

City of LaVista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
October 17, 2007

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 October 17, 2007. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Chris Kuehner, John Vendetti, Greg Johnson, Randy Cahill. Absent: George Forst.

A notice of the meeting was given advance thereof by publication in the Times on October 11, 2007. 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. 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 Committee Member Kuehner. Motion carried.

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.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Committee Member Vendetti made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Committee Member Cahill. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson reported Halloween Safe Night will be held Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at the La Vista Community Center. This event will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for children 12 and under with their parents. There will be candy handed out by area businesses, hot dogs, chips and drink provided by the Fire Dept. Secondly, the City of La Vista Health Fair will be held on Friday, November 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. There will be numerous booths, plus flu shots for employees and public.

Director Stopak reported for absent Program Director Rich Carstensen. The Halloween 5k Run Walk and Relay, with this year's theme of "Run from the Reaper" will be held at the La Vista Falls Golf Course on Sunday, October 28, 2007. Food and awards will be held at the Community Center gymnasium following the run. The Midwest Winds Kite

Fliers Kite Fly to be held on October 14, 2007 at the La Vista Soccer Complex was rained out. A decision on whether to reschedule, or wait until next spring's event has not been made yet.

Director Scott Stopak reported that the City of La Vista successfully took over the administration and maintenance of the La Vista/Ralston Special Services Bus as of October 1st. There was no lapse in service and only minor changes have been made. Bus service will not run on holidays that the City offices are closed. On snow days, if the Papillion-La Vista or Ralston Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the bus will not operate. On days they are opening late, the bus will operate during normal times.

The Program Coordinator position has not been filled. The City will re-advertise for the position with a projected start date of December 1, 2007.

Director Stopak reported that a city wide survey was approved and there will be a couple of questions on the survey concerning a new aquatic facility. The aquatic committee will look at the results and they make recommendations to the City Council.

Director Stopak referred to the golf and swimming pool summaries included in their packets. The golf course is showing over 5,000 more rounds of golf were played this fiscal year than last. Concessions at the golf course were also higher. All pool stats are summarized monthly on the spreadsheet, but daily numbers are also available.

B. ELECTION of COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

John Vendetti nominated Greg Johnson for committee chairperson. Greg Johnson accepted the nomination. Randy Cahill made a motion to approve Greg Johnson as committee chairperson. Committee members voting aye: Chris Kuehner, John Vendetti, Randy Cahill. Nays: None. Abstain: Greg Johnson. Absent: George Forst. Motion carried.

C. SWIMMING POOL CONCEPT DISCUSSION

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Kuehner commented that the La Vista Falls grounds are great looking. He also asked if there are any ideas to keep the numbers up at the course. Said the slope on hole #7 and the tree in the middle of the fairway on hole #9 may be something that could be altered.

Director Stopak said we lose business due to the lack of cart paths during wet weather. Money has been budgeted for the paths. Possible re-structuring of hole #7 is also an idea, but no money has been budgeted for that. Stopak has reported that new blinds, tables and chairs have been budgeted for the clubhouse. The La Vista Falls logo has also been added to the wall in the clubhouse.

Chairperson Johnson said cart paths would be a great improvement. Also wanted to know when the meeting next month would be, since the 3rd Wednesday is night before Thanksgiving?

Director Stopak said they would tentatively set the meeting for November 28, 2007, pending any other city meetings that may be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Cahill made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chairperson Johnson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.