

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
January 16, 2013

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 January 16, 2013. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Corey Jeffus and Russ Wiig. Also present: Rob George, Public Works. Absent were Members George Forst and Jeff Kupfer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on January 10, 2013. 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 Scott Stopak called the meeting to order.

Recreation Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recreation 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

Recreation Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2012 meeting. Motion made by Member Jeffus. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Stopak reported that there is some remodeling being done at the golf clubhouse. Both bathrooms will have new tile floors. Also, the lights above the bar have been replaced with new ones.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported that the Women's Volleyball league is in its 12th week of a 14 week fall season. They will begin their winter season on January 30th.

Youth Basketball teams, grades 3-6, began practicing on December 17th, and the games will begin Saturday, January 19th. Teams are again playing in the PRO League. This year we have 10 teams with 90 players.

The 1st and 2nd grades basketball clinic will also begin on January 19th and run for 5 Saturday's. There are 36 boys and girls registered for the clinic.

The La Vista Lancer Soccer League registration is still open. Ages Under 8-Under 12 will play in the Sarpy County League, and Under 13-Under 15 will play in the ENSA League. This year the Under 11 boy's team is moving to ENSA.

La Vista Youth Soccer Academy, ages 4/5 and 6/7 will again partner with Phoenix Futbol Club to provide academy training on Tuesday evenings. Ages 6/7 will also play games on Saturdays. Spring Flag Football registration is now open. They will play in the Sarpy County League again this spring.

South also reported to the Board that the City now has Facebook and Twitter accounts. The LVPD still has a separate Twitter account that will be maintained.

The City Council has also given approval for a complete redesign of the City's website. The Web Team has held a citizens focus group meeting, and two employee feedback meetings. As new opportunities for feedback come available, South will let the Board know.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on special events for the City. On November 26th, the City held their annual Tree Lighting Celebration. There was an official count of 887 people who attended the tree lighting ceremony and soup supper. Santa visited with children in Santa's Village, while several groups provided entertainment. Karlson thanked No Frills Supermarket, Bank of Nebraska and Runza on 121st & Giles for being sponsors this year.

Santa called over 70 kids again this year for Santa's Calling in mid-December. Also this year, there was a mailbox in the Community Center for kids to place their letters to Santa. Over 2 dozen letters were mailed directly to Santa!

On December 8th at the La Vista Library, the 3rd annual Gingerbread House Building was held. Over 60 kids joined Karlson and Assistant Library Director Jodi Linhart to build gingerbread houses.

A Preschool Park Holiday Cookie Decorating Class was held at the Community Center on Thursday, December 13th. Over a dozen kids and their parents participated.

The City's Holiday Movie Night "Polar Express" was cancelled due to the weather.

Karlson also reported that 55 kids that formed the La Vista Jr. High Show Choir sang holiday songs for the Senior Center on December 12th. On December 17th, the annual Mayor's Senior Holiday Potluck luncheon was held, with over 60 seniors attending. They also played bingo, sang Christmas carols and received presents from Mayor Kindig.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen returned from leave on January 14th to report that in January, the seniors would have a potluck luncheon on January 22nd, with Merrymakers singer Physa entertaining afterwards. January 30th will be a movie outing.

February 14th will be the annual Senior Valentine's Day luncheon in conjunction with the City of Papillion. This year, the Papillion Jazz Band will perform before and during lunch, while Johnny Ray Gomez will perform afterwards. This year tickets will be \$5, as the City is helping to fund the luncheon to help defray the cost for seniors. On February 22nd, the seniors will be going to the Shrine Circus.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Sue Tangeman, Recreation Dept., reported that the 7th annual coat drive brought in a record 531 coats, plus many hats, gloves, ski suits and scarves to send off to the Stephen Center Shelter and Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Shelter), both in Omaha.

Sue thanked Beautiful Savior Church (in La Vista), who made several trips to the Community Center with coats this year, and the Storm Chasers 9's Gold baseball team (coached by Member Jeffus) who also donated coats for our drive this year.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comments.

Chairperson Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Wiig. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.