

**Recreation Committee**  
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Kinghorn and Rice, Chair Carroll, Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page, Assistant Administrator Fragoso 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 Rice moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2016 as submitted; Councilmember Kinghorn seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. Citizens' Comments**

Nancy Guss, 101 Shady Lane, related a brief story of taking her grandchildren to the playground at Recreation Center; they arrived to find the equipment extremely hot to the touch and chose to leave because they were unable to find shade. Ms. Guss was present to request that the Committee approve the purchase of sails, fabric shade canopies, to shade the playground equipment. She and Mrs. Priscilla Shumway have investigated the sails and learned that they carry a twenty (20) year warranty, are cost effective and do the job of protecting children from the heat. She noted that she was not advocating for using sails to cover the entire playground area.

Jack Hurley and Priscilla Shumway, 25 Twenty-Second Avenue, arrived and distributed informational handouts about the sails and the cost. One (1) concern had been about the time necessary to install and un-install the sails in the event of a storm; she was pleased to learn that the removal has been estimated to take fifteen to twenty (15-20) minutes and the reinstallation about forty (40) minutes. She thought that the Rec Center only needed two or three (2-3), and she volunteered to put together a fund raiser to assist with the cost.

Mrs. Shumway told the Committee that they could see the sails in use at Jennie Moore Elementary School, Wando High School and the James Island County Park.

Chair Carroll thanked Ms. Guss and Mrs. Shumway for the time they had put into gathering the information and making a presentation at the meeting.

**MOTION: Councilmember Kinghorn moved to re-order the Agenda to take up Item 6, New Business, Consideration of Shading Playground Equipment; Councilmember Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. New Business**

**Consideration of Shading Playground Equipment**

Director Page reported that she had a meeting scheduled with a local sales representative on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and would have a report for the next meeting.

Chair Carroll noted that the FY17 fiscal year has already started and no provision was made for the purchase of sails in the budget, but Director Page assured him that funds could be found somewhere.

Director Page reminded the Committee of the Rec Department's small staff and in terms of a storm event, she expressed concern over taking the sails down and re-installing them.

Councilmember Rice thought that the useful life of the sails could be extended if they were taken down during the winter months.

Councilmember Kinghorn asked whether the issue about the equipment had come up in the past, and both Director Page and Administrator Tucker assured him that it had not. Director Page said that the only downside to the sails would be the maintenance.

Councilmember Kinghorn told Mrs. Shumway and Ms. Guss that the chances of Council approving the purchase would increase if an independent fundraiser was held.

#### **4. Departmental Report for May – July 2016 – Director Page**

Director Page reported that tennis and an artist camp were being held this week and volleyball will be held next week; Camp Summershine ended last week. More than forty (40) people attended the Hurricane Hugo history series. Forty-two (42) Keenagers attended the last potluck lunch on May 4<sup>th</sup>; meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. *Music in the Park* was held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and drew approximately three hundred (300) people to the Rec Center; the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Piccolo Spoleto sand Sculpting Competition was on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> with forty-six (46) teams. The IOP Beach Run was on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> and had more than three hundred fifty (350) participants. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Half Rubber Tournament will be on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, if necessary. The Wellness Fair is scheduled for Thursday, September 22 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; partnering with East Cooper medical Center, they will offer free blood work to employees, residents and neighbors. Other upcoming events are the Ghostly Tide Tales on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., the annual Halloween Carnival on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Street Festival on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The graphs at the end of the report illustrate the monthly activity level, average daily attendance and participation in Rec programs.

Administrator Tucker suggested that the Director contact Charleston County Mosquito Control about additional sprayings due to the threat from the Zika virus.

Referring to the Wellness Fair, Councilmember Rice asked why it ended at 11:00 a.m., and the Director explained that by ending at 11:00 a.m. more vendors are willing to volunteer their time.

Andy Sinwald is in charge of the event and he will distribute the registration forms at the Wellness Committee meeting on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Carroll asked about the possibility of holding the Halloween Carnival on Saturday this year since Halloween actually falls on a Monday.

Director Page answered that holding the carnival on Halloween gives parents an alternative to trick or treating, but she acknowledged that it would be much easier on the Rec staff if it were held on Saturday.

Councilmember Rice said that this year will be hard for parents and kids since the kids have to get up for school the next morning.

Responding to Councilmember Kinghorn, Director Page stated that the attendance at the Halloween carnival varies very little from one year to the next because the number is limited.

Councilmember Rice suggested holding a second *Music in the Park* event in the fall of the year since it appeals to a different dynamic on the island.

Since the fall already has multiple events planned, Councilmember Kinghorn suggested that Councilmember Rice look at the calendar and come back to the Committee with a recommendation.

## **5. New Business**

### **Update on Departmental Survey**

Director Page reported that the survey had been distributed at adult and youth classes and athletics, to the Keenagers and at the Doggie Park.

Responding to Councilmember Kinghorn's question, Director Page said that there was nothing in the responses that would cause her to change any budget priorities.

Regarding mosquitoes, Councilmember Rice asked whether the Director had considered contracting with a private company for additional mosquito control; both the Administrator and Councilmember Rice agree that they make a tremendous difference.

Councilmember Kinghorn noted that the services are very reasonably priced.

Administrator Tucker asked the Director to get some pricing for the next meeting.

Councilmember Kinghorn again asked about a way to expand the cardio room in the existing footprint of the Rec building.

Director Page indicated that the next project would be a new gymnasium with a large fitness space.

Administrator Tucker suggested expanding the existing building to add a fitness/cardio room and to turn the project over to an architect to determine the best way to do it; if the goal cannot be accomplished in the present footprint, the architect could look at expansion of the current building.

Councilmember Rice recommended using money from the Rec Building Fund to pay for the architect.

Administrator Tucker said that this matter should go before the Ways and Means Committee and proposed that the Director contact the architect who did the expansion since he would be knowledgeable of the future plans for the Recreation Center.

**MOTION: Councilmember Kinghorn moved to recommend to Ways and Means the use of Rec Building Funds to hire an architect to plan an expansion of a fitness/cardio space in the Rec building or expansion of the existing building if necessary; Councilmember Rice seconded; the motion PASSED on a vote of 2 to 1 with Chair Carroll casting the nay vote.**

## **7. Miscellaneous Business**

### **Status of Marina Off-site Parking Experiment**

Director Page reported that to-date there have been no issues, but she commented that the number of cars parking at the Rec does not appear to be as many as were parking on Waterway.

Councilmember Kinghorn asked if parking at the Rec was even maxed out other than for the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween, and the Director said that cars are parked everywhere during league play.

Chair Carroll asked if there would be any problem to move the marina employee parking to the municipal lot, and the Administrator indicated it could be done.

Councilmember Rice reported that 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue was still getting a lot of overflow parking from the marina.

Administrator Tucker was pleased to announce that the Recreation Department had won a Municipal Achievement Award for "Doggie Day at the Rec," which is a popular activity on the island. The trophy was displayed on the Conference Room table until Director Page moved it to a place of honor at the Rec Center.

The Next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 7 in the Conference Room.

## **8 Adjournment**

**MOTION: Councilmember Rice moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.; Councilmember Kinghorn seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk