

RECREATION COMMITTEE

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Recreation Center, Twenty-eighth Avenue

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf, Thomas and Ward, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban, Director Page and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Past Chair Bergwerf called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Election of Chair and Past Chair

Past Chair Bergwerf opened the meeting for nominations; Councilmember Thomas nominated Councilmember Bergwerf as Committee Chair for 2012. Councilmember Ward seconded and the vote was unanimous for Councilmember Bergwerf.

Chair Bergwerf nominated Councilmember Thomas for Vice Chair; Councilmember Ward seconded and the vote was unanimous for Councilmember Thomas.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2011 as submitted; Councilmember Thomas seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Citizens' Comments – None

5. Department Report for November/December 2011 – Director Page

Since the Recreation Committee has two (2) new members, Director Page stated that she would discuss the monthly reports in more detail than usual. She pointed out that the Department hosts large number of activities and events with a small staff of seven (7) full-time employees.

In coordination with the American Red Cross, a babysitting course is offered that allows young people to earn a certification upon completion; typical participants are between the ages of eleven and fourteen (11-14). Eight (8) children between the ages of two (2) and five (5) years participated in a ballet class. SCDNR holds boater education classes using the City's facility. The Department has three (3) dog obedience classes geared to dogs of different ages; these classes are normally full. Yoga has become popular on the island; classes are held in the mornings, evenings and on Saturday mornings. "Gather, Knit & Stitch" is a get-together of nine (9) ladies who meet in the lobby to chat and stitch. Guitar lessons are month-long classes that max out at three (3) persons. Gymnastics/tumbling sessions have six (6) week programs while the Jump Start, a program for four and five (4-5) year olds, runs parallel to the school calendar. Keenagers meet monthly between September and May; participants usually bring a covered dish to share and have a program. On the second Wednesday of the month, the group enjoys a

field trip. Middle school dances are held throughout the school year; each dance has a theme and draws a couple of hundred youths. The next dance is scheduled for Friday, March 9. Daddy and Me is an opportunity for parents and toddlers, three (3) years and younger, to play and dance. In School's Out Activities, the staff offers activities for children seven to fourteen (7-14) on teacher in-service days and spring break. Semi-personal training provides for individual, personalized attention; classes are held in the morning and evening. The senior exercise class typically has a waiting list; the class meets three (3) times per week. The senior aerobics class is open to all levels of exercise; the class meets twice a week in the afternoon. Tae kwon do; classes are offered for both young people and adults; zumba is very popular on the island. The "Writing Your Memoirs" classes have been very popular; at the end of the course, each participant shares a story with the group and friends. Among the new classes being offered is "Little Dragons Karate" for children three to five (3-5) years old; holiday happenings for three to five (3-5) year olds to do crafts related to upcoming special days. With the success of "Writing Your Memoirs," a new course, "Legacy Writing," is being offered to provide opportunities to document your life and create a legacy. A photography contest for a cover of the Department's activity guide will conclude March 30th; categories are Lifestyle IOP, Natural IOP and Wild IOP. For children six to ten (6-10) years of age, a cheerleading/dance class has started to teach basic jazz, hip-hop techniques and hand and arm movements. Beginning with a captain's meeting of February 28th, the Department will be hosting a table tennis/ping pong league.

In the area of athletics, all sports are offered – basketball, softball, volleyball and soccer - for both adults and children. Director Page pointed out that registration is recorded for island residents and off-island. Registration is always offered at a lower cost and first to island residents, then to non-residents; participation is needed from non-residents to makeup teams and competitions. Friday Night Hoops (basketball) and Friday Night Spikes (volleyball) are well-attended. These sessions provide an opportunity for young people to participate in clinics and learn new skills and an opportunity for parents to have an evening out.

Recent special events included the holiday card drawing, holiday craft workshop, the production of "Catholic School Girls," the annual tree lighting, Santa's cookie workshop and, new this year, "Letters to Santa." Members of the staff replied to one hundred eighty-one (181) letters. The Lowcountry Blues Bash will be held on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12; admission is five dollars (\$5). Materials will be provided for children to make their own special Valentines on Thursday, February 9 at Cupid's Card Shop.

Director Page introduced Christina Willson, the Community Specialist, who sits at the desk and greets residents and guests; the Recreation Department gets a lot of walk-in traffic. Shelia Redmon is the Parks and Facilities Specialist; she is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the building. Nick Bako is the Parks and Grounds Specialist who is a general handyman and keeps the outside of the building in top condition. Christina, Shelia and Nick do fabulous jobs.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – None

Consideration of Award of Contracts in Excess of \$10,000 - None

8. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in Council Chambers.

9. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk