

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 15, 2012

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2012. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory board members present were Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes, George Forst III, Jeff Kupfer and Russ Wiig. Also present: Jeff Thornburg, Public Works. Absent was Member Corey Jeffus.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on February 9, 2012. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice are attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public. Further, all the subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for inspection within ten working days after said meeting, prior to the convened meeting of said body.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Recreation Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes.

Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Stopak made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2012 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

Director Stopak introduced the newest member, Russ Wiig, to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board. He is replacing Shannon Wiig, who Stopak thanked for her term of service to the Advisory Board.

Stopak informed the Board that the Community Center would be closed on Monday, February 20, 2012 in honor of President's Day.

Stopak reported to the Board that an agenda item will be discussed at the February 21, 2012 City Council meeting, on reducing and/or waiving fees for facilities for customers who are hosting benefits or fundraisers. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of having a policy with clear guidelines for these types of requests.

Stopak also reported on the community workshop that was held on January 31, 2012. Approximately 120-130 people attended. Two plans were drawn up for people to look at: active and passive. In the workshop, residents gave feedback on which options were favored.

Program Coordinator South reported on current sports activities: Women's Volleyball, youth '3/4 and 5/6 grades basketball, and youth basketball clinic. Registrations have been or are being taken for future sports activities: Lancer soccer, youth 4/5 and 6/7 soccer academy, 3 year old soccer clinic, flag football, youth baseball, youth softball and adult softball leagues.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on the busy month of February at the senior center. Valentine Bingo, chair volleyball, Wii games and cards are played every week. On Valentine's Day we had the annual senior luncheon with 75 seniors from La Vista and Papillion Senior Centers. It was catered by Patricia's Catering in Bellevue, with entertainment from the Papillion-La Vista High School Jazz Band, Papillion-La Vista Show Choir, and singer Wally James. On February 15, fourteen seniors took the bus to the movies; and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month they will be having a Beach Party potluck luncheon. Approximately 100 La Vista Junior High singers and band members will be entertaining and joining the seniors for lunch. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the seniors will be going to the Shrine Circus. The Shriner's donate the tickets to the seniors each year. In March, the City will once again host a St. Patrick's Day catered luncheon for the seniors. The fee for the lunch will be \$8.

Carstensen also reported on the new program Play by Play for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. It will teach pre-schooler's the basics of throwing, kicking, dribbling, etc. along with their parents. The first session will be February 28 through April 10, with a second session April 17 through May 22.

Assistant Director Karlson reported on the tree lighting celebration in December, which approximately 500 people attended. Also in December, Santa had 72 phone calls to make to children for Santa's Calling this year. The Outdoor Light contest winners were announced; and, the City hosted a Holiday Movie Night for family's at no charge at the La Vista Library. Families wore their pajamas and brought their sleeping bags while enjoying *Polar Express*.

On February 16, the La Vista Recreation and Library will host another Little Chef's class. Karlson and Library Assistant Director Jodi Linhart will conduct the class of 20.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Kupfer asked about a walking path through the area of Park View Boulevard. Stopak said the path will eventually hook up all the way through to the Keystone Trail.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.