

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
February 20, 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 February 20, 2013. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson and Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen. Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Russ Wiig , Corey Jeffus and Jeff Kupfer. Also present: Jeff Thornburg, Public Works. Absent were Members George Forst and Program Coordinator Ryan South.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on February 14, 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 January 16, 2013 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Wiig. Motion carried.

Stopak asked for approval of the program information. Motion for approval by Member Wiig. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Stopak reported to the Board members that they would be receiving official notice for the special Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The Planning Commission and City Council members will also be attending to review the Civic Center Park master plan.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on the joint programs between the La Vista Recreation Department and the La Vista Public Library:

The Little Chef's class held on January 8 saw a dozen children ages 3-6 cooking up a four-course meal of Funny Faced Salads, Cupcake Pizza's and Jello-Mellows. A local television station visited and ran a story on the evening news reporting on the successful program.

On January 26, we held a special Jr. Chef's class for ages 7-10 year olds. These kids had a lot of fun cooking up a five-course meal of "Big Mouth Bites (apples, caramel and marshmallows), Veggie Art Salad, Squid Bites (hotdog bites, spaghetti and marinara sauce), Cupcake Pizza's and Rolled S'Mores.

On January 17, twenty kids ages 5-10 joined Karlson and Jodi Linhart (Assistant Director at La Vista Public Library) for a Salt Art Craft project. This is creative design made by making a design on construction paper with glue, then covering the glue with salt. When that is done, you take an eyedropper of food coloring and dropping it on the salt design, watching it snake across the design for 3-5".

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported that Merry Makers singer Kim Eames entertained the seniors after lunch on February 4. February 11 they had fun playing a special Valentine's Bingo. On Valentines Day, February 14, approximately 150 seniors joined us in the Community Center gym for the annual Valentine's Day Senior Luncheon. Lunch was catered by Hy-Vee, with a Valentine's dessert cake catered by one of our seniors, Helen Sinnett. The Papillion-La Vista High School Jazz Band performed before and during lunch. Afterwards, Johnny Ray Gomez provided some lively musical entertainment which had some seniors up and on the dance floor! This is an annual joint luncheon hosted by the cities of La Vista and Papillion. Many thanks go out to our helpers that day! Those serving and cleaning up included staff from the cities of La Vista and Papillion, La Vista Mayor Doug Kindig and Papillion Mayor David Black, La Vista City Administrator Brenda Gunn, La Vista City Councilmen Kelly Sell, Mike Crawford, Tony Gowan, and Kim Thomas.

On Friday, February 22 the seniors were invited to the Shrine Circus at no cost to them. Unfortunately because of the snowstorm, the trip had to be cancelled.

On March 4, the seniors will enjoy Johnny Ray Gomez once again. On the 6th of March the 6th grade show choir will entertain for the seniors, and on March 20th the 7th grade show choir will perform. The seniors are also planning on making some trips to other centers to play chair volleyball. March 14th the seniors will celebrate with a St. Patrick's Day luncheon, which will also be catered by Hy-Vee. A future trip to Kearney to see the cranes and have lunch at their senior center is planned.

Scott Stopak reported that Ryan South was not in attendance at the meeting due to another meeting he had to attend. Stopak said they South was working on future tournaments at the sports complex, one being a youth softball tournament during La Vista Daze, and an ultimate Frisbee competition in early summer.

Stopak also mentioned that the City would soon be going out for requests for proposals (RFP) for a consultant to form a master plan for the Recreation Department.

Stopak will also be working on a 1-6 year tree plan, which he will provide updates on.

In the Spring, the Advisory Board will take a trip around La Vista to visit each of the parks.

Pool Manager and Assistant manager positions are now open for the 2013 summer.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comments.

Member Kupfer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Wiig. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.