

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
January 19, 2011

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 19, 2011. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes and Members George Forst III, Corey Jeffus, and Jeff Kupfer. Absent was Member Shannon Wiig. Recreation staff members present were Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Richard Carstensen, and Program Coordinator Eddie Burns.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on January 13, 2011. 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 Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes.

Recreation Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2010 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak reported that meetings have taken place concerning events for La Vista Daze. In addition to those events, there will also be other events that will be held during the year. The Urban Scramble Adventure Race taking place on July 9 and Splash Bash in late July or early August. Volunteers are welcome for any of these events.

Additional news includes that the previous in house soccer league for 4/5 & 6/7 year olds may become a "soccer academy", working along with Phoenix Soccer. Teams would not be formed and an actual game schedule would not be established rather everybody would meet two times per week for a six-week session to receive instruction. The large group would be broken into smaller groups each week that would consist of 5 – 6 children. The benefits are more ball touches, smaller field size, and we would be using certified trainers. Details are currently being worked out.

Preschool children's author, Jo Ann Bennett-Boltinghouse will visit the Community Center during the regularly scheduled Preschool Playtime on Tuesday, February 15 at 10:00 am, to read her book "Yolanda Baby" about a Greyhound dog. She will also introduce her Greyhound, Lindy to the children and parents.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported that the Holiday House Decorating Contest had twelve entries with three winners.

Karlson also announced that Creation Station is going to have a pottery & ceramics class at the Community Center. It will begin with a single class on February 14 at 1:30 pm, but would eventually like to have monthly classes at the Center.

Program Coordinator Eddie Burns reported that the basketball clinic for 1st and 2nd graders will begin Saturday, January 29. Youth basketball for 3rd through 6th grades began last Saturday and will last until late February. This year, a new official is paired with an experienced referee. They will also be stopping the game when needed to explain rules, etc. to the kids. This will allow for better teaching of the game of basketball.

Adult volleyball will begin in February, and registrations for adult softball, youth soccer, softball and baseball are now being taken.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on activities from the Senior Center. The seniors will be going to Jimbo's Diner at La Vista Keno, and Kennedy's Irish Pub for lunch outings.

February 14 will be the annual Senior's Valentine's Day Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am. Ticket price is \$6.00 per person.

The Seniors will also be going to the Shrine Circus on February 25, which is sponsored by the Shriner's. They donate senior's free tickets to the Circus.

SPECIAL EVENT

The night of February 14, The Papillion-La Vista High School Monarch Jazz Orchestra will have a dance at the Community Center for anyone who would like to come. The event is from 6:30-9:00 pm, and tickets are \$5.00 for individual, and \$8.00 per couple. This dance is a fund-raiser for jazz band scholarships to attend jazz camps. The Omaha Jitterbugs will be giving free dance lessons from 6:30-7pm, and the Monarch Jazz Orchestra will provide entertainment the rest of the evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-chairperson Lodes asked if the Board could get copies of the final revised park plans earlier than the normal timeline so they have time to review prior to the next meeting. Stopak stated that they would be available as soon as we receive the final updated revisions.

Member Kupfer asked if the plans would be finalized in February. Stopak said that is the goal. Have Park & Recreation Board approve the plans at the Feb 16 meeting to forward on to the City Council for final approval in March or April.

Vice-chairperson Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.