

RECREATION COMMITTEE
5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2009

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Recreation Center located at 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Committee members Buckhannon and Duffy, Chairwoman Rice, Recreation Director Page, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

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

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2009 as submitted; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

4. Departmental Report – Director Page

Director Page reported that the first Middle School dance of the year had been a success with approximately one hundred fifty (150) youths attending; the next dance will be in November. The Director stated that she was pleased with the attendance in the after-school programs; she noted that there are only two (2) young people in the "After-school Physical Education" class, but the class will continue. The Department has developed an activity guide for distribution only at the real estate businesses that lists the drop-in classes tourists might attend. (A copy is attached to the historical record of the meeting.) Youth soccer is in full swing with a game nearly every afternoon; the Player/Coach Soccer Clinic was attended by fifty (50) players and seven (7) coaches. Since the Friday Night Hoops attendance numbers were higher in September than in August, Director Page plans to continue the program. The Wellness Fair was a huge success – several hundred people signed in, and approximately fifty (50) had blood-work done. The Connector Run was held Saturday, October 3; Mayor Pro-Tem and Recreation Committee Chair Carol Rice started the race. Roughly fourteen hundred (1,400) people participated in the race representing twenty-two (22) states. On October 19, auditions will open for "Our Town" with separate times for the multiple age groups; those interested do not need to pre-register or prepare. The Halloween Carnival will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 31; Director Page reported that she had discussed with the Exchange Club the possibility of their selling hot dogs for a nominal fee.

Chairwoman Rice asked about changing the hours of the Halloween carnival to begin at 4 p.m., but the Director said she was already having problems getting volunteers to staff the games and to assist with cleanup afterward since the Citadel is having a home game. Plus there is the fact that the time for the carnival has been well advertised. The Committee did agree not to change the time for the carnival this year, but an earlier start would be considered for 2010.

In response to Chairwoman Rice's query, Director Page stated that the trees scheduled for replacement had been planted and that one (1) dead tree had been removed near the Bark Park.

5. **Old Business** - None

6. **New Business** - None

7. **Miscellaneous Business**

Chairwoman Rice noted that the election precedes the next Recreation Committee meeting, and she took the time to express what a pleasure it had been to serve as Chair of the Committee. Her comments were met with arguments from the Director and Committee members who noted that there will be a meeting in November and that she will be Chair until the end of the year. She stated, "It has been . . . a lot of work, but I feel like the reward has been fantastic. When I walk up here – whether it is the drainage or the furniture or the thing that holds the brochures or the lobby – every single bit of this has so much history. The landscaping . . . And some day we will have new lights. It has been a pleasure, and I feel like it is in good hands; everyone keeps it perfect and beautiful. It will only continue to improve."

Director Page thanked Chairwoman Rice for all of her work for the Recreation Center; the Director recalled that, when Chairwoman Rice ran for City Council, her campaign platform had been the improvement of Recreation Center for the island. Chairwoman Rice urged the Committee members to continue to fight for funding for the Center.

Director Page reminded the Committee that the Candidate Forum will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 28 in the Magnolia Room.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009

8. **Adjourn**

MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk