

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
October 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 October 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 Russ Wiig, Corey Jeffus, and Joe Juarez. Jeff Kupfer was absent. Rob George, Public Works, was present.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on October 9, 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 August 21, 2013 meeting. Motion made by Member Juarez. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

Stopak asked for a motion to approve the program information. Motion made by Member Juarez. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

**LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER**

Submitted by Rich Carstensen, Program Director/Senior Center

Continual Programs: Tai-Chi is held on Monday and Thursday. Bingo is played every Monday & Friday. Wednesday and Friday mornings is chair volleyball. Wii video games, 10-point pitch is played every Monday, and we offer drop-in senior sewing and quilting class on Wednesday morning. Senior art class is held on Thursday afternoon.

On Tuesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> the seniors took a trip to Nebraska City for apples. We left at 10:00 a.m. and returned around 4:30p.m. We ate lunch in Nebraska City at Valentino's buffet and then stopped and shopped at the outlet mall. We then went on to Arbor Lodge for apples; however, they were closed due to the government shutdown! We had 12 seniors go on the trip.

Tuesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> the seniors went to Corrigan Senior Center to play Chair Volleyball. We also ate lunch at Corrigan. We had 8 seniors go on the outing. \

Monday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> we will have White Elephant Bingo after lunch. Prizes will be new or used, wrapped in a box or bag, brought from home by the seniors. They are very creative!

Wednesday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> we will go to the movies after lunch. We have 12 seniors signed up so far.

Tuesday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> will be La Vista Senior Olympics and a pot luck luncheon. We will have games, events and activities that the senior's can participate in throughout the day. Activities Include, Chair Volleyball, Bingo, Wii Bowling, Spelling Bee, Shuffle Board, Hot Wheels Racing, 10-Point Pitch, Wheel a Fortune, Team Egg Catch, Free Throw Contest, Golf Putting & Chipping, and a Cross Word Puzzle Challenge. We have invited other senior centers and local nursing homes to come participate in our Senior Olympics and hope to have a fun day of activities. A donation by the Knights of Columbus to the Senior Center will be used to purchase lunch tickets, which in turn will be given out as prizes.

Wednesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> will be a Halloween Costume Party with a performance by Tim Javorsky through Merry Makers.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on youth and adult sports.

Flag Football for grades K-6<sup>th</sup> will end their season on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic wrapped up their last session on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

4/5 Soccer Academy & 6/7 Soccer League ended their last session on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

La Vista Lancers Soccer League's fall season is near conclusion. Our U12 boy's team had their last game on September 27<sup>th</sup> and our U12 Girls team will have their final game on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Adult Softball is in week 6 of a 7 week season. We have been very lucky this fall and have only a few rainout games to make-up for all leagues. This will push the season end date to October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Tackle Football for ages 8-14 began on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We held our annual homecoming games on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sports Complex. The Booster Club provided food, fun, and games for the players and families during the games and everyone who participated really enjoyed themselves. Tackle football will end their season on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tackle Football Cheerleading have been practicing their routines and cheering at the La Vista Knights football games throughout the season. They also participated in the homecoming games by making motivational banners for each La Vista Knights team.

Fall Coed Baseball Clinic will end their season on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Volleyball for boys and girls grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> had their first games on October 5<sup>th</sup>. As we are playing in the PRO volleyball league, our teams will once again get the opportunity to travel to Papillion Jr. High and Springfield Community Center. They will have their first home games on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.

Women's Fall Volleyball began their season on October 2. Each team will play a total of 12 games for the fall season.

Youth Basketball League for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> registration is now open. Registration will run through November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will once again be participating in the PRO Basketball League this season. Practice will begin in December with games starting in early January.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> registration is open. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 21<sup>st</sup>. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning in January.

Assistant Director Karlson reported that the Senior Cooking Class set to be held on September 12 was cancelled due to lack of registrants.

Karlson also reported that we have a massage therapist occasionally visiting the community center in the evenings. She will do short chair massages in the exercise room for a small fee.

Karlson also reminded the Board of Halloween Safe Night on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7pm. There will be many vendors, new hay rack rides in the grassy area across from the Community Center, and a showing of the old b/w movie "Frankenstein".

Recreation Director Scott Stopak discussed the golf rounds numbers being down this year, however, the revenue has been higher. Pool numbers were also down due to the cooler weather. Stopak wanted to thank and say what a great job co-managers Katie Peterson, Kacie Black, and assistant manager Ember Stolz did this year. Stopak reported that the Special Services Vehicle ridership is also down in numbers. In April 2014, the City will be running a 2<sup>nd</sup> van two days per week. The City is also due to purchase a new bus in 2014.

Stopak also informed the Board that we now have a new Special Services bus driver, John Vela. He is replacing Cary Potter who recently left.

Stopak also discussed the 2013-14 City budget.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comment.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson asked Rich Carstensen about the details of the Knights of Columbus donation, and if it was designated for only the Senior Center? Carstensen said yes, and they use it for lunch tickets, prizes, and to help pay for the tai-chi class.

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