-up events will be happening as well as, on April 25th, there will be a Perfect Date Family Formal.

Pappas asked if the Recreation Department does anything with the private sports tournaments that are held here. Layton replied that the CVB tries to work with the groups to get more "heads in beds". Johnson said that they are working with the Associations to get the word out.

### **Public Comment**

Amanda Reece spoke about the need for the hockey rink to be enclosed, as the rain causes the rink to be slippery.

### **Agenda Changes**

#### **Minutes**

##### **A. December 8, 2025 Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes**

Pappas made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 8th, 2025 RAG meeting. Clarke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Agenda Items**

#### **New Agenda Items**

##### **A. Election for Chair Person (yearly)**

Nanda made a motion for McDowell to continue as Chairwoman for 2026. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Election of Vice Chair (yearly)**

Clarke made a motion for Nanda to continue as Vice-Chair for 2026. McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Hearings**

#### **Member/Staff Topics**

##### **A. Recreation Advisory Group Mission Statement discussion**

Johnson told the group that she will tweak the statement in the Group-Me chat and will report back in February.

##### **B. Recreation Advisory Group 2026 Goals**

Nanda asked if the RAG Goals should align with the City goals? Johnson

mentioned the Pillars that the City uses, and she will update the Council. Polacek, who will be joining the Council, asked that the RAG provides regular updates to the Council.

### Adjourn

Clarke asked about the status of the pickleball courts. Layton reported that most of the concrete work is completed and the lines should be painted at the end of the month. Atlanta Paving will be doing the work on the parking lot.

Layton acknowledged that several of the Recreation Team has recently won awards:

- The Maintenance Team won Team of the Month
- Maria won Employee of the Month in September
- Alec won Employee of the Month in December

Clarke asked about the new splash pad and Layton told them that the Council was moving away from that. Pappas asked about the old community garden and Layton said that other projects were to be finished first.

Layton then recognized and thanked Polachek for his contribution to the Recreation Advisory Group.

With no more business, Nanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clarke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Stacey Collins, Deputy City Clerk



Erin McDowell, Chairwoman