

RECREATION COMMITTEE

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2009

The Recreation Committee held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Buckhannon and Duffy, Chair Rice, City Administrator Tucker, Director Page and City Clerk Copeland.

1. Chair 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: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2009 as submitted; Councilmember Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizens' Comments - None

4. Departmental Report for October – Director Page

Director Page noted that activities at the Recreation Center continued to be at a fever pitch despite the rained out softball games and soccer matches. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources taught a hunter education course that was attended by fifty (50) persons. The next Middle School dance is scheduled for Friday, November 13 and will be the "Glow in the Dark" dance. Jimmy Ward, the director for the production of *Our Town*, reported that forty-two (42) people had auditioned and all were given parts in the play. Twenty-three (23) young people attended the pumpkin painting on October 23.

Holiday activities will begin this month with the Holiday Card Drawing Contest scheduled for Thursday, November 12; the card selected by the staff will become the official Recreation Department Holiday card. The winner will receive a check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) from the Mayor at the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, December 3. The holiday craft workshop will be held on Thursday, November 19 for children fifteen (15) and younger.

The first meeting for the 2010 Connector Run was held today.

The Halloween Carnival was a tremendous success.

Staff is working on the Winter Activity Guide and hopes to have it available in a couple of weeks.

Director Page reported that all of the addresses from RecTrac had been entered into the City's website to ensure that all received the Recreation e-newsletter that Assistant Dziuban sent out in mid-October. In return for Assistant Dziuban's assistance with the e-newsletter, the front desk staff is keying in the names and email addresses of the people who go to City Hall to get t-shirts.

The Director reported that the manufacturer of some of the playground equipment had replaced some of the platforms and brackets that had rusted prematurely and had charged the City only for the labor involved in the installation.

Last week, Director Page made a presentation to the MASC Human Resources Conference about the City's Wellness Program explaining how it had started and the progress that had been made to-date.

The "Agency of the Year" award will be presented to the IOP Recreation Department on Tuesday, November 17 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina at a joint meeting for North and South Carolina. Director Page, Ben Hull and Karrie Ferrell will attend the conference.

5. Old Business

Chair Rice asked what plans had been made for the Tree Lighting scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2009. Director Page stated that it would be very similar to last year's event; the Sullivan's Island Elementary School choir will perform; there will be snow etc. The Committee agreed to have Santa arrive on the Fire Truck with the horns blaring so as to be more visible than he was last year in the golf cart. There were also questions about the logistics; the location for the children's choir was such that they could not see Santa's arrival. Director Page commented that the stage and the risers were rented; the Rec staff had no way of re-locating them once they had been set up and, typically, they were not picked up until Monday following the event; therefore, it was necessary to place them where they would not be an impediment to foot and vehicular traffic.

6. New Business - none

7. Miscellaneous Business

Since Chair Rice had chosen not to seek re-election to City Council, this was her last meeting of the Recreation Committee; therefore, Director Page took this time to present Chair Rice with some mementos of her service on the Recreation Committee. Chair Rice was given a Frisbee, a Recreation Department shirt and water bottle and a collage of pictures representing some memorable occasions during her tenure. The Director stated that she has appreciated Chair Rice's tenacity and sense of humor as they worked together over the years.

Chair Rice again recalled that she had expressed her feelings about her service at the previous meeting, but added that the time with the Recreation Committee had been fun. And she told Director Page that she would be available to fight for a pool when the time comes.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 6, 2010

8. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland, City Clerk