

RECREATION COMMITTEE

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2009

The Recreation Committee held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the Recreation Center located at 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Council members Buckhannon (arrived late) and Duffy, Chairwoman Rice, City Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page and City Clerk Copeland; Mayor Cronin was visiting the meeting.

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 August 10, 2009 as submitted; Chairwoman Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

4. **Department Report – Director Page**

Director Page reported that a lot of new programs have started in September, for instance, ballet; she anticipated that the class would grow based on its success last year. She explained that the Gather Knit-n-Stitch time was a situation where a group of ladies gather at the Rec Center on Monday mornings to knit and talk; they are very flexible in that they get moved around depending on what classes may be happening. The staff is continuing to work on a structured physical fitness program for home-schooled children. The Director noted that the Jump Start program has only half the usual enrollment; she attributes the downturn to a new program in the public schools for four (4) year olds that is free. The first Middle School Dance is scheduled for Friday, September 18; the dances have themes this year, and the first theme is "Back to School Luau." The Sports Conditioning class was established for employees as part of the Wellness initiative, but there are members of the community joining. As a result of the Safety Audit, which was held jointly with Sullivan's Island, their employees might participate in aspects of the City's Wellness Program; Sullivan's Island does not have a Wellness program. Some of the new programs for the fall are an after-school physical fitness program for young people in the 8-14 age range; adult dance classes to include jazz, hip hop and ballroom/shag; guitar lessons for youth 8-12 years of age; teen dance classes and a repeat of the Living Well program offered by Roper St. Francis. Activities for school break include the decorating of a gingerbread house and pumpkin painting. In the category of athletics, Director Page reported that the Half Rubber Tournament consisted of twenty-eight (28) teams who played on twelve (12) fields until 10 p.m.; fall softball and 3-on-3 basketball are offered for adults. Soccer for all age groups started in late August with games to begin in late September. As a point of information, the Director distributed copies of the Player/Parent/Coach Packet for youth soccer to the Committee members; game rules and regulations, team schedules and the Parent's Code of Ethics are some of the information included.

Director Page was excited about the Wellness Fair on Thursday, September 17, 2009; she reported that gym would be filled with vendors. She has distributed the wellness profiles for employees to complete and turn in when they come for blood work; when the blood results are

complete, they will be matched up with the profile for an analysis of the employee's physical fitness. The information gathered through the blood work and the profile are provided to the employee; this information tells the employee where he/she stands, weaknesses and strengths, and what the employee should do to improve his/her physical health. East Cooper Regional Medical Center will provide personnel to draw blood for residents who are interested.

The Connector Run is only a couple of weeks away, Saturday, October 3, and meetings are happening weekly. Participants will register and pickup their packets at the Public Safety Building. In response to Chairwoman Rice's question, Director Page stated that the race will end on J.C. Long Boulevard just before the Acme Cantina.

The Director stated that the staff has become proactive in its efforts to prevent the flu; there are signs reminding people to wash their hands in the bathrooms, signs indicating the proper way to cover a cough, etc. She reported that letters had been sent to parents of the small children stating that children who are ill should be kept at home; hand sanitizers have been place all over the building.

Chairwoman Rice asked if the trees that were approved at the last meeting had been planted; the Director reported that they had not.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business – None

7. Miscellaneous Business

Director Page recounted that former Councilwoman Leola Hanbury had visited her recently and asked for permission to plant something in memory of Cathy Carroll; the Director explained that the decision would need to come from the Recreation Committee. After some discussion, the Committee requested that Director Page contact Ms. Hanbury and to submit her thoughts in writing for the Committee to consider.

Director Page commented that she had received a call from Councilman Loftus regarding the proposed event for January 2010; he wanted the Recreation staff to develop parameters for providing childcare during the event. The Director reported that the date of the event would be extremely demanding for her staff because Island Arcade Day had been scheduled for that date, as well. The Councilman had indicated that the babysitting services would be needed from 6 p.m. until midnight. Among the issues to be covered with Councilman Loftus are (1) a limit to the number of children, (2) a restriction on ages, (3) the requirement that parents pre-register their children and (4) an end to the babysitting at 10 p.m.

Chairwoman Rice offered congratulations from the entire Committee to Director Page for being awarded the 2009 Agency of the Year by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association. The award will be bestowed at the annual conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Tuesday, November 4, 2009. The Director explained that an agency is only allowed to receive this award every three (3) years; the City's Recreation Department won in 2006. Director Page quickly attributed a great deal of the success to her staff.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2009

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilman Duffy moved to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.; Councilman Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk