

City of LaVista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
June 11, 2008

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 June 11, 2008. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Chairperson Greg Johnson, Pat Lodes, George Forst III, Randy Cahill. Absent: John Vendetti. Staff members Karlson, Carstensen, Burns, Gunn and Lukasiewicz were also present.

A notice of the meeting was given advance thereof by posting in three public places: La Vista City Hall, La Vista Community Center and La Vista Public Library on Friday 6, 2008. 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 Johnson called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Advisory Board Member Cahill.

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

Chairperson Johnson made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Committee Member Lodes. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Recreation Director Scott Stopak reported that tomorrow (Thursday, June 12, 2008) is the beginning of the Triple Crown Slump Buster Festival at the La Vista Sports Complex from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Along with the festival, there will be a time-delayed televised all-star game with players from the Triple Crown tournament. 1,500-2,000 people are expected. On June 21, 2008 there will be another festival from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. which will include the Burning of the Bats ceremony, skills competition and also another all-star game (not televised)

Stopak also stated that the Public Works La Vista Fall Golf Course Superintendent, George Barth, is leaving after 5 years of employment with the City of La Vista. George has done a great job at the golf course, and we wish him well in the future.

The Community Center was identified as an emergency shelter for the Red Cross last Sunday after the tornado damage on Saturday night. The City was notified around 3:30 p.m., and staff was in place at the Center at 6:00 p.m. The Red Cross manned the Center for two 24-hour shifts,

however, no tornado victims came for shelter. The Center will remain on standby as a shelter as long as there is a need.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported on the Hershey Track Meet on April 27, 2008, and congratulated Rich Carstensen for its success. The track meet was in conjunction with City of Papillion, and was very well coordinated with 55 kids between the ages of 9 and 14 participating.

Karlson also reported on the Ice Cream Social held on Wednesday, June 1, 2008. Six clowns did face painting and made balloon animals, and over 100 cones were eaten. The Dinosaur Egg Hunt will be held next Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at Central Park. This is the third year for the event, and has been attracting up to 40 people.

Last Sunday, June 8th, was the La Vista Days Community cookout, celebrity softball game and fireworks. The event went well, with La Vista winning out in the game over PayPal 22-3. The Omaha Beef cheerleaders and Rump Roasters also entertained before the game.

Program Director Rich Carstensen reported on Senior Center activities this month. Today's movie day was cancelled due to impending weather. The senior's will go next Wednesday. On Thursday, June 19, they will go to Lincoln to tour the Capital, have lunch, visit Hay Market and possibly Sunken Gardens. June 25 will be Piccolo Pete's for lunch and the Summer Arts Festival on June 27th.

Program Coordinator Burns reported that two youth sports have finished, flag football and soccer. These sports were tough to finish because of the weather, but most games were made up. Youth baseball and softball will soon be over; t-ball and coach pitch baseball is beginning this Saturday. They will continue until the end of July.

We are taking registrations for tackle football, cheerleading, fall soccer, flag football and volleyball.

Recreation Director Stopak also reported that La Vista Falls golf course had a very good May, even with the rainy weather. He also advised that the cart path on hole #3 will be extended with work beginning as soon as the weather permits.

B. SWIMMING POOL CONCEPT DISCUSSION

City Administrator Brenda Gunn began by stating that Mayor Kindig was very happy with the events for La Vista Days on Sunday, and congratulated David Karlson and the La Vista Days committee for their work.

City Administrator Gunn handed out the updated swimming pool information, and explained the reason for the update. At the late April aquatic committee meeting, they talked of downsizing from the original plan (1A) and asked the consultant to come back with two plans, one with a lazy river and the other without. These plans were presented at the May 28, 2008 Swimming Pool Advisory Committee meeting and the Committee liked the plan with the lazy river. The Committee subsequently asked the consultant to make some revisions to concept (1B) and that would be the recommended plan to the Mayor & Council. The result is conceptual plan (1D) which adds a footbridge to the lazy river, shelter structure near the kiddie pool for parties, improved traffic flow from the bathhouse to the zero depth pool and diving platforms. A different slide was also added. The new design has 14,206 square feet. The fee for this design is estimated at \$7.167M. Staff projected that a \$7.3 million bond issue (which includes bonding

costs) would result in a property tax increase of approximately \$85.50 for a home valued at \$150,000. The updated information provided as a part of the City Council packets will be forwarded to Committee members and posted on the City website on Friday, June 13, 2008.

Public Hearing was opened for comment.

No comment.

Public Hearing was closed.

The concept was then discussed by the Advisory Board. Chairperson Johnson wondered why the diving platform was put back in the design. He said that he would like the pool to have more water surface but would rather add another lane instead of the diving area. Member Lodes does not like the liability of the diving platform, and noted the price. Member Lodes feels the citizens of La Vista would be more comfortable with a bond issue of \$7M or lower.

Staff advised that the diving area was incorporated back into the plan by the Committee at the request of members of the public who were in attendance at the May 28, 2008 meeting. Diving has been a topic for discussion since the beginning.

Board Member Forst made a motion to recommend approval of conceptual plan 1D. Cahill seconded. The Board had a split vote with Forst and Cahill voting yea and Johnson and Lodes nay. Johnson and Lodes both indicated that the only thing that they were dissatisfied about with the updated plan was the addition of the diving well.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comments.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board Member Forst congratulated the Public Works department for their work in cleaning up after the La Vista Days parade and carnival.

ADJOURNMENT

Advisory Board Member Lodes made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chairperson Johnson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.