

RECREATION COMMITTEE
4:00 p.m., Monday, November 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Carroll and Thomas, Chair Bergwerf, City Administrator Tucker, 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 Carroll moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2013 as submitted; Councilmember Thomas seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments – None**

4. Department Reports for September and October 2013 – Director Page

Since the activities in both months are very similar, Director Page focused on the October report. Without a doubt, one of the most successful programs for adults at the Recreation Department is table tennis; the fall double-elimination tournament will begin on Tuesday, November 12th. Fall youth soccer has concluded, and the single-elimination tournament for youths nine to twelve (9-12) years began today. Volleyball leagues for girls ten to fourteen (10-14) were offered for the first time and had thirty-five (35) participants; Director Page expressed confidence that the program will grow. Tots lacrosse did not get the participation hoped for, but it will be kept on the calendar. Ghostly Tide Tales, held Friday, October 25th on the beach at the 28th Avenue beach access, was a huge success with approximately three hundred twenty-five (325) people attending; Director Page voiced her appreciation to the Police Department for their assistance with pedestrian and traffic control both before and after the event. The next Middle School Dance is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd; the Director stated that the majority of attendees are sixth and seventh graders. Although no prizes are offered, Director Page encouraged islanders to contribute pictures for the photo contest which will be used on the City website and activity guides. When out of school on Monday, October 28th, twenty-five (25) children between the ages of seven and fourteen (7-14) painted pumpkins in the morning and played basketball and dodge ball in the afternoon. The Isle of Palms Community Wellness Fair attracted fifty-two (52) employees and over two hundred (200) island residents; thirty-three (33) employees got flu shots and forty-eight (48) had free blood work from East Cooper Regional Medical Center. Director Page reported that approximately nine hundred (900) children enjoyed the festivities for the Halloween Carnival; the Exchange Club sold concessions and Citadel cadets assisted with games and distributed candy throughout the evening. Upcoming events include the holiday craft workshop to decorate holiday ornaments, and Santa's cookie workshop where as many as one hundred (100) children will decorate cookies with unlimited supplies of icing, chocolate and candy. The Holiday Street Festival has been extended by an hour this year; it will be on Saturday, December 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; there will be the annual lighting of the Christmas tree on Front Beach, as well as more carnival rides and more live musical entertainment. The Connector Run that was held the first Saturday in October drew

twelve hundred sixty (1,260) participants; it was not the largest group to participate, but it was the largest in recent run history. As always, Director Page was very complimentary of her support staff – Holly Norton, Community Specialist; Shelia Redmon, Parks and Facilities Specialist; and Nick Bako, Parks and Grounds Supervisor. The Recreation staff has stopped painting the white lines on Palm Boulevard since the season has ended. Despite having the Recreation Center open three hundred eighty-one (381) hours in October, staff only generated one and a half hours (1.5 hrs.) of overtime.

5. Old Business

Update on Fencing RFB

Administrator Tucker reported that the notice for the RFB for the ball field fencing had been published in *The Post and Courier* on Sunday, November 3; the full RFB is on the City's website. The bids are scheduled to be opened on Tuesday, December 10th with a contract award expected in January 2014; the work should easily be completed by March, 2014.

6. New Business

Progress Report on Street Festival

In addition to the information provided in the monthly report, Director Page stated that local businesses will be provided with the detail of the event and an opportunity to indicate their desire to participate in the very near future. The carnival rides, photo booths and bands have been booked; Administrator Tucker reported that the Fire Department has done their safety assessment of the area, and the Building and Public Works Departments are ordering the corrections to be made to trip hazards and other items of that nature.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 4:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2014 in the Conference Room.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk