

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
January 15, 2014

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 15, 2014. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson and Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South; Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Corey Jeffus, Jeff Kupfer and Joe Juarez. Also present: Rob George, Public Works. Absent was Member Russ Wiig.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on January 8, 2014. 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 December 18, 2013 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Stopak reminded the Board that the Community Center, and most City offices, will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2014 for Martin Luther King holiday.

Program Coordinator South reported on current and upcoming sports. Women's Volleyball has 12 teams registered for the winter league, which is up 4 teams from last year. Youth Basketball League will begin play this Saturday, January 18. We have 11 teams with over 100 players this year.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1st and 2nd will also begin on January 18th. This year there is 30 kids signed up for the 5 week clinic.

La Vista Lancers Soccer League registration is still underway. Ages Under 8 – Under 12, will play in the Sarpy County Soccer League and Under 13 – Under 15 will play in the Eastern Nebraska Soccer Association League. Our Under 12 boy's team will once again be playing in ENSA this season.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy registration is now open. We will once again partner with the Phoenix Futbol Club to provide academy training to youths ages 4 & 5.

La Vista 6/7 Youth Soccer League registration is now open. We will once again partner with the Phoenix Futbol Club to provide academy training and league games.

Spring Flag Football League registration is now open. The La Vista Flag Football teams will play in the Sarpy County Flag Football league again this spring.

South also reported on Activenet for the Recreation Department. Staff has been inputting information, and it is planned to launch on February 3.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on recent and future activities for the Senior Center. On Tuesday, January 19, the seniors went to the Mahoney Grill at Mahoney State Park. After lunch, there was shopping at the new Nebraska Crossing Mall in Gretna. After lunch today, approximately 40 seniors enjoyed music from Physia, a Merry Makers entertainer. On January 23, the seniors are going to the Corrigan Senior Center for lunch and to play chair volleyball and Wheel of Fortune. The 29th of January is movie day. In February, Merry Makers entertainers “The Links” will perform. On Friday, February 14 is the annual Valentine’s Day luncheon. The fee for the luncheon and entertainment is \$5. This event is a joint event with the City of Papillion.

Carstensen also reported on the Winter Holiday Hot Wheel Races on December 30. 45 racers attended, with ages running from children to adults. Everyone had a great time, and winners took home new hot wheels for their prizes. There are more Hot Wheel Races planned for March 10 and April 21.

Assistant Director David reported on the Holiday Wintertainment events. The Holiday Sugar Cone Christmas Tree Decorating event had 48 kids and 19 parents participate. This year, Santa made 68 phone calls to kids on December 9, 10 & 11th for Santa’s Calling. Preschool Playtime Holiday Cookie Decorating program was held on December 12th, and had over 30 participants. La Vista hosted a Holiday Movie Night once again, this year showing “A Christmas Story”. 18 people joined us that evening. We also had a first-ever Pancakes and Pajamas Story Time in Santa’s Village. Over 25 kids and parents joined us on December 19th for this event. Wintertainment finished up on December 20th with a showing of the holiday movie “Polar Express”. This movie was shown in the afternoon with 19 kids and 11 adults joining in to watch the movie and enjoy some treats.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairperson Pat Lodes asked David Karlson how residents are getting the info about the activities being held for the holidays. Karlson said the information was in the Citywise newsletter, plus we were utilizing our website and social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Word of mouth, Preschool Playtime and Story Time at the library also helps spread the information around.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comments.

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