



City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
March 20, 2024

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 13, 2024. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice is attached to the minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Heather Buller called the meeting to order.

- a. Director Buller led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Director Buller made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

2. ROLL CALL

Present was Vice-Chair Pat Lodes, Members Shaina Owen, and Jason Ryan. City Staff present was Chair/Director Heather Buller and Parks Superintendent Jason Allen and Administrative Assistant Sue Tangeman. Absent was Member Samantha Gentry

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Member Ryan. Seconded by Member Owen. All aye. Motion approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21 meeting. Motion made by Vice-Chair Lodes. Seconded by Member Ryan. All aye. Motion approved.

5. DISCUSSION, DIRECTION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Discussion on Active Mobility Plan. **Heather Buller, Recreation Director**

- Buller introduced and explained the Active Mobility Plan. La Vista is collaborating with Benesch and Big Muddy Workshop on an Active Mobility Plan to improve sidewalk and trail connections, establish standards and priorities, and explore funding options. Members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board are invited to participate in a Community Stakeholder Meeting on April 3rd to provide input, with ongoing engagement planned throughout the project, aiming for completion by the end of 2024. The process is led by La Vista Assistant Planner, Cale Brodersen. A survey will be going out to the public soon, and November-December of this year the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee can plan on receiving deliverables, which will then be presented to City Council.

b. Discussion and Action on Park & Recreation Advisory Committee By-laws. **Heather Buller, Recreation Director**

- Buller questioned the Committee on whether they had any more questions, or changes to the by-laws, and if they wanted to proceed with a vote or table until all members were present. All members requested that they proceed with a vote.
- Buller asked for a motion to approve the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee By-laws. Vice-Chair Lodes motioned to approve. Seconded by Member Owen. All aye. Motion approved.

c. Discussion and direction on results of Fall 2023 Park & Recreation Survey. **Heather Buller, Recreation Director**

- Buller went over and discussed the results of the Parks & Recreation Survey.
 - Lodes recommended the city identify items that are affordable and can be fixed quickly, without having to budget for them. This would show La Vista residents that the city is paying attention to what was stated in the survey, and they will work towards those types of items.
 - Allen stated that they are and will be working on “connectability” and

accessibility in the parks and on the trails.

d. Discussion on Park & Recreation Advisory Committee involvement of Arbor Day celebration. Jason Allen, Parks Superintendent

- Allen stated Arbor Day is April 26, and this year the celebration will be held at Val Verde Park at 1:00 p.m. Allen asked which members would be attending. Members Ryan and Lodes said they would be able to make it, with Owen stating that it was a possibility.

e. Discussion of future CIP list. Jason Allen, Parks Superintendent

- Identifying CIP projects began in the Fall of 2023, with a committee submitting projects placing them in a matrix and scoring them as to give importance to the projects.
- Central Park is under renovation now, and the next big project will most likely be budgeted for 2026.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

8. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Lodes made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Ryan. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:59 p.m.