

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 16, 2016

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 November 16, 2016. Present from the Recreation Department was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Ryan South, and Denny Dinan. Public Works Parks Supt. Brian Lukasiewicz also attended. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Joe Juarez and Jeff Kupfer. Absent was Member Gene Svensen.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on November 9, 2016. 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 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.

Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the Minutes and Program Information from the October 19, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Johnson. All Aye. Motion carried.

#### 2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.

##### **Special Events/Programs**

- Preschool Playtime met 9 times in October, with 188 preschoolers and 119 adults attending. This was an average of 21 preschoolers and 13 adult attending each session.
- Ms. Jen from the Library hosted her monthly Preschool Story-time and Sing Along on the first Thursday of the month and had 16 preschoolers and 9 parents attend.
- Our Preschool Playtime hosted its first Halloween Costume Day, the event was a great success with over 42 kids attending our playdate in costume. At the end of the event, we lead the kids on a costume parade where they were able to get treats along the way from our Recreation Department staff. The parade took them outside to the grassy area at the end of the parking lot where the kids were able to participate our first "Halloween Egg Hunt".
- The La Vista Library and Recreation Departments Discover Home School program hosted a Discover Art program which had 50 kids grades K-4 and 19 adults participate in learning how to draw using artist Ed Emberley style of teaching. Emberley is best known for his children's book work, particularly instructional drawing books. Emberley believes that everyone can learn to draw. His drawing books for children feature clear step-by-step instructions employing numbers, letters, and shapes.
- The La Vista Library and Recreation Department also hosted the annual Halloween Storybook Walk. The event had 132 kids, 6 teens with 95 adults attending.

- The Tween Adventure Series held a Frogwarts School of Wand-Making class. 14 young wizards made their own wands to cast spells with.
- Halloween Safe Night drew a crowd of over 1,200 people. This year's event had 40 businesses participate in handing out candy in the gym. The trick or treaters were also able to enjoy free hot dogs from the Fire Department and a hayrack ride provided by Public Works.

### Senior Center

- Throughout the month, for a small donation, Seniors are able to enjoy a wonderful lunch catered by Valley Food Services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They also play Bingo on Mondays and Fridays, Coloring Book Club on Monday morning, Chair Volleyball on Wednesdays and Fridays, participate in Tai Chi on Tuesday's and Thursday's, and play Pinochle on the first and last Wednesdays of the month. Seniors may also join in on the Quilting and Sewing group on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, the Sarpy/Cass Department of Health & Wellness Senior CARE Clinic is at the Center, providing foot care and other miscellaneous health care to seniors for a minimal fee.
- On Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> Mayor Doug Kindig hosted a Potluck lunch for the Seniors. During the lunch, the Mayor gave a presentation on the City Centre development, the Nebraska Multi-Sport Complex and the opening of our new Costco. Following lunch, Merrymakers performer Joe Taylor performed hits from the 40's and 50's to a group of over 35 seniors.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> twelve seniors went on a trip to the movies to see "Ghostbusters II".

### Other Events

- Karlson reported on the holiday events coming up. *Santa's Sleigh Ride 2016* is on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3pm. The route will be west of 84<sup>th</sup> Street from 3pm-5pm, and east of 84<sup>th</sup> Street from 5pm-7pm.
- The 2016 Tree Lighting Celebration & Soup Supper is on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:45pm out by the tree, and continue with the soup supper and entertainment inside the Community Center. Santa will visit with children at his new workshop from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The new Santa's Workshop will be located at a new location this year-the La Vista Fall Clubhouse. They can visit with Santa, decorate cookies, enjoy hot chocolate and explore the workshop. The workshop will be open on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on Youth and Adult Sports programs and special sports events.

- Youth Volleyball for boys and girls grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> had their first games on November 5<sup>th</sup>. They are really enjoying the BJSA volleyball league so far.
- Women's Fall Volleyball is in week 6 of a 12-week season.
- Youth Basketball League for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> registration is still open. Registration will run through November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will once again be participating in the PRO Basketball League this season. Practices will begin in late December with games starting early January.
- Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> registration is open. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 31<sup>st</sup>. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- South reported on the recent three-day event *Socctoberfest* held at the La Vista Sports Complex on October 28-30<sup>th</sup>. There were 142 teams which was an increase of 42 from last year. Over 700 hotel rooms were booked in Sarpy County alone, with another 200 in Omaha as well. The total revenue was \$5,580 which was up \$1,660 from the previous year. South thanked the Public Works and Police Department staff for all their assistance to ensure the tournament went off without any problems.

Public Works Supt. Brian Lukasiewicz gave an update on work that has been done this fall.

- Public Works staff has redesigned Santa's Sleigh for the *Santa's Sleigh Ride* event on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Parks staff have completed the decoration of the trees at Flag Pole Park on Park View Blvd. recently and assisted with decorating the grounds of the Library and City Hall/Community Center.
- At Central Park East, a chain link fence is being extended by the sand volleyball courts to prevent balls from going into the creek.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Juarez. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.