RECREATION COMMITTEE

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2008

The Recreation Committee held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Chairwoman Rice, Councilmen Buckhannon and Duffy, City Administrator Tucker, 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 Duffy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2008 as submitted; Chairwoman Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizens' Comments - None

4. **Recreation Report –** Director Page

Director Page reported that the regular programs and activities are being well attended and going strong; she is continuing efforts to get the fitness program for home-schooled children "off the ground." The Keenagers enjoyed the EcoTour in October that was followed by lunch at Morgan Creek Grill. The programs included in the Employee Wellness program are going well; the comment has been made that the Wellness Program has improved communication between employees. On December 5, 2008, there will represent the end of the first ten (10) week challenge and a check-in is planned for participants to re-evaluate their goals, take step and strength tests, have a blood pressure check and a personal weigh-in, if they so choose.

The Frisbee golf course is nearing completion; the course has been mapped out, the score cards are ready to be printed and the flags are ready to install. The program should be available in January 2009.

The Halloween Carnival gets better every year; there are those that think this was the best one ever. The haunted house in the lobby was a huge success. City Hall won the inter-departmental pumpkin carving contest with seventy-three (73) of one hundred sixty-six (166) votes cast; Assistant Dziuban was quick to give credit for the idea and the carving to Clerk of Court Amy Wilkerson.

Approximately one thousand (1,000) copies of the Holiday Event Guide have been distributed. Activities begin tomorrow, November 13, with the Holiday Card Drawing

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Contest and continue through December 17 with the calls from Santa. The presentation of "A Christmas Carol" is a one-man show performed by George Younts, head of the Theater Department at the School of the Arts. The Christmas Tree Lighting on Front Beach will take place Thursday, December 4 and will be very much like previous events. Director Page did comment that attempts will be made to bring the activities closer together and there will be more snow. The carriage rides have been discontinued and Santa will arrive in the Rec golf cart decorated for the occasion. A copy of the guide is attached to the minutes.

In the athletics area, Director Page stated that men's 3-on-3 basketball has begun its double-elimination tournament; it will conclude on November 18. Youth soccer is winding down after a great season. Youth basketball is registering now for ages five through twelve.

There was a brief discussion about the new Mount Pleasant Senior Center. Director Page explained that the island's seniors believe that the fee to join of more than \$72 for non-residents is too expensive for them and are not interested in it.

Chairwoman Rice asked that Assistant Dziuban send out another Recreation e-newsletter featuring the holiday events in a couple of weeks.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business

Review Holiday Special Events – covered in Director Page's report.

7. Miscellaneous

Next Meeting Date: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2009

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilman Duffy moved to adjourn the meeting at 6 p.m.; Councilman Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland City Clerk