

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Buckhannon, Carroll and Harrington, City Administrator Tucker, Director Page, Assistant Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. City Administrator Tucker 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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Councilmember Harrington nominated Councilmember Carroll to serve as Chair; Councilmember Buckhannon seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor of Councilmember Carroll.

Councilmember Harrington nominated Councilmember Buckhannon to serve as Vice Chair; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor of Councilmember Buckhannon.

### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

**MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2014 as submitted; Chair Carroll seconded.**

Councilmember Harrington commented that there were a couple of minor typos.

**The minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS CORRECTED.**

### 4. Citizens' Comments - None

### 5. Departmental Report for November and December 2014 – Director Page

Director Page noted that all classes were going well. She reported that she had noticed a decline in participation in December classes which she attributed to the holidays. New classes would be added in 2015 that would include an adult painting party. Adult athletics finished at the end of the year, and the co-ed volleyball will start this month. With youth basketball starting this week, the gym will be very busy. The November School's Out activity, dodge-ball, was well received and drew eighty (80) participants, which was the highest attendance ever for that program. School's Out activities held on November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup> had thirty-two (32) and around thirty-seven (37) participants respectively. The Holiday Street Festival was very successful; Director Page noted that it was staff member Andy Sinwald's first year and that he had done an "amazing job." The holiday workshops were also well-attended; eighty (80) children enjoyed decorating and eating the cookies at the Cookie Workshop. Director Page said that she and Andy Sinwald would be working together to "kick start" the Wellness Program for 2015. A "Minute to Win It" activity was held recently at the Public Safety Building and was attended by ten (10) employees. Upcoming events include a middle school dance scheduled

for Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and the "Doggie Day at the Rec" will take place in February. Andy Sinwald will be working with the Police Department to issue City dog licenses, and Doctor Jose will offer rabies shots as

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in the past; Director Page added that several animal rescues will be present during the event. On the subject of the approaching cold weather situation, the Director reported that her department's staff and vehicles are prepared.

Director Page advised the Committee that the ice machine has been delivered, but it has not been installed yet. The porch ceiling painting project has been completed, and the Rec Trac server has arrived and should be set up with the Rec Trac updates soon. The lines on the gymnasium floor have been repainted and are ready for upcoming games. The estimates on the new information board should be available by the next meeting. The Christmas tree and the lights will be removed from Front Beach on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Carroll asked whether other local governments require that dogs be registered; Director Page responded that they do not, but IOP requires that they be registered and have had rabies vaccinations. The Chair then asked whether other beach communities require dogs on the beach to be registered, and the answer was that Sullivan's Island requires that dogs must be registered to go onto the beach. Officers spot check dogs on the beach to ensure that they have rabies vaccinations; other dogs on the island are not spot checked unless the City receives a report of a problem dog.

## **6. Old Business**

Responding to the Chair's question, the Director reported that the rehabilitated fields look great, and the sprinkler system is in good working order.

## **7. New Business**

### **Discussion of Future Classes and Programs**

Chair Carroll asked how the Recreation Department promoted its programs, activities and events to residents and visitors and wellness activities to employees. Director Page explained that the Rec Department tracks employees' activities on a monthly basis and rewards employees for their efforts as well.

Councilmember Buckhannon expressed the opinion that many island residents and visitors have very little knowledge about the ocean, tides, currents, etc.; he suggested that the Rec Department consider sponsoring programs, possibly with DNR or OCRM participating, to explain and to distribute beach knowledge.

The Director thought that this was a good idea and said that she would look into it.

## **8. Miscellaneous Business – None**

Chair Carroll praised the Recreation Department's staff for the clean and inviting appearance of the grounds and facility, as well as the professionalism and courtesy of the staff members.

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**9. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Chair Carroll moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.; Councilmember Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda Gibbons