



**Recreation Committee Meeting
8:00am, Monday, September 13, 2021
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC
and broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Buckhannon, Pounds, and Smith

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Page

2. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes – July 12, 2021

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

3. Citizens' Comments -- none

4. Departmental Reports – Director Page

Director Page said that adult athletics, including 3-on-3 basketball, 6v6 soccer, and table tennis, are in full swing. There is no softball league this season due to low registration and lack of staff to score the games. There may be a winter or spring league. Summer youth athletic camps went well.

Over 300 people participated in the IOP Beach Run. The Half Rubber Tournament also went well.

Classes in the Recreation Center are also active, including dog obedience, gymnastics, line dancing, Little Lotus yoga classes, meditation, and exercise classes. Director Page shared that the new yoga instructor may be interested in teaching yoga on the beach. Tennis lessons are also back after full tennis camps throughout the summer.

Upcoming events include the Farmer's Market this Thursday, the Wellness Fair on Friday, and Ghostly Tide Tales on October 15. The Halloween Parade and Carnival will be very similar to last year's event.

The IOP Connector Run is still set for October 2. Close to 500 people have pre-registered with about 900 expected. Participants will be encouraged to wear masks when picking up their packets.

COVID protocols remain in place in the Recreation Center and on the grounds.

Due to staffing shortages and in an attempt to make wise use of limited human resources, Director Page said the staff is discussing moving night classes to one night so that the building is not open every night. She noted that recreation departments everywhere are experiencing staff shortages. Pleas for help via social media and other avenues have yield no results. The Committee briefly discussed the issue of staffing shortages and what could be done.

5. **Old Business**

A. **Update on COVID-19 related issues, procedures, and adjustments for fall events**

Director Page said nothing has changed with regards to COVID-related protocols. The staff continues to clean as they have throughout the pandemic. Masks are not required indoors but are encouraged.

MOTION: Council Member Smith made a motion to move the discussion about the surfing lessons pilot program up in the agenda. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **New Business**

A. **Review of pilot program to allow surfing lesson on the beach**

Administrator Fragoso reported that surfing lessons are set to continue through October 1. To date, one vendor of three has provided her with thorough feedback on the program. He said more than 80% of the participants in his program were island residents. He suggested increasing the class sizes to allow for families to participate together. He also suggested allowing for lessons year round.

Administrator Fragoso said she has asked Chief Cornett for his feedback regarding concerns with the program. She will reach out to residents who expressed some concerns about the locations of the classes. A full report will be available at the October meeting.

B. **Update on efforts to return Sunday Gym hours**

Due to staffing shortages, the Recreation Center is not ready at this time to return to Sunday Gym hours.

C. **Update on efforts to offer yoga classes on the beach**

Director Page said staff believes they have figured out the logistics of such a program offering. They are still speaking with the new yoga instructor to see if she is interested in teaching classes on the beach.

D. **Update on implementation of online registration program**

Director Page said the old and new online registration programs are working on data migration right now. She hopes to have the new program up and running by the end of the year.

6. **New Business**

B. **Discussion of suggestions for 2022 Recreation Committee**

Committee members discussed the need to consider possible Recreation Committee goals once the community is post-COVID in an attempt to provide continuity to the next Council and Recreation Committee. This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion next month.

7. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 8am.

8. **Adjournment**

Council Member Pounds made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk