

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
April 15, 2009

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 April 15, 2009. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Advisory Board Members Pat Lodes, George Forst, Penny Selders, Jeff Kupfer, Randy Cahill. Recreation staff members David Karlson, Rich Carstensen and Eddie Burns were present, along with La Vista City Clerk Pam Buethe and Public Works staff member Brian Lukasiewicz.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on April 9, 2009. 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

Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Advisory Board Member Lodes.

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.

Election of new chairperson. Though Member Lodes was elected Chairperson at the previous meeting, Director Stopak explained that according to the by-laws, the Recreation Director must be elected as chairperson. Member Selders nominated Member Lodes to be Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Member Cahill. Committee members voting aye: Selders, Cahill, Forst, Kupfer.

Director Stopak included a packet of committee duties along with the agenda. He stated that he had met with each committee member and discussed the duties with them. There were no questions from committee members.

City Clerk Buethe informed the members that there was a Code of Conduct for the members to sign and return to Director Stopak. No questions from members.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Lodes made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Committee Member Cahill. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Asst. Director Karlson reported that the La Vista annual Easter Egg Hunt had a huge turnout this year. There is a possibility of moving the event to the La Vista Sports Complex next year. Karlson thanked Member Selders daughter for helping with the event. There were over 50 volunteers, and donations by all the youth sport booster clubs.

Saturday, April 18 will be the Community Garage Sale at the Community Center. So far, there are 31 vendors, up from 9 in the fall 2008. Zumba aerobics will be starting in May, with two different instructors. This is an aerobics class set to Latin music. One of the instructors may teach a class to the Seniors and kids also. Ballroom dancing is going well, with 10 people this session.

Member Lodes commented that it probably was time to move the Easter event, but he was concerned about the parking, and people crossing 66th Street.

Member Kupfer asked if we are mainly serving La Vista residents or other communities as well, and how much are we spending on the event?

Karlson said that the majority of the event is paid by donations, so the City is not spending very much. As for who is coming to the event, it is not possible to tell how many are residents and how many are not.

Member Forst asked how many children were at the event. Director Stopak stated that there were approximately 1,000 participants.

Karlson also thanked the Public Works Dept. for cleaning up the park and restrooms, and making everything nice for the event.

Program Director Carstensen reported that for the month of April, the Seniors had the La Vista Jr. High Show Choir; they are eating lunch and shopping at Cabela's; going to the movies and eating lunch at CiCi's Pizza Buffet and shopping at Oak View mall afterwards. In May, they will have a Mother's Day celebration. On May 20, there will be a presentation on basic Senior survival such as "how not to be a victim of crime". On May 21, ENOA will have the annual Save the Table fundraiser, which raises funds for Wheels on Meals program. There will be prizes, raffles and auctions. Contact Rich for more information.

Program Coordinator Burns reported that Women's Volleyball League ended on April 8. Men's basketball is continuing with a double elimination tournament. Flag football is also beginning. Soccer begins this coming weekend. Youth softball begins in mid-May. The registration deadline for t-ball, coach pitch baseball and mustang baseball is April 25. Burns also showed the committee the recreation sport t-shirts with the new logo "La Vista Sports".

Director Stopak reported that the AARP tax preparation at the Community Center concludes today. This provides a good service to the community. Stopak also reported that Asst. Director Karlson attended the Tree City certification event in Lincoln on April 14. This is the 18th year that La Vista has been given this award. In addition, Karlson will be having a tree planting ceremony at City Park on Arbor Day, April 24. Public Works Dept. and La Vista West Elementary 3rd grade class will aid Karlson.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jeff Niemiec, the La Vista Vipers Wrestling Club reported that the wrestling season has ended. They have elected new board members, and the wrestling coach at the Papillion-La Vista high school is helping. Niemiec informed the committee that the wrestling club is separating from the Recreation Dept. and going on their own.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Chairperson Lodes reported that he was one of 20 people chosen to be on the city committee for the revitalization of 84th Street. The first meeting was a breakout session with maps. The comments were positives and negatives, with the only unanimous positives being the La Vista Falls Golf Course and the city pool. 84th & Harrison and the former Wal-Mart and Baker's plazas were the negatives.

Member Forst asked if there was any news on the pool.

Stopak said there are no new developments at this time since the bond issue failed. The City is currently waiting for the results of the Vision 84 study to be completed to determine what the next step will be.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stopak made the motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Member Forst. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.