

RECREATION COMMITTEE
4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2012 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Thomas and Ward, Chair Bergwerf, Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland. A quorum was present to conduct business.

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

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2012 as submitted; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments – None**

4. Department Report for July 2012 – Director Page

The Department is gearing up for fall for adults and youths with registrations for softball, 3-on-3 basketball and soccer; table tennis has become so popular that the Department supports leagues in the morning and afternoon, as well as a doubles league. Youth soccer is registering for youth ages three years to twelve years of age. As in past years, the IOP Beach Run was a huge success with three hundred ninety-two (392) runners and sixty (60) participants in the Youth Fun Run. The 14th Annual Half Rubber Tournament will take place on August 18th and 19th. Camps for soccer, basketball, volleyball and lacrosse were all well-attended. The first youth yoga camp for children five to ten (5-10) years of age was held the first full week of August and had six (6) participants. Among the many new programs coming in the fall are "Little Builders" for children ages three to five (3-5) years, the "IOP TV Production Crew" taught by Garia and Doug Wilmer, yoga classes for ages three (3) to teens, a beginning tennis class for the three to five (3-5) year olds, "Paws and Pose Doga" for dogs and their owners, as well as a balance and living well for those with chronic illnesses. "Wee Camp" drew eighty-eight (88) children while more than three hundred fifty (350) children between the ages of five and twelve (5-12) attended Camp Summershine. The Community Wellness Fair has been scheduled for Thursday, September 13th from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.; again this year, the Recreation Department is teaming up with East Cooper Medical Center to provide blood work, healthcare professionals and free screenings for attendees. On Friday, October 19th, the Department will bring back "Ghostly Tide Tales" where residents will get the opportunity to listen to different tales round a bonfire on the beach. Staff members continue to update the message boards at Breach Inlet and at the foot of the Connector as well as participate in "White Line Fever" on Palm Boulevard.

5. Old Business

Update on Ball-field and Tennis/Basketball Courts Lighting

Director Page reported that the holes have been bored for the lighting poles and concrete is being poured for the poles. The work is on schedule.

6. New Business

Consideration of 2013 Beach Run Hosted by Charleston County PRC

Representing Charleston County PRC (CCPRC) at the meeting was John Massey, Assistant Director for Community Education, who stated that part of his job is to organizing running races and fitness; he has begun to work on more fitness running racing events. He indicated that he has been tasked with providing more options and opportunities for citizens' participation.

He referred Committee members to the flyer that was included in meeting packets about the "Bikinis and Boardshorts 5K Beach Run" tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2013. He explained that the run would begin and end at the Charleston County Park and is scheduled to be at 6:30 p.m. in an effort to capture the after-work crowd, the Charleston Running Club crew. The printed material elaborates on the plans for traffic and parking, safety and trash monitoring. (The handout is attached to the historical record of the meeting). Mr. Massey stated that any runners being disruptive to people enjoying a day at the beach will be disqualified from the race.

Chair Bergwerf asked how many runners were expected to participate; Mr. Massey responded that he planned to cap participation at three hundred (300).

The Chair stated that parking could be an issue; late in June, the County park parking lot could still be half full at 5 p.m. In Mr. Massey's opinion, the key would be to roll cars in continuously, assuming that everyone coming at this hour will be participants in the run. The normal parking fee will be included in the registration fee for the race.

Director Page noted that she had spoken with Mr. Massey and that she had concerns about the event as planned. The Director related that, after her conversation with Mr. Massey, she had taken a look at the tides for next summer because she and her staff had not yet decided upon a date for the IOP Beach Run in 2013. Based on the tide chart, the best time for the IOP Beach Run would be Saturday, June 29th, the day after the proposed CCPRC event; the Beach Run does not have a specific date each year, but is scheduled solely by the timing of the tides. To move the Beach Run to August would not work because the annual half rubber tournament is held in August. Despite the fact that both the Chair and the City Administrator stated that Mr. Massey needed to come back to the City with an event in the off-season, he maintained his hopes to do a run in the summer of 2013.

Administrator Tucker stated that the City wants to be cooperative with CCPRC and that the City was highly motivated in that regard. The Administrator asked the Mr. Massey deliver a message to his superiors and fellow staffers that the City has been seriously working on developing events in the off-season to bring people to the island; she pointed out that, for the majority of the off-season, the County park sits empty and un-used. The Administrator informed Mr. Massey that City Council had decided a year ago not to add any events to those on the City's calendar because they tax the City's public safety resources at a time when they are already stretched to the limit. Administrator Tucker urged Mr. Massey to brainstorm about events to bring to the island, "not just runs," other things that will bring people and business to the island in the off-season.

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Mr. Massey agreed to continue talking with Director Page to arrive at a mutually agreeable event to present in the future.

7. Miscellaneous Business

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8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m.; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk