

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Isle of Palms, South Carolina

March 6, 2007

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 in the Recreation Center, #24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present were Chairwoman Rice, Committee members Councilman Buckhannon and Councilwoman Hanbury, City Administrator Tucker and Recreation Director Page.

1. Call to Order. Councilwoman Rice called the meeting to order and stated that members of the press and the public had been duly notified in accordance with State Law. Councilwoman Rice noted that all Committee members were present.

2. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon made a motion to approve the February 6, 2007 minutes; seconded by Councilwoman Hanbury; MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Councilwoman Hanbury made a recommendation that in the future it would be helpful if the agenda and minutes could be ready three days in advance. Chairwoman Rice noted Councilwoman Hanbury's request.

3. Citizens' Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

4. Recreation Department Report. Recreation Director Page reviewed the February 2007 monthly report (**Exhibit A**) and answered Committee member questions. Highlights included: An adult CPR/AED class is being offered on March 31st; registration has begun for the 2007-08 Jump Start/Tiny Tots class; the Lowcountry Blues Bash was very well attended on February 10th and 11th; approximately 200 people participated in the Cupid's Card Shoppe; the 1st Annual Doggie Day at the Rec is Saturday, March 10th. Upcoming events include an Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Yard Sale, Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest and Piccolo Spoleto Goes to the Beach. Adult and youth sports continue, and the Backyard Bocce registration will begin March 5th. In addition to individuals, family members are being encouraged to register. The Annual Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 19th, and basketball and volleyball clinics are scheduled for this summer. Other upcoming athletic events include the kickball league, IOP Beach Run, and the 9th Annual Half Rubber Tournament.

Committee questions:

Councilwoman Hanbury stated she is concerned that advertising and promotion of special events is not reaching all Islanders. Director Page stated that special events are promoted on the website, in flyers, and in the *Island Eye* newspaper. Councilwoman Hanbury

noted the *Island Eye* newspapers reaches all residents, so she is satisfied with the promotion of special events.

Councilwoman Hanbury inquired if participants to Piccolo Spoleto could be tracked to see who comes to the event. Director Page stated that mostly Isle of Palms residents and tourists visiting the Island come to Piccolo Spoleto.

5. Old Business

A. Status of Recreation Center flooring. Director Page noted that a section of flooring had been removed at the back door of the Recreation Center by Consolidated Specialty Products in order for them to determine how to rectify the problem. Their letter dated February 26, 2007 did not offer a definite time line, but the company is working to resolve the situation to the Recreation Center's satisfaction.

B. Analysis regarding reconfiguration of ball fields. Chairwoman Rice, all Committee members, and Administrator Tucker concurred that the ball field relocation estimate from Aiken Cost Consultants was exorbitantly high. Director Page noted that she did not know exactly what parameters were given to the consultant. Administrator Tucker suggested for someone with technical expertise to review the estimate. Administrator Tucker also suggested to consider updating the numbers on the old master plan to current day, and to develop an actual budget. Councilman Buckhannon inquired if it would cost for the consultants to rework the plan. Director Page stated she would discuss with the consultant.

C. Continued discussion regarding special event request permit process. The special event permit process will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. Review of proposed new website. The website was not reviewed at the meeting, but was reviewed at a gathering following the meeting

E. Review of Recreation Department Ten (10) year Capital Plan. Director Page presented the department's 10 year capital plan, which provides a realistic look of possible expenses.

Councilman Buckhannon inquired about the repair of the gymnasium ceiling. Director Page stated that she had looked at two gyms, Ashley Hall and Pinewood Prep. Pinewood Prep had an acoustical type drop-down tile, while Ashley Hall had a high-impact, more expensive drop-down tile. Director Page is getting cost estimates on both of these tiles. Councilman Buckhannon suggested that Director Page also get an estimate on spray foam ceiling.

6. New Business.

A. Review of Operating Budget for FY2007-2008

Administrator Tucker reviewed the proposed budget, discussing line items with changes from FY 2006-2007.

Councilwoman Hanbury inquired why the budget for Water & Sewer remained the same as FY2006-2007. Administrator Tucker noted that the Water & Sewer was appropriately budgeted in FY06-07, and should be in line for FY07-08.

There was discussion regarding a charter bus for the Keenagers program. Councilman Buckhannon noted he would like to review prices of bus charters. Director Page will get this information together.

B. May 2007 Middle School Dance – May 4, 2007

Director Page stated that because officers need to be present at the Taste of the Islands on May 5th, Police Chief Buckhannon does not think he would have sufficient staffing for the May 4th Middle School Dance. There was discussion about whether to have the dance without police presence, or reschedule the dance for another Friday in May; it was decided to cancel the dance for May 4th. Administrator Tucker inquired if it can be changed from the first Friday of the month next year. Director Page stated she would discuss this with her staff.

7. Miscellaneous

Chairwoman Rice inquired about the camp schedule during the week of July 4th. Director Page stated there is camp during that week.

Chairwoman Rice stated that more activities and events are needed for middle-school age girls, especially in athletics. Chairwoman Rice suggested perhaps double-dutch jump roping and girls' kickball. Director Page stated that age group is the most difficult challenge in recreation activities.

Administrator Tucker stated the Republican Party met at the Recreation Center last night, as the group has done for years. The Recreation Committee was surprised that they were unaware of this arrangement. Administrator Tucker stated it has raised an interest in other groups wanting to meet at the Recreation Center, and one community group has already contacted her. Councilwoman Hanbury noted that if one group is allowed to meet, many more will ask to meet there. She would prefer for these meetings to not be allowed, or to charge a fee to help cover the costs. Councilman Buckhannon and Chairman Rice understood Councilwoman Hanbury's point, however, they stated it is a community center. There are concerns with having meetings there such as scheduling conflicts with recreation activities, staffing, and operating hours. At the Committee's approval, Administrator Tucker stated she will inform the inquiring group to contact Director Page when they have a specific date and time to see if a room is available, however, that we typically do not open the Recreation Center to anything other than recreation-type activities on a regularly scheduled basis.

Next meeting: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at the Recreation Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rice, Chairwoman