

Recreation Committee

9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2015

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Buckhannon and Harrington, Chair Carroll, Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page and City Clerk Copeland. A quorum was present to conduct business.

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 August 3, 2015 as submitted; Councilmember Harrington seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizen's Comments – None

4. Departmental Report for August 2015 – Director Page

Director Page commented that September will be a busy month for the Recreation Department with many programs and activities restarting after the summer break, especially programs for youth. Most of the adult programs continued through the summer months. Exercise and fitness programs and boot camp are all doing well; new programs on the horizon are a beginner art class for children five to ten (5-10) years of age, a beach education series with Charleston County Parks and Recreation Department, and a beginner photography class. The Director noted that Shelia Redmon has been and continues to be unable to come to work, but the balance of the Recreation staff has assumed her responsibilities to keep the building at its best until she can return. The Employee Wellness program has a city-wide volleyball game set for the *Windjammer* on Thursday, September 17th. The Keenagers will hold their first meeting of the fall at noon on Wednesday, September 2nd, and the Lunch Bunch will gather on Wednesday, September 9th at a local restaurant. The Community Wellness Fair will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 24th. In cooperation with the SC Public Employee Benefit Authority, the event will be a Preventative Worksite Screening that will include free flu shots, blood work, a health risk appraisal, blood pressure and lipid panels. Upcoming events are as follows:

- Middle School Dance – 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Friday, September 18th
- Ghostly Tide Tales – 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, October 16th
- Pumpkin Painting – 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 26th
- Halloween Carnival – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 31st
- Holiday Street Festival – 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5th

Athletics are in full swing for adults and youths with basketball, softball, soccer and table tennis. The 17th Annual Half Rubber Tournament was held on Saturday, August 15th with twelve (12) teams competing. Approximately two hundred twenty-five youths (225) are playing soccer at the Rec, and one hundred thirty-six (136) of them are island residents. The soccer and volleyball camps held in August were very successful.

5. **Old Business – None**

6. **New Business**

Discussion of Freedom Shrine

Director Page stated that she was approached by the Elizabeth Grantham of the Exchange Club wanting to hang a collage of historical documents in the hall at the Recreation Center;. Director Page explained that a decision would have to come from the Recreation Committee. She indicated that she thought it was an excellent piece but has reservations about placing it in the Rec Center. She recalled that discussions had taken place about putting the historical photos of the island on the walls. She also reminded the Committee that it is a Recreation Center.

Councilmember Harrington noted that the Rec Center gets a lot of foot traffic, and the piece is about pride in the community and pride in the country. He added that he thought it was a generous offer from the Exchange Club that was well done and vandal-proof. He stated that he would support the placement in the Rec Center.

Councilmember Buckhannon said that he has seen the piece in schools, but he still wants the City to fill the walls with old photos of the island. He stated that he would prefer to see the City's energy put into that initiative.

The Director's other reservation was about that she did not want to jeopardize the integrity of the building's flood proofing in penetrating the wall too deeply to mount the piece on the wall. Director Page commented that there was a video or loop that could be put on the television in the lobby.

Administrator Tucker reported having seen this virtual freedom shrine and found it to be very impressive.

Chair Carroll agreed with the other Committee members regarding the historical photos of the island. He stated that people have offered to donate money to have the old photographs framed. He thought the City might be surprised at the support the initiative would get from the community.

Director Page said that she did not think money was the issue; the issue was someone dedicating the time to lay it out properly and guide the project.

The Administrator agreed that if the old photographs were to be displayed, they must be properly handled. The old photographs need to be reproduced in a format that would endure over the years since some are copies, some are newspaper articles, etc. – they need to be archival quality reproductions.

Administrator Tucker asked whether the local Exchange Club had access to the virtual Freedom Shrine; Councilmember Harrington said he did not think so.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 5th in the Conference Room

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m.; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk