RECREATION COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Moye and Smith, Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and Clerk Copeland. Councilmember Buckhannon was absent, but a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Administrator Tucker called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Since one (1) member of the Committee was absent, the members present chose to delay the election of a Chair and Vice Chair until all members of the Committee were present. The Administrator will serve as Chair until the election is held.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilmember Moye moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2017 as submitted; Councilmember Smith seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Citizens Comments

Consideration of Beach Wrestling as a City-sponsored event – Coach Kevin Bayer

Coach Bayer did not come to the meeting and did not notify a staff member that he would be unable to attend; if he arrived late, he would be given the opportunity to speak.

5. **Department Report for October – December 2017 –** Director Page

Director Page welcomed the new Committee members both to the Committee and to City Council; she stated that the Recreation Committee was "the fun committee."

Director Page shared her definition of Recreation as being anything that someone does in their spare time, and said that is the way the Rec Department tries to serve the island's residents, for instance, a wood carving group or a group of ladies who come to the Rec to knit or cross-stitch for an hour or so. She added that much of what the Rec Department does is provide a space for socialization and that, when a resident brings in an idea for a program or class, staff tries to make it a reality, at least, on a trial basis.

Both youth and adult athletics are offered; the youth basketball games are starting a week late due to last week's weather event. Adult athletics are softball, basketball, and soccer, a table tennis league and coed volleyball.

The Director explained that Sullivan's Island youth are allowed to register for athletics at the same time that IOP youth register before the registration is opened for Mount Pleasant residents, who are usually few in number.

For the new members, a full listing of the programs are noted below:

The following classes are offered September - December

Ballet Barre & More Boot Camp

Core & More Dog Obedience Gather Knit & Stitch
Gymnastics I am an Artist Kinderpuppy
Line Dancing Little Lotus Yoga Mah Jongg

Mini Minnows Mommy /Daddy & Me Mommy & Me Music Modern Line Dance Science with SAM Semi-Personal Training

Senior Aerobics – Over 50 Small Group Training Tae Kwon Do Tai Chi/Qigong Tennis (children) Tennis (youth)

Tennis (adults) Tiny Tots: IOP Kids Total Body Challenge (TBC)

Toddler TalkWellness WalkersWriter's GatheringYoga – EveningYoga – MorningYoga – Saturday

Zumba Acting Performance Workshop

Most of these programs have a user's fee, but the rate scale allows for per class or weekly fees; some classes limit the number of participants.

After explaining the instructor pay program, the Director stated that the City's policy has been not to rent out or reserve space in the Rec Center to any group or organization; at times, the City partners with someone or a group to host an event as a Rec program that is open to the public.

Popular among the special events at the Rec Center is the monthly Keenagers Luncheon; attendance runs between fifty and sixty (50-60) seniors for each one. Events directed specifically to the youth are the Holiday Craft Workshop, where children decorate holiday ornaments and Santa's Cookie Workshop, where children are given cookies, icing, sprinkles, etc. to decorate cookies. The Holiday Street Festival held on Saturday, December 2nd was a huge success with four to five thousand (4,000-5,000) people attending; forty-six (46) food and craft vendors participated and enjoyed the entertainment for adults and children.

Upcoming events include "Doggie Day at the Rec" on Saturday, February 10th; Dr. Jose will be on-hand giving vaccinations and micro-chipping the island's dogs, and officers from the IOP Police Department will be selling the annual dog licenses. The Front Beach Fest, featuring *The Tams*, will be held Saturday, March 3rd, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 31st, and the Community Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 14th.

Other things Rec personnel do are to update the message boards at the foot of the Connector and at Breach Inlet, assist with clearing beach access paths, lay the white chalk lines on Palm Boulevard, decorate Front Beach with the Christmas Tree, place holiday bows on the street signs and obtain sponsors for the holiday light displays.

Director Page also mentioned that discussions have been held on a fitness room which she believes would bring a different demographic to the Rec Center.

Assistant Fragoso commented that staff has been discussing the idea of having an information tent at certain Rec events that would have information for residents about the City.

- 6. Old Business None
- 7. New Business None
- 8. Miscellaneous Business None

Next Meeting Date: 8:30 a.m., Monday, February 5, 2018 in the Conference Room

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Moye moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.; Councilmember Smith seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland City Clerk