

RECREATION COMMITTEE
9:00 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order at 9:09 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmember Buckhannon and Chair Carroll, Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business. The absence of Councilmember Harrington was excused.

1. Chair Carroll 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. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2015 as submitted; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments – None**

4. **Departmental Report for Summer 2015 – Director Page**

As in years past, this was a very busy summer for the Recreation Department. Director Page reported that the IOP Beach Run was held on Saturday, July 25th with approximately four hundred (400) participants; she was very pleased with the turnout, especially those from out of state. The Director thanked the Fire and Police Department for their assistance. The 17th Annual Half Rubber Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th; twelve (12) teams have pre-registered, but the Director expects twenty (20) or more teams. Adult sports ended in June but will pick-up in September; youth sports also took the summer off but are registering this week for soccer. The youth athletic camps were successful; the soccer camp is going on this week with a clinic planned for next week. The DNR boater education classes were very successful with fifteen (15) attending in May and twenty-five (25) attending in July. Jump Start and Tiny Tots will combine for the upcoming school year; instructor Robin Lee retired in May, and Cathy Adams will instruct this year. Line Dancing had regular attendees during the summer. The tennis program beginning in July was successful, but increased participation is anticipated for the fall. The American Red Cross will repeat its babysitter course for children eleven to fifteen (11-15) on September 12th. New programs for the fall include an after-school artist program for children five to ten years old (5-10), a Photography 101 program to help beginners see what a digital camera can really do, and a beach education series for which the Recreation Department employees have partnered with Charleston County Parks and Recreation. The Keenagers will hold their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 2nd. Music in the Park was held on Saturday, May 9th and had approximately one hundred fifty (150) attendees despite the threat of inclement weather that drove the event to the gymnasium. The 27th Annual Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Competition was held on May 30th with forty-five (45) teams participating. Employees continue to turn in their fitness miles; quarterly, the Recreation Department gives a fifty dollar (\$50) gas card to a deserving employee. Each week of Camp Summershine was filled; camps ended Friday, July 31st. The Recreation Department has partnered with the Public Employee Benefit Authority

(PEBA) for the Community Wellness Fair on Thursday, September 24th; PEBA will offer Preventative Worksite Screenings for employees that will include free flu shots, blood work, a health risk appraisal, height and weight measurements, blood pressure and lipid panels. East Cooper Medical Center will offer free blood work to residents who attend the event. Other upcoming events are the first Middle School Dance of the schoolyear on September 18th, Ghostly Tide Tales on Friday, October 16th, the annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 31st, and the 4th Annual Holiday Street Festival on Saturday, December 5th. Holly continues to do a good job at the Front Desk, as well as helping with all of the events and assisting with the housekeeping. Director Page reported that Robert Asero, the person in charge of grounds and maintenance, has not only performed his duties at the Rec Center but helped the Public Works Department with keeping the island and beach accesses mowed and the white line on Palm Boulevard.

Administrator Tucker thanked Director Page and the members of her department for assisting Public Works through the summer; the Administrator commented that, when the City goes to twice a week garbage collection, Public Works cannot keep up with mowing rights-of-way and beach accesses.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

A. Consideration of purchase of ball-field groomer from Smith Turf and Irrigation at state contract pricing not to exceed \$13,500 (pg. 21, Capital Projects/Recreation, \$13,500)

Director Page stated that they use the existing Toro for everything from lining Palm Boulevard to hauling, and it is used daily. The bid she has received was thirteen thousand forty dollars (\$13,040).

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to recommend approval of the purchase of a Toro groomer for the Recreation Department not to exceed \$13,500; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Update on IOP History Series

As everyone remembers, the Recreation Center has inherited the cannonball, but it will not be delivered until January, which happens to be the birthday of the Isle of Palms, so staff has decided to make January "Island History Month." Rather than having a session once a quarter, something about the Isle of Palms will be commemorated each week in January; one night could be about the cannon-ball, another night staff would gather people who have been on the island along time – Chair Carroll and Bill Casey to name only two (2) – sitting around the table as each person tells a funny story about the island. Director Page thought this would be better than spreading the series out over the year.

The consensus of the Committee was to continue along this path.

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7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 1st in the Conference Room.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk