

## Recreation Committee

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Chairwoman Rice, Councilman Buckhannon, City Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland. Animal Control Officer Keelan was also present at the request of the chair. Councilman Duffy's absence was excused.

1. Chairwoman Rice called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

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

**MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting as presented; Chairwoman Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Citizens' Comments - None

### 4. Recreation Department Report – Director Page

Director Page reported that the Employee Wellness Program has really "taken off" since the Wellness Fair was held in September; she stated that she plans to attend the next meeting of the Personnel Committee to update them on the progress. She added that fifty-three (53) employees turned in Fitness Miles for September as opposed to seventeen (17) in August and eight (8) in June. In December there will be re-testing of "step and strength" and employees will start another ten (10) weeks challenge with new goals. The program offerings that started in September were continuing with no changes.

Volleyball Open Gym was held on Wednesdays; Chairwoman Rice stated that the group could get larger once the soccer season ended. On October 10, the Ghostly Tide Movie had to be moved into the gym, but there was a good turnout for the event. The annual Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 31 in the gym. The Connector Run was held on October 4, 2008; there were three hundred forty-seven (347) runners registered for the 5K and four hundred twenty-six (426) for the 10K with an unknown number of walkers.

Director Page announced that work was beginning on the Recreation Department's 2009-2010 budget, and they were getting prices on acoustical tiles for the gymnasium to include in the department's capital budget. Part of the grounds maintenance for

September included improvements to the drainage system at the end of 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the entrance to the Recreation complex from the soccer fields.

Chairwoman Rice asked for additional information on where the security camera had been relocated that was mentioned on page 11 of the report. Director Page responded that a camera on the corner of the gymnasium pointing across the softball fields was placed inside the gymnasium.

In response to the Director's comments on budget preparations, Councilman Buckhannon reminded the Committee that he has expressed the need for additional surveillance cameras both inside and in the back of the building.

## **5. Old Business**

### **Review of Bark Park Policies**

Chairwoman Rice related an incident that had occurred at the Park involving her dog that resulted in his requiring emergency veterinary care. When that incident occurred, she felt the need to review the policies covering the Bark Park on the unlikely possibility that a person were to be injured in some way inside the Park. Chairwoman Rice reported that frequenters to the Bark Park were very pleased by the fact that the previous Animal Control Officer would stop by regularly to check on things.

Officer Keelan asked when the Park was the most crowded and was told that usually the busiest time was between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. He said he would start making a routine stop at the Bark Park between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m., give out treats to the dogs and check that all have current tags.

Director Page stated that the Bark Park was like the playground in that it was a public place that people used at their own risk. Like the playground, the rules for use were posted clearly. She also noted that there was a camera directed at the Bark Park, but there were some blind areas. Chairwoman Rice stated that Chief Buckhannon felt that there was the need for a second camera to ensure that the entire Park was being completely monitored, and she asked the Director Page include additional cameras as she prepared the Recreation budget.

Director Page distributed handouts of Bark Park rules from other municipalities and stated that basically all of the rules were the same.

## **6. New Business - None**

**7. Miscellaneous**

Administrator Tucker mentioned that there has been discussion among some City Council members and committees that it might not be necessary for all committees of the City to meet every month. She added that the general feeling that, if there was no need, there was no reason for committees to meet. Chairwoman Rice stated that the Recreation Committee would not meet in December, but would meet in November and discuss the subject at that time.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.;  
Chairwoman Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk