



City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
June 18, 2025

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, June 18, 2025.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on June 11, 2025. 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

Assistant Director David Karlson called the meeting to order.

- a. Assistant Director Karlson 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 Samantha Gentry, Josephine Pohl and Sarah Lara-Toney. City Staff present was Assistant Director David Karlson, Parks Superintendent Jason Allen, and Administrative Specialist Sue Tangeman. Absent was Member Shaina Owen and Chair/Director Heather Buller.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Karlson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Vice-Chair Lodes. Seconded by Member Gentry. All aye. Motion approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Allen returned with updated City Park Playground concepts from Play Pro, Cunningham Recreation and Crouch Recreation. Allen and Members looked over the displays decided that the Crouch concept was the favorite, with Play Pro being the second favorite.

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Allen discussed the Celebrate Tree Grant received which will help in planting 24-25 trees this year.

Also, the Parks crew has been kept very busy with the Triple Crown Slumpbuster tournament being held June 11 – 22.

- b. Karlson provided information on the tournament. The Slumpbusters is a baseball tournament for youth 10 – 14 years of age, and from teams all over the United States. Over the 12 days of the tournament, 278 games were played on La Vista.

Karlson also reported on the Goat Yoga recreation event held on June 14. There were 2 sessions, first one at 8:45 a.m. which had 27 participants, and the second session at 10 a.m., which had 23 participants.

We have also purchased two new special services buses in cooperation with the City of Ralston. These buses will go into service on July 1.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date will be July 16 at 6 p.m.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

None.

10. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Gentry made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Pohl. All aye.

Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.