

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
January 20, 2009

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 January 20, 2010. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, and Advisory Board Members [Vice-Chairperson] Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and George Forst III. Recreation staff member present was Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Recreation Program Director Richard Carstensen, Recreation Program Coordinator Eddie Burns and from Public Works, Jeff Thornburg. Absent was Advisory Board Member Randy Cahill.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on January 14, 2010. 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

Recreation Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Lodes.

Recreation Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director Stopak made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Committee Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

Stopak made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2009 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Forst. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director David Karlson reported that the Holiday Tree Lighting on November 30, 2010 was a big success. We had a very large crowd outside at the tree lighting, and then everyone came to the Community Center for soup and entertainment. Karlson also reported that the Recreation Dept. now has a Yoga class. On March 27, 2010, a Kansas City BBQ Judging class will be held. Kansas City judges and local representatives will be on hand for the class.

Program Director Richard Carstensen reported the regular activities; Bingo, Wii and Pitch are still on-going. In January, several things were cancelled because of the weather, one of which was the La Vista Junior High School choir. The Seniors are going to Jimbo's Diner, China Star and the movies in January. February will start out with Groundhog's Day Potluck luncheon and Valentine's Day Bingo on February 8. On February 12, we will have the annual Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon, in conjunction with Papillion Recreation Dept. The Papillion High School jazz band and Girls Show Choir will be providing entertainment. To round out the

month, the Seniors will be going to the Tangier Shrine Circus, which donates tickets to the Senior Center every year.

Lastly, the La Vista 50 Founders Day Kickoff Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the La Vista Conference Center at Embassy Suites. Governor Dave Heineman will join the City of La Vista and the La Vista Community Foundation in kicking off a yearlong celebration to commemorate the City's 50th Anniversary. This luncheon is by invitation only.

Program Coordinator Eddie Burns reported the 1st & 2nd grade clinic will begin on Saturday, January 23, 2010. It will last five weeks. Youth basketball has also begun practicing. They will play their games at Papillion Junior High and Walnut Creek Elementary. This year we are playing in the P.R.O. league. Women's Volleyball will begin on February 10, 2010. Registrations for adult softball, youth baseball and softball registrations are now being taken.

Director Stopak reported for Denny Dinan, La Vista Falls Golf Course Services Manager. The clubhouse has made some improvements recently, such as replacing the deck and adding a 52" HDTV. Soon we will be adding a popcorn machine. The beer and liquor has been expanded, and with free popcorn and the large television, the goal is for people to want to stay longer after playing golf.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chairman Lodes asked Richard Carstensen if the majority of the Seniors ride the bus on their trips. Carstensen said they usually do ride the bus; however, some drive themselves depending on where they are going. At times, they will just meet at a restaurant.

Member Kupfer said he understood that when the Vision 84 gets going, the golf course would be history. Stopak said that the Vision 84 committee decided on a regional park for that area, however, it all depends on the economy and is still merely conceptual at this point.

Kupfer asked at what point would we stop putting money into the course. Stopak answered that as it is still conceptual, and even if it happens, the project will still need to be funded. It could be a 25-year project, with the golf course portion a possible 5 years or more away. Until such time improvements will continue to occur to assure the best possible services for the golf course users.

Stopak announced that the Employee Appreciation Dinner is being held on February 6, 2010 at the Embassy Suites. Also, Member Penny Selders has submitted her resignation to the Advisory Board in December due to other commitments. Member Randy Cahill's term will be coming up for renewal soon. If anyone knows anyone who would be interested in applying for a Park & Recreation Advisory Board position, have him or her contact Scott Stopak. There is not a requirement to live in a certain area of La Vista, but they do have to live in the city limits. It is important to have members that attend the meetings, since there has to be three members at a meeting to convene.

Stopak answered a question posed by Member Forst at the last meeting, on whether a letter had been drafted to the developers of Cimarron Woods holding them accountable on the completion of the park. A letter has been drafted and sent to the developers. Phase I has been completed, and Phase II plans were to be submitted by April 9, 2009. Forst wondered if the Advisory Board Members would be allowed to comment on plans. Stopak said they would be reviewed internally, then they would be brought to the Advisory Board. Forst said he hopes they would be

close to the original plans. The parks and green spaces have to be maintained, and the developers have to be held responsible. Vice-Chairman Lodes asked who is responsible for the green space and trail in Cimarron Woods. Jeff Thornburg said that if the area is not annexed, maintenance is not the City's responsibility.

Director Stopak said representatives from Parks & Recreation, Public Works and Community Development are preparing individual park master plans for La Vista.

Stopak announced the AARP Tax-Aide would again be providing tax preparation at no charge from February 2 to April 15, for low to middle-income families, and especially senior citizens. In addition, the Recreation Dept. has also received some cold calls on people interested in instructing classes at the Community Center such as a Bonsai tree class, computer classes and other exercise classes.

Lastly, the Community Center will be getting a new desk in the front lobby, which will have a part-time recreation supervisor during the day and a part-time recreation supervisor in the evenings and weekends.

Member Kupfer reported that Mark Stanton from PFC Nitro contacted him in December to see if we were interested in a USSC tournament at the Sports Complex. Stopak said the Recreation Dept. would contact them.

Member Forst made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. `