



**Recreation Committee Meeting
12:30pm, Monday, March 7, 2022
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 Miars, Popson, and Ward

Staff Present: Director Kerr, Director Page

2. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes – February 7, 2022

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

3. Citizens' Comments – none

4. Departmental Reports – Director Page

Director Page gave highlights of the activities in the Recreation Department including the kickoff of adult sports leagues such as basketball, soccer, and table tennis. Soccer and baseball camps have been setup for Spring Break.

She stated she did receive a request about a 40 and over pickup basketball league, and she presented an idea to those who expressed that interest. They will continue to discuss the idea to see if there is a consensus on how such an offering could look.

Director Page said that except for a few classes where size is still limited, most class attendance is back up to pre-Covid levels. Beach Boot Camp will start back this Saturday at 9am.

She said RecTrac is online and running smoothly. It will be ready for summer camp registration which begins on March 14 at 8am.

Keenagers and Doggie Day at the Rec Center were both well attended. The recent blood drive collected 27 pints of blood. Last Saturday's Front Beach Fest was also a great success.

Upcoming events include the Yard Sale, Easter Brunch, Music in the Park in May, and the Sand Sculpting contest in June.

5. **Old Business**

Discussion of Sunday Hours

Council Member Miars said a resident asked for this matter to be kept on the agenda and asked if there is any more staff can do to get the Recreation Center back open on Sundays. Director Page reported that it has been a challenge to staff the existing programs. They are about to lose another part-time employee. She said volunteers are not always dependable and would need to know CPR, First Aid, and other Recreation Center policies in order to effectively operate when open. She said it has been very hard to find people to work, which is why the hours have been shortened overall. Recreation centers across the country are experiencing similar staff shortages.

Director Page said she has only received one application for a summer camp counselor, and she needs 6-8 counselors. She said staffing Sunday is not off the radar, but they have not found any one as of yet.

Council Member Popson said he saw no reason to keep the matter on the agenda. He believes Director Page will inform the Committee when someone is found to staff Sunday hours.

6. **New Business**

Discussion of the FY23 Operational Budget for the Recreation Department [Strategic Plan Priority 3, Goal b]

Director Page reviewed the line items that saw significant change from the FY22 budget including salaries and wages as a result of the Wage & Compensation Study, increased retirement expenses as dictated by the State, and increases in fuel expense, contracts (due to increase expense of materials), cleaning supplies, and temporary labor (used as needed to help maintain the grounds). She noted a decrease in electrical and gas expenses based on actuals from FY22.

She reviewed the costs of some capital projects that will be paid for with tourism revenues such as the basketball courts and certain special events. The replacement of the gate at the Breach Inlet Boat Ramp has been added to capital projects.

7. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 12:30pm.

8. **Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk