

RECREATION COMMITTEE
9:00 a.m., Monday, October 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, October 12, 2015 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Buckhannon and Harrington, Chair Carroll, City Administrator Tucker, Assistant Administrator Fragoso, Assistant Director Ferrell and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Chair Carroll called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public were 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 September 1, 2015 as submitted; Councilmember Harrington seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizens' Comments

Chair Carroll referred to an email he received from Jerry Gaeta, an island resident, thanking the City for the refurbishment of the athletic fields at the Recreation Center and complimenting the Recreation Department staff for their good work in recruiting team; there are seven (7) softball teams for this season.

4. Departmental Report for September 2015 – Assistant Director Ferrell

September at the Recreation Department means the start of the season with programs and activities. A Red Cross babysitting course was held on Saturday, September 12th and twelve (12) youths attended. Working with the Charleston County Parks and Recreation Department, the IOP Recreation Department has started a beach education series; only two (2) people signed up for the ecology session, so it was cancelled. The next session is about island birding and is expected to draw participants. As always, fitness classes are going strong. Tennis classes are offered for youths between the ages of three and twelve (3-12), and all classes are full. For the first Keenagers meeting of the year, forty-seven (47) seniors joined together for a potluck lunch, and eighteen (18) seniors took the trip to the Irvin House Vineyard at the end of the month. For the month of September, every department had good participation in the Employee Wellness Program. Fifty-one (51) employees participated in the Community Wellness Fair, and fifty-five (55) residents signed up for cholesterol screenings and lipid profiles; this year the event drew nineteen (19) vendors. The year's first Middle School Dance held on Friday, September 18th welcomed one hundred nineteen (119) students; the new policy of presenting school identifications at the door was initiated. Upcoming events include *Ghostly Tide Tales* on Friday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m., the Halloween Carnival on October 31st at 5:00 p.m., and the Holiday Street Festival on Saturday, December 5th beginning at 2:00 p.m. The athletic programs are running smoothly; the newly refurbished fields drained well and were playable by the Wednesday following the historic flooding in the area. Youth basketball registration begins today for residents of the Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island.

Chair Carroll asked what methods were used to advertise the various programs and activities to the citizenry beyond the seasonal Activity Guides.

Assistant Ferrell responded that there is the e-newsletter, the *Island Eye*, the *Moultrie News*, the City website and on Facebook.

5. Old Business

Update on island history month

Assistant Ferrell reiterated that January 2016 will be island history month; four (4) programs are planned, i.e. one (1) for each week. Staff wants to conclude the series with storytelling by long-time residents of their memories of the island.

6. New Business

A. Award of a contract to Carolina Fencing Company in the amount of \$14,000 to replace tennis court fencing; other quotations were \$14,987 from Palmetto Fencing and \$15,880 from AAA Fencing

Assistant Ferrell reviewed the three (3) bids received and noted that Carolina Fencing had offered the lowest price. Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) was included in the FY16 budget for the fence replacement.

MOTION: Councilmember Harrington moved to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee the award of a contract to Carolina Fencing Company for \$14,000 to replace tennis court fencing; Councilmember Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Discussion of displaying island pictures

Chair Carroll distributed photocopies of old postcards depicting life at the Isle of Palms many years ago; he added the Sandy Stone has a huge collection of old postcards and pictures of the island. The Chair voiced interest in finding a way to take these old photographs and putting them on a hard surface that would not deteriorate over time to hang in the long hallway at the Recreation Center. He stated that he thought many island residents would not only donate their pictures but also money to make this concept into a reality.

Administrator Tucker reiterated that the pictures would have to be archival quality displays which is an expensive endeavor; good examples of what she was describing is in the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in West Ashley. Due to the expense, the Administrator suggested that the project be spread over multiple years.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 2nd in the Conference Room.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m.; Chair seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk