



Recreation Advisory Group

Erin McDowell - Chair, Rohit Nanda - Vice-Chair, Joseph Tesoriero, Tommy Johnson, Michael Pappas, Stacey Clarke, Jordan Childress, Harold Layton

Meeting Agenda

June 8, 2026 | 8:00 AM
10 Planterra Way

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Minutes**
 - A. Approval of May 11, 2026, Recreation Advisory Group Minutes
4. **Discussion**
 - A. Introduction of Recreation & Special Events Summer Interns
 - B. Hall of Fame Presentation
 - C. Kedron Pool Discussion
 - D. July 4, 2026 250th Celebration Update
5. **Adjourn**

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Recreation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2026
8:00 AM

Call to Order

Chairwoman Erin McDowell called the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Group to order at 8:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Stacey Clarke, Rohit Nanda, Tommy Johnson, Jordan Childress, and Joe Tesoriero. Mike Pappas was absent. Also in attendance were Recreation & Special Events Director Harold Layton, Assistant Recreation & Special Events Director Michelle Johnson, and Facilities Supervisor Chris Helton.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

A. March 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Clarke made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9th meeting. Nanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

A. Braelinn Rec Center Playground Presentation and Discussion

Layton introduced John Koob from Playworld, who presented options for playgrounds at the Braelinn Recreation Center at three price points: \$500k, \$750K, and \$1M.

\$500K

1. 2 Towers - Engineered Wood Fibers (EWF) - Max height 9'
2. 2 Peaches - Poured in Place - Max height 8'
3. Purple Tower - Engineered Wood Fibers - shading over units - Max height 9'

Clarke asked if #2 could be upgraded with EWF. Koob said yes, but it would cost approximately \$100-150K more. Nanda asked about the size of the playground and was told that it would be a little bigger than ACP. Tesoriero asked how long Poured in Place lasts. He was told that it would need to be recoated every 2-3 years, but matting could be placed under the swings. Clarke mentioned that it needs to allow for wheelchairs.

Layton told the group that he was asked for a "statement" playground, that everyone will want to go to. Five people agreed that option 1 would be the best at this level.

\$750K

1. Dino Park - Can add zip line for \$20-50k
2. Zip Line - Fully ADA accessible

Six people agreed that option 1 would be the best at this level.

\$1M

1. Inspired by Nature - Poured in Place
2. Dreamscape Land - Dragon or Space - The two children at the meeting preferred this one (space)
3. John and the Giant Peach - Enter through a peach - Flat Creek Floyd or Manatee character

Layton said that we can incorporate a peach into any one of these designs.

Clarke spoke up in favor of the Sky Towers from the \$500k level

B. Playground Assessment Discussion

Layton had asked that everyone visit 8-10 playgrounds and rank them 1-10 for repairs/replacements; don't just count on PlacerAI. Huddleston and Pebble Pocket were left off of the list. Layton continued by saying that the Smoke Rise Tot Lot will be #1 as insurance money having been received due to a tree falling on a piece of equipment.

It was mentioned that the Windalier Ridge and Braelinn Rd Tot Lots are hard to reach for needed maintenance. Speaking of Braelinn Rd., Tesoreiro said that he thinks that the group should consider downsizing that tot lot, along with Rockspray.

Clarke added that Planterra has two main issues - lack of parking and mosquitoes, which cause the kids not to want to play there.

Helton informed the group that Windalier Ridge, Timber Lake, Smokerise, and Crabapple are all approximately 40 years old.

Layton said that the goal is to streamline the different playgrounds, by using two to three different playground designs and color schemes. This can help keep costs down.

Johnson thinks that some of the tot lots could be converted into adult "playground" for relaxation. Clarke agreed, saying that the natural look could be good for weddings, photos, etc.

Helton's list of potential tot lots to convert is Crabapple (due to not being able to get replacement parts), Suttons Cove, and Big Pine. McDowell noted that this could be an opportunity to rename Big Pine to Wilder Park, in memory of former Recreation & Special Events Director Cathy Wilder who recently passed away and who lived nearby to the park.

Clarke finished the conversation by remarking that Huddleston Park could also be

upgraded with new exercise equipment.

C. Kedron Pool and Structure Update

Layton reported to the group what was discussed the previous week during the City Council meeting. The school system has 150-165 swimmers with a season that lasts from September to February, while the Association, Chattahoochie Gold, has over 1400 people that swim year-round.

Tesorieo commented that delaying the construction allows for more time to find alternatives but Layton cautioned him by saying that, if the construction begins during Q4, the cost will be \$7.8M, with an increase of 1.6% every quarter after that. The school system has already spoken to Spalding County about the use of their facilities; however, the drive in the afternoon will be approximately 45 minutes, which is not ideal.

Adjourn

With no more business to come before the group, Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Tesoriero seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Stacey Collins, Deputy City Clerk

Erin McDowell, Chairwoman