

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Chairwoman Rice, Councilmen Buckhannon and Duffy, City Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

1. **Call to Order** and acknowledgment 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 regular meeting of April 8, 2008 as submitted; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Citizens' Comments** - None

4. **Recreation Department Report** - Director Page

Director Page covered the highlights of the April Recreation Department report noting that the Seniors had truly appreciated the First Aid/CPR training and were requesting more. Despite there being fewer Keenagers than usual, those who attended the April meeting were most interested in the resident services provided by the Police Department that were discussed by Chief Buckhannon, Sgt. Usry and Sgt. O'Donnell. The last middle school dance for the year has been scheduled for May 30. May was the last month for the Mommy and Me classes since the space would be needed for summer camp. Both the Full Body Challenge and Yoga classes have been scheduled to accommodate the many walk-ins that they have traditionally drawn. Director Page reported that Camp Summershine has reached its capacity and has a waiting list. The Annual Yard Sale was a tremendous success with fifty-seven (57) vendors participating. Up-coming events discussed were the Movie at the Rec to be held Friday, May 16, the Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest on Saturday, May 31 and the improvisational program for Piccolo Spoleto Goes to the Beach on Saturday, June 7.

5. **Old Business**

**Update on Gym Ceiling**

Director Page reported that about half of the work has been completed and that it was going a little faster now that the insulation machine arrived and was working. The animal control contractor installed squirrel baffles and extraction traps to remove the squirrels from inside the walls and has sealed the openings where they were gaining

entrance. A final note on the gym ceiling was that the work was expected to be completed by Friday, May 16.

Chairwoman Rice asked Director Page if she had begun distributing tickets for the Piccolo Spoleto Goes to the Beach improv show; the Director replied negatively and added that "the rush" had not yet started. Chairwoman Rice also asked if the Recreation Department was responsible for the advertising for Piccolo Spoleto; the Director answered in the affirmative.

Chairwoman Rice asked if the Recreation Department was actively recycling, and Director Page stated that they recycled all of the materials inside the building, but that no recycling receptacles had been placed on the grounds. Following Councilman Buckhannon's recommendation, the department would purchase three (3) recycling receptacles to be placed at strategic places on the grounds beside general trash cans for a trial period. Director Page found that the recycling bins could be purchased from Office Depot for one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) each.

Chairwoman Rice asked if Director Page had had any success in acquiring a tennis instructor, and the answer was "No." Assistant Director Ferrell commented that a parent had mentioned that they might know someone who would be interested; Chairwoman Rice charged the Assistant Director with following up with the parent.

## **6. New Business**

Chairwoman Rice was most interested to know when the next Recreation Department e-newsletter be distributed; Assistant Dziuban stated that she and Director Page had scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 8 to prepare and send the e-newsletter.

In response to Chairwoman Rice's question related to the budget, Administrator Tucker commented that City Council had been concerned about the number of radios the City owned and how they were used; the concern was based on the anticipated twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month per radio charge from Charleston County. She distributed to the members of the Committee a schedule detailing the Recreation Department's number of employees and the number of radios; she then asked the Director to explain how the radios were used by these employees. Director Page explained that the radios served a safety function for the Recreation Department. A couple of examples she gave were that the supervisors of the Tiny Tots program could not leave the children alone and unsupervised to report an accident or other problem; they always had a radio when out of the building. The same was true of any ball game; the radios provided a means of contacting emergency services or the Police Department. When there were special events, the radios were used for communication between employees, for traffic control and for emergency services should they arise.

Chairwoman Rice asked if cell phones could be used instead of radios; Administrator Tucker related that the cheapest cell phone rate the City had was forty to fifty dollars (\$40-\$50) per month, so cell phones would be much more expensive. Director Page added that the use of cell phones would also be much harder to police.

The Administrator reminded the members of the Committee that a film crew from the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) would be at the Recreation Center to file the video celebrating the Recreation Department's winning the Achievement Award from MASC for the Bark Park. The video will be shown at the Annual Meeting Awards Breakfast on Saturday, July 19. Both the City Administrator and the Recreation Director expressed their hope that the Committee members could be present, with or without their dogs, at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

**7. Miscellaneous**

Next meeting date: 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2008

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk