

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
May 16, 2012

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 May 16, 2012. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory Board members present were Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer, and George Forst III. Also present: Brian Lukasiewicz, Public Works. Absent were Members Corey Jeffus and Rob Wigg.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 10, 2012. 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.

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 Vice-Chairman Lodes. Motion carried.

Member Forst made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2012 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak reminded the Board of La Vista Daze coming in the next week, and that Assistant Director Karlson would have more details on that. Also, Stopak informed the Board that the pool bond issue did not pass at the election on the previous day. The Public Works department is working on getting the pool open for May 26. Brian Lukasiewicz reported that so far it seems to be in working order.

Assistant Director Karlson reported on Arbor Day events in La Vista. This year Arbor Day was planned by an events committee and held at Southwind Park by the Library. It was combined with the Library's Story Time, with eighteen pre-schooler's, parents and grandparents attending. The kids heard the story "A Tree Named Steve", read by Councilman Tony Gowan. The kids then got to name the new Locust tree planted in Southwind Park. They decided to name it "Tony" after Councilman Gowan. The kids also had buckets with dirt to pour on the tree, and of course gummy worms in the bottom of the bucket! Everyone also received a tree sapling donated by Papio NRD and a packet of Nebraska wildflowers.

Karlson said he and Jodi Linhart, Library Assistant Director attended the Papillion-La Vista Family Fun Fest on April 21, 2012. At the fest, they handed out a packet of flyers for upcoming events in the City such as; La Vista Daze, Splash Bash, Urban Adventure Race, a Bike Give-away, and the Summer Concert/Movie series.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported on the Splash Bash event which will be held at the City pool on Sunday, July 8, 2012. It will be from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., with free swimming, free food, music with a D.J., games and prizes. The Urban Adventure Race will be held Saturday, August 4, 2012. This event will begin at the Community Center, and reach as far as Walnut Creek in Papillion. Registrations are being taken on line at www.raceregister.net.

On May 6, the Kite Fly was held. It was very successful this year with many people in attendance. It received news coverage with some great pictures in the Omaha World-Herald.

Carstensen also reported on activities at the Senior Center. In May, the seniors have visited Corrigan Senior Center to play chair volleyball and shopped in Ashland, Louisville and had lunch at Parkers BBQ for Mother's Day. They had a speaker from Bellevue Senior Center talk about CHORE, a program for senior citizens to help with yard care. The seniors also had Webster Bell, a Tuskegee Airman historian; speak about the Red Tails during World War II. On Thursday, May 17, the seniors will be going on a "mystery tour" which includes Ft. Calhoun, Blair, Tekamah and Council Bluffs. For Memorial Day, we will be presenting a plaque of past Senior Center members.

In June, we will be handing out Farmers Market coupons for those eligible seniors. This will give seniors \$48 worth of coupons to use by the end of October at select farmers market stands in Omaha. On June 14, we will be visiting the South Omaha Latino senior center.

Program Coordinator South reported on current sports activities:

- Adult softball is in its 6th of 14 weeks of play.
- 3 year old soccer clinic is finished.
- Lancers soccer will be finished on May 24.
- Lancer soccer registrations are being taken for the fall.
- Soccer academy and league finished on May 15.
- Spring flag football is its 5th week of an 8 week league.
- 9-12 Baseball is in full swing. Four 9/10 year olds will be eligible to play in an all-star game at the end of the season.
- T-Ball and Pinto league will begin early June.
- Youth softball is its 4th week of an 8 week league.
- Tackle football and cheerleading registrations are being taken through July 14.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Greg Hatt, a La Vista resident, discussed Vision 84 and the Civic Center Park. Mr. Hatt does not feel that La Vista Falls golf course should be replaced with a park.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comments.

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

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.