

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present were Council members Carol Rice, Brian Duffy and Ryan Buckhannon, who arrived at 5:45 p.m., Recreation Director Page, City Administrator Tucker, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

1. **Call to Order.** Past Chairwoman 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 on Information Act.
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** Since Councilman Buckhannon had not arrived, this agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting.
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes -**

Councilwoman Rice asked for a correction to page 4 in the first paragraph under Item C; the word "show" needed to be replaced by the phrase "other city events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween Carnival, etc."

**MOTION: Councilman Duffy moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2007 as corrected; Councilwoman Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Citizens' Comments - none**

Director Page took the opportunity to introduce Ben Hull as the new Recreation Supervisor directing the Athletics Programs.

5. **Recreation Department Report – Director Page**

For the benefit of Councilman Duffy, the new member of the Committee, Director Page took a bit of extra time to review the programs that are on going at the Recreation Center, noting that the goal is to provide a variety of programs to meet the varied interests of the residents of the City. She reported that, despite the fact that only five (5) persons participated in the Senior Citizen Ping Pong Tournament, the senior are asking for the activity to be continued. She stated that this program sought to involve seniors who choose not to attend Keenagers.

Councilman Buckhannon asked if consideration had been given to having Ping Pong for other age groups since he had received calls from residents who were interested. He also suggested Wii contests for all ages once the Recreation Center acquires one.

Director Page announced that over one hundred persons had attended the first of a series of educational beach seminars. These seminars will continue through May 2008.

In reviewing Special Events, the Director commented that the Movie on the Beach event had been successful, but she had anticipated more participation. The Christmas tree lighting was a big success as it is each year. There was increased participation in the Light It Up Contest this year, and Director Page contributes that to allowing people to nominate their family, friends and/or neighbors.

There is a lot of excitement in the Recreation Department about the Employee Wellness Program that begins this week; Director Page and Trish Perrine attended a seminar in Columbia recently where they got excellent ideas and information to enhance the program and to ensure its success.

Director Page expressed her pride in the professional look of the Winter Activity Guide, which was developed by the Recreation Department staff; two thousand (2,000) copies were distributed.

A Friday Night Hoops program has been scheduled for youth ages nine (9) through twelve (12) from 6-8:30 p.m.; the dates are February 8 and 15 and March 7 and 21. If successful, the concept may be tried for other age groups.

**6. Old Business:**

**Update of Gym Ceiling**

Administrator Tucker stated that the City attorney did not like the format of the RFB; therefore, it will be re-done to be more like other RFBs that the City has put out. Once that is accomplished, the project will go out for bid.

**7. New Business:**

**A. Personnel – Resignation of Laura Togami**

Councilwoman Rice remarked that everyone was sad to see Laura Togami leave, but she was sent off with the best wishes of the City.

**B. Upcoming Events and ATAX Requests**

The four (4) requests are all repeats from previous years, and Director Page was confident that the amount of funds had not increased, but had actually decreased on at least one request.

**MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved that the Recreation Committee approve and recommend approval from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for \$2,000 for the Easter Egg Hunt, \$2,500 for Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Competition, \$7,000 for Piccolo Spoleto Goes to the Beach, and \$5,500 for the Isle of Palms Beach Run; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilwoman Rice asked again if there would be a tennis program for the spring or summer, and Director Page stated that she was still looking for a teacher. If she could find one, the program would be offered. Administrator Tucker reminded her that one of the applicants for the Recreation Supervisor's position had been a tennis team member in high school and that it might be useful to contact this person.

**2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**Motion: Councilman Buckhannon moved to re-elect Councilwoman Rice as Chairwoman of the Recreation Committee; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Motion: Councilwoman Rice moved to elect Councilman Buckhannon as Vice Chairperson of the Recreation Committee: Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Miscellaneous**

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

**9. MOTION: With no further business to come before the Committee, Councilman Buckhannon moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.; Councilwoman Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland, City Clerk