

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Isle of Palms, South Carolina
September 10, 2007

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007 in the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present were Chairman Rice, Councilwoman Hanbury, Councilman Buckhannon, Director Page, City Administrator Tucker, Assistant Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

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

2. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes.

Councilwoman Hanbury referred the members of the Committee to page 4, ¶4; she stated that the phrase "as a whole" was incorrect and presented the committee with the corrected wording.

MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved that the minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting be approved as corrected; Councilwoman Rice seconded and the corrected minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. Citizens' Comments. The Committee acknowledged and welcomed Carron Smoak's attendance at the meeting.

4. August Recreation Department Report – Director Page

Director Page said that there was nothing new to report on the "Continuing Classes," but that the number of participants for the "Upcoming Classes" was greater than indicated since the department report is from August 31, 2007. The first Middle School Dance had over three hundred fifty (350) young people in attendance; one child was injured when he landed on his leg, rather than his feet, jumping from an inflatable. There were approximately sixty (60) Keenagers present for the first meeting; the staff is working with them to plan some new activities for the coming year. The Director reported that Laura Togami, Recreation Supervisor, is working on one-day holiday and self-improvement workshops, as well as new programs for January. Director Page is especially excited about "Ghostly Tide Movie at Front Beach," which is planned for Friday, October 19.

In answer to Councilman Buckhannon's question, Director Page stated that this movie was not being paid for from the ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) budgeted for the year; since the funding was obtained through accommodations taxes, the movie on front beach would be an additional one for the year.

Councilwoman Hanbury inquired about the cost of movie rental and projection; Director Page said that the movie was five hundred dollars (\$500). The staff got bids for the projection services and Southern Outdoor Cinema, LLC was the lowest bidder at twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200).

Director Page reported that two (2) big events for the month of October will be the Halloween Carnival and the October 6 Connector Run. She also noted that members of the staff went to Sullivan's Island Elementary for their "Fact and Fee Day" where they distributed fall brochures and flyers. The 9th Annual Half Rubber Tournament continues to be a successful event. Youth Soccer begins on Saturday, September 15; participation is so great this year that there was only one day of registration. The department will have seven (7) teams for 5-6 year olds, four (4) teams for 7-8 year olds and four (4) teams for 9-12 year olds.

Director Page and Kerrie Ferrell attended a workshop in Columbia on the Rec Trac software where they got many questions answered and additional information for the City's website maintenance.

The Director indicated that the balance of the monthly report is made up of tasks completed by the Community Specialist, the Parks and Facilities staff and the Parks and Grounds Maintenance staff.

Director Page apologized to the Committee that she has not made progress with the RFP for the gym ceiling due to delays in obtaining the written information on the types of products to be used. She is transitioning the website to Website Coordinator Emily Dziuban; the City's representative from VC3 is scheduled to be in the offices on Thursday, September 13, to work with them.

In conclusion, the Director presented to the Committee members a draft of a Special Events Permit application; she noted that she had reviewed it with the Livability Officer and gotten input from him. The approval chain has yet to be established, but once done, the task becomes educating the public primarily through the website.

Director Page also announced that she has successfully completed the NIMS training entitled "Introduction to the Incident Command System."

Administrator Tucker stated that she would like to see the Recreation and Public Safety Committees, and possibly the full Council, consider a front page or cover sheet for the Special Events application listing the events that the City allows to happen or participates in; therefore, the decision has been made not to hold events which are like these in nature, but will suggest alternate venues. Councilwoman Hanbury asked if this permit application would eliminate unscheduled events from taking place, and Director

Page informed her that, if the group does not apply for a permit, then the results will be the same. As for the run sponsored by Wando High School, the City's Public Safety Department has contacted the Charleston County School's Public Safety Department saying that any program that has that kind of participation will require prior planning with the City.

5. Old Business

As she has stated in the past, Councilwoman Hanbury commented that she thought it would be useful for the Committee to consider what kind of community the Recreation Department will be serving twenty (20) years into the future. She stated that it will be very different from today's and that the department needs to think about what kinds of programs it will provide. Councilman Buckhannon noted that this line of thought is behind the department's five (5) and ten (10) year plans; Councilwoman Hanbury explained that these plans need to be re-evaluated periodically in light of changes to the makeup of the island. Director Page related that programming tends to happen by itself as it reacts to the demands of the community; facilities may be very different.

6. New Business

Councilwoman Rice thought that the request to hold a candidate forum at the Recreation Center was very interesting, and she commended the Director on how she handled the request. Councilwoman Hanbury recalled that there has been an annual meeting of the Republican Party held at the Center; she was assured that it will not happen again.

Councilwoman Rice expressed her approval of the fall brochures and flyers, but she did want to know why certain workshops discussed at the last meeting were not included. The Recreation Director responded that the staff is trying not to add things once distributed; she added that continuous classes will start in January, and anything between now and then will be special or holiday related. Director Page noted that there is nothing in the brochure or flyer that was not in last month's Recreation Report. Councilwoman Rice did say that she thought the phone number and website address should appear on the front; Councilwoman Hanbury pointed out that the listing of staff members is duplicated on the inside of the flyer. Councilwoman Rice again asked if there had been any progress in getting tennis started for the fall; Director Page responded that there had been no other requests for a tennis program and that she had not been able to get a tennis instructor.

Councilwoman Rice pointed out that, on page 6 in the Recreation Report, it states that the Halloween Carnival will take place on Tuesday, so a correction needs to be made to replace Tuesday with Wednesday.

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Having read in the newspaper about Mount Pleasant's increased recreation fees, Councilwoman Hanbury asked if Director Page had looked at the City's fees to determine if they, too, needed to be increased. Initially Director Page commented that Isle of Palms Recreation cannot be compared to Mount Pleasant Recreation since Mount Pleasant has a very large staff and draws from many other communities, and secondly she felt that the City's fees were where they need to be at this time. Councilman Buckhannon added that the City's Recreational programs are participation driven.

7. Miscellaneous

Next Meeting Date: **5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2007.**

Since there was no additional business to be considered by the Committee,

Councilman Buckhannon moved to adjourn the Recreation Committee meeting; Councilwoman Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting ended at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Rice, Chairwoman