

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
August 21, 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 August 21, 2013. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Russ Wiig, Corey Jeffus, and Joe Juarez. Absent was Member Jeff Kupfer. Jeff Thornburg, Public Works, was also present.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 15, 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.

Recreation Director Stopak welcomed new Member Joe Juarez to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board. Joe was previously a 10 year member of the Board, and retired from the Fire Department after 11 years. Joe also coached soccer for La Vista for 20 years.

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA

Recreation Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2013 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Wigg. Motion carried.

Stopak asked for a motion to approve the program information. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Wiig. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak announced that pool hours were shortened beginning August 12. The pool is now open on Friday 4-8pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1-8pm. The pool will be open Monday, September 2 for Labor Day from 1-8pm, and that will be the last day. Stopak thanked the pool management and staff for the great job they did this summer.

A second reading of the budget was read at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 20. The last reading will be at the Council meeting on Tuesday, September 3. Everything the Recreation Department submitted has been approved so far.

Stopak gave the Board an update on the fixed route service from MAT bus. The City of La Vista is considering not funding the route. The City of Papillion is considering the same, as well as Ralston. This matter is being discussed, as well as whether it would affect the purchase of a new Special Services Bus. Rich Carstensen stated that the City of La Vista pays 17% of a new bus, and MAT pays 83%.

## LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

Submitted by Rich Carstensen, Program Director/Senior Center

Continual Programs: We play Chair Volleyball and Bingo every Monday & Friday. Wednesday mornings we play our Wii video game. We play 10-point pitch every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays with a 10-Point Pitch Tournament on the third Friday of the month. Senior Tai-Chi is Tuesday and Thursday.

August 9<sup>th</sup> was Grandkids Day at the Senior Center. Grandparents brought the grandchildren to play chair volleyball, eat lunch and play Bingo.

August 14<sup>th</sup>, Paul Seibert performed for the seniors.

August 19<sup>th</sup> the seniors brought school pictures in. Everyone had fun guessing who was who in the pictures!

August 21<sup>st</sup> the seniors went to the movies.

In September, we will have Senior Olympics Day, along with entertainment by Merry Maker's The Links. Along with Olympics, we will also be honoring 9/11 Patriots Day. Lunch tickets are donated to give out for prizes.

September 18, the seniors will have a talk on nutrition.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on youth and adult sports.

Flag Football for grade K-6<sup>th</sup> will have their first games beginning on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The season will run through October 12<sup>th</sup>. We have a total of 80 kids and 7 teams playing this fall.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic will begin the fall season starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Five, one-hour sessions, will be held on Saturday mornings. Park and Recreation Advisory Board member Pat Lodes is coaching/teaching the group, which includes working with the parents.

4/5 Soccer Academy will continue this fall with registrations well underway. We are taking registrations until August 17<sup>th</sup>. The academy will meet twice a week for five weeks with the first training session being held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each session will focus on a different soccer skill to help develop each individual player.

6/7 Soccer League will continue this fall with registrations well underway. We are taking registrations until August 17<sup>th</sup>. They will play on Tuesdays with the academy, but will have league games on Saturday mornings.

La Vista Lancers Soccer League will have one 12U girl's team competing in the Sarpy County Soccer league again this fall with their first games slated to begin on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Our 12U boy's team will compete in the Eastern Nebraska Soccer Association again and their games will start on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Adult Softball is currently winding down for the summer season. Due to rainout make-up games, certain leagues are still playing and will continue to play until August 15<sup>th</sup>. We are still taking registrations for our fall season. We have successfully filled most of our leagues, but are still taking registrations for the ones that have not filled up yet. The season will tentatively begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and run for 7 weeks.

Tackle Football for ages 8-14 began on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Teams have been practicing and working ambitiously to be ready for their first game on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We have 2 teams for the fall season. We have an 8 year old team with 22 players (almost double from last year) and a Junior Varsity team with 30 players (double the number of players from last year). We are looking forward to another great season with the Metro Youth Football League.

Tackle Football Cheerleading for ages 7-14 have begun practicing their routines for the first football game. We have 12 girls on our cheer team this season.

Fall Coed Baseball Clinic will once again be held this fall. In five, one-hour sessions held on Thursday evenings, children ages 3-6 will learn the basic skills of hitting, catching, pitching, teamwork and fun. We are currently taking registrations until August 17<sup>th</sup>. The season will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Coed T-Ball for ages 5 & 6 will begin practicing in late May-early June. We have 6 teams and over 70 kids registered for t-ball this season which is nearly double the kids we had last year. T-ball will be played in house with games being held on Saturdays.

Program Coordinator South also informed the Board that the new city website was up and running as of August 9<sup>th</sup>. A focus group was formed to give ideas for the website, on which Chairperson Pat Lodes was part of.

South also said the contract for Activenet was signed on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Activenet is the on-line registration program, as well as membership and facility booking. 10 days of training will begin in September for this and run into November. There is a launch date of December 1<sup>st</sup> for the on-line registration and membership portions of the program.

Assistant Director Karlson reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> season of the city's outdoor concert and movie nights were the biggest ever. This year food trucks were added to the venue. The last concert held had over 300 people.

Youth programs this summer included "Messy Squirts" in the park, Little Chef's and Jr. Chef's and the Dinosaur Egg Hunt. Also held was the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Bike Rodeo. Thank you to AAA Motor Club for donating bike helmets, and Oriental Trading for donating water bottles.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comment.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comment.

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