

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
August 19, 2009

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2009. Present were Chairperson Scott Stopak and Advisory Board Members [Vice-Chairperson] Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and Randy Cahill. Recreation staff member present were Recreation Asst. Director David Karlson. Absent were Board Members George Forst II and Penny Selders; Recreation staff Program Director Rich Carstensen and Program Coordinator Eddie Burns were also absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 13, 2009. 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

Chairperson Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Lodes.

Chairperson Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson 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

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

Stopak made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2009 Advisory Board meeting.

Seconded by Committee Member Cahill. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Chairperson Stopak thanked the Recreation Department, Police Department, Public Works and City Hall for their support in the Splash Bash held on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at the La Vista City Pool. It was a successful event with swimming, food and games. WOWT news station was present, and aired a 2 minute segment on that night's news. This was all planned within a couple of weeks, and with area business donations and the different department's help, it was a success.

Member Kupfer asked if the Splash Bash was for residents only.

Stopak said that it was advertised that way, however, there were several non-residents, including a young girl who was actually in the news broadcast. This in turn made for good publicity, since she said it was the best time she ever had.

Chairperson Stopak reported on the cart paths installed at the La Vista Falls Golf Course, and the switch being installed to pump water from the lower pond to the higher pond.

The La Vista Falls Golf Course is doing exceptionally well this year. We should be able to top the round count in August, compared to last year. Denny Dinan and the Public Works ground crews are doing well with the course.

Asst. Director Karlson reported the second BBQ School filled up in 4 days. We may squeeze a third class in, since there are a few people on a waiting list again. Later, we may have beginning classes, then advanced classes later.

Karlson explained that the La Vista Travel Club is a focus group that will meet on September 23, 2009 at the Community Center to discuss what options residents would like to see offered in the way of trips. La Vista has teamed up with Travel Leaders to offer better packages to groups of residents.

Member Kupfer commented the BBQ School sounds good. What is preventing us from having more of them?

Asst. Director Karlson said it is mainly time constraint that prevents him from having more classes, however, a woman from Travel Leaders did talk about holding a cooking class at the center.

Rich Carstensen, Program Director is absent from the meeting. There is a report from him in the agenda packet.

Eddie Burns, Program Coordinator is absent from the meeting. There is a report from him in the agenda packet. Director Stopak stated that Tackle Football began practicing on August 3, 2009. Flag Football and Soccer are also getting ready to begin.

Director Stopak reported that Dorothy Robb, a long-time visitor to the Senior Center passed away recently. Dorothy and her late husband, Shorty Robb started the Senior Center at the original Recreation Dept years ago. Plans to honor both of them are under way along with some other long-time visitors to the Senior Center.

B. La Vista Days 2010

Director Stopak reported that in 2010 the City staff would be coordinating La Vista Days. A date has not been identified as of yet.

Vice-Chairman Lodes asked why the City is taking this on.

Director Stopak said there were numerous concerns from citizens about the parade and carnival. The Chamber has struggled to get volunteers and assistance from Chamber members.

Member Kupfer wanted to know if the Chamber is good with this idea?
Director Stopak said he did not know what the Chambers thoughts were.

Vice-Chairman Lodes stated that businesses belong to the Chamber to promote their business, so it is not much benefit to them to volunteer for La Vista Days.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Lodes made the motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Chairperson Cahill. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.