

## Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting November 20, 2012

The Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at Smithfield Recreation Aquatics Center.

Members Present:            Earl Marrett                            Chris Howell  
   Andy Moore                            Daniel Sanders  
   Robbie Parker                        Scott Wright

Members Absent:            Angela Rabil                            Jamie Stanley  
   Clayton Narron                      Zack Parrish  
   Lyn Andrews

Staff Present:                Tim Johnson, Director  
   Gary Johnson, Assistant Director  
   Dale Ham, SRAC Director  
   Jon Moore, Athletic Programs Supervisor  
   Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Supervisor  
   Kristin Sasser, Recreation Center Supervisor  
   Tiffany Pearson, Recreation Supervisor

Staff Absent:                Dennis Tyner, Maintenance Supervisor

Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced our new employee, Tiffany Pearson. Tiffany has filled Laura's old position as Recreation Supervisor, as Laura has filled Lyn's old position. Tiffany comes to us from Avery County, and is off to a great start.

At this time, Tim passed out handouts of the September and October monthly reports for SRAC and SPRD. (The handouts are the same ones that go to the Town Manager and the Town Council.) Highlights in the past two months include hosting the Johnston County Home Schoolers Swim Team. Additionally, Laura was able to secure the Community Transformation grant of \$4,500 for the Farmers Market through the Johnston County Health Department. Speaking of the Farmers Market, we are looking at moving the market next season. The current site just doesn't have enough traffic to sustain the market. The Town is currently in negotiations with W. Mohamad for the land across from IGA, on Brightleaf Blvd. Opening date at the new site will be in April, 2013. In the past several months we have hosted McDonald's Regional meetings pretty regularly.

Tim reminded everyone of all the upcoming holiday events: 12/3 – Christmas Party/covered dish dinner 6:30 pm; 12/6 – Tree Lighting 7 pm; a new event on 12/8 – the Grinch Toy Run, 10:00 am; and 12/13 – the Christmas Parade, beg. 7 pm. We'd love your help and participation at these events. With dates in mind, we had discussed meeting every other month some time ago, but didn't take any action. At this time, the group voted to meet every other month. That being said, the next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup>. Other month dates will be March and May. If we need any of you in the meantime, we know how to reach you!

### ***Staff Updates:***

Laura updated everyone on pool activities. Private swim lessons are going on. Also, High School swim meets are about to get underway. We will host 6 of them, wrapping up the HS Swim Season with the Conference meet here on January 19<sup>th</sup>. May have a 1A swim meet too.

Tiffany Pearson filled everyone in on the Grinch Run, which is also being sponsored by the Kiwanis, WTSB and the Smithfield Police Department. Tim added that the entry fee is an unwrapped toy, and all toys will go to Harbor and the Angel Tree Project. Earl added that his Department is having a competition among themselves for participation. He also requested a sample of the t-shirt by 2/2 – which is his staff meeting. Tiffany also

reminded everyone of the Tree Lighting and the Parade. She also said that the Sr's are going shopping next week, and that they are participating in the Golden Wishes program this year – which assists older individuals just as the Angel Tree does for children. (The Sr. Club is helping two older ladies this year.)

Dale Ham mentioned that SRAC will have two new promotions coming up in December and January.

Jon Moore said that Mens Open League Softball finally wrapped up last night / 16 teams participated. Soccer season just wrapped up, with 5 teams going to the All-Star Tournament, and our 10u team winning. Basketball is getting underway, with several drafts this week. We will have 25 basketball teams.

Gary Johnson added that Football recently wrapped up, with all three Red Devil Teams doing well in the Rose Bowl.

Kristin Sasser said the October Spooktacular went well, with 80 kids. Other classes going well include: Doodle Bugs, Kids in Nature, and Pottery. Next Kids Night is 12/8. We will also have an Angel Tree at SRAC.

***Friends of the Park Reverse Raffle & Auction***

The FOP event on October 11<sup>th</sup> raised over \$21,000. This year we sold 45 more tickets than last year (250 total). Tim said he's talked with Robbie Parker and they believe they have some ideas that can help raise even more money next year. Reminder – the Triathlon this year raised \$9,000 for each - Rotary Club and us. The \$21,000 and \$9,000 will go to the Town to help on the debt.

Tim mentioned that they are currently trying to come up with another event – possibly a Mud Run if they can find a location.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Ashley