



Recreation Committee Meeting
8:00am, Monday, January 4, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom call due to COVID-19 Pandemic
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Buckhannon, Pounds, and Smith

Staff Present: Asst. Administrator Hanna, Director Page, Director Kerr

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Council Member Pounds nominated Council Member Smith for Chair of the Recreation Committee. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of Council Member Smith as Chair of the Recreation Committee.

Council Member Pounds nominated Council Member Buckhannon for Vice Chair of the Recreation Committee. Council Member Smith seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of Council Member Buckhannon as Vice Chair of the Recreation Committee.

3. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes – November 2, 2020

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to approve and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Citizens' Comments –

City Clerk DeNeane read one statement from Rebecca Raisman of Mt. Pleasant who wants the beach to be open to everyone. The text of her statement is on the City's website alongside the agenda for this meeting.

5. Departmental Reports – Director Page

Director Page reviewed classes currently running at the Recreation Center. Class size is limited in number, and some classes also offer Zoom participation.

Two hundred cards visited Santa Lane in December. Many families participated in the cookie workshop which was held over two days to allow for social distancing. Doggie Day at the Recreation Center will be held in February. There will be no Front Beach Fest this year, but staff is working on hosting an outdoor movie in the municipal parking lot. Plans are still being made for Easter festivities. The Yard Sale will be held on April 17 with a reduced number of tables.

Director Page also shared how staff is managing the cleanliness and disinfecting of the building during and in between classes. She also detailed the numerous steps being taken to prevent the spread of COVID during basketball practice and games.

6. Old Business

A. Discussion of outlook for classes and activities in the Spring – covered in the departmental report

B. Discussion of surfing instruction

Asst. Administrator Hanna gave an overview of the surfing instruction initiative to bring Council members Buckhannon and Pounds up to date. He and Director Page noted that the City will not be requesting any safety requirements or certifications as part of the business licensing process for surfing instructors as it increases the City's liability exposure. Notification of the availability to provide surfing instruction on the beach will be launched following Second Reading of the ordinance at the regular January City Council meeting. Director Page pointed out that this is a pilot program that will sunset at the end of the beach season, so changes to the program can be considered at that time. Council Member Smith asked Asst. Administrator Hanna to review the language of the ordinance to be sure it does not limit the number of instructors per class.

7. New Business -- none

8. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 8am.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk