

RECREATION COMMITTEE
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present for the meeting were Councilmembers Buckhannon and Duffy, Chair Bergwerf, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban, Recreation Director Page and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Chair Bergwerf 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 Duffy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2011 as submitted; Chair Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizen's Comments** – None

4. Departmental Report for Summer 2011 – Director Page

Director Page initiated her comments by thanking the Committee for not meeting over the summer months allowing the Recreation Department staff to concentrate on the many summer programs.

Fall classes and activities are kicking off with auditions for the next theater production, *Catholic School Girls* scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.; the play will be presented November 16 through November 19. A Barre fitness class was introduced in June, and the second session will begin September 12. Programs that were cancelled for the summer months are picking up again; they included guitar lessons and gymnastics/tumbling, as well as the Jump Start program, Keenagers and middle school dances. School's Out Activities were tremendously successful over the past school year and will kickoff the new school year in October. New classes being introduced this fall are Kensington Enrichment, which is a re-vamped class from the Kensington Etiquette class, Little Dragons Karate for children ages 3 to 5 years, a new dog obedience training class, as well as Neurobics, an exercise for the mind.

According to Director Page, Camp Summershine and Wee Camp were "awesome." The overwhelming majority of participants were Isle of Palms' residents; the young people enjoyed fitness exercises, arts and crafts and team building activities and games, as well as field trips. Theater Camp was also a success; participants presented a production at the end of the two (2) week session.

The annual Wellness Fair will be held on Thursday, September 15; the City has teamed up with East Cooper Medical Center once again to provide blood work for employees and island residents, and A Doctor on Call will offer flu shots. Health care professionals from a variety of fields will be present to answer questions or address concerns of attendees.

Upcoming events include the Halloween Carnival at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 31, the Holiday Card Drawing Contest on November 3rd and the Holiday Craft Workshop on November 10th.

In the athletics department, adult 3-on-3 basketball and softball have gotten off to a good start; four (4) basketball teams and six (6) softball teams have registered for the fall season. The 13th Annual Half Rubber Tournament was held on Saturday, August 20th with seventeen (17) teams representing Georgia, North Carolina and the Charleston areas. The spring tournament had roughly the same number of teams, which is a more manageable number in terms of holding the tournament in one (1) day; therefore, the spring tournament will be repeated in 2012. Youth soccer registration has been completed, and parent/player meetings have taken place.

The IOP Beach Run and Youth Fun Runs were held on Saturday, July 23rd; three hundred twenty-eight (328) runners and forty-five (45) youths participated in the event. The number of runners was the largest group ever, and Director Page attributes the increase to the use of emails and the e-newsletters in getting the information out to a greater number of people.

Friday Night Hoops and Spikes continue, and dodgeball pick-up games are being scheduled for Wednesdays for boys and girls ages 7 through 12. The basketball, volleyball and lacrosse camps were very successful for both boys and girls.

The Director commented that Christina Willson, the Community Specialist, has done an outstanding job in finding multiple websites with community calendars and public service announcement locations to advertise the activities at the Recreation Center at no cost to the City. In addition, Ms. Willson has proven to be a good photographer and had taken pictures throughout the summer recording the various activities and events to be put on the City's website.

As always, Director Page has only praise for Sheila Redmon, Parks and Facilities Supervisor, and Nick Bako, Parks and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, for keeping the building and grounds in excellent shape with all of the activities and events over the summer months. The Director reported that Nick has had a series of medical problems, but that everyone had chipped in to ensure that the grass was mowed and the fields were lined – whatever needed to be done has been done.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business – None

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2011

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Duffy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.;
Chair Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:
Marie Copeland, City Clerk