

**LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT
February 28, 2009**

A Strategic Planning Retreat of the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 8:15 a.m. on February 28, 2009. Present were Mayor Kindig and Councilmembers Ronan, Quick, Sheehan, Carlisle, Ellerbeck, Sell, Crawford, and Gowan. Absent: None. Also in attendance were City Attorney McKeon, City Administrator Gunn, Assistant City Administrator Ramirez, City Clerk Buethe, Community Development Director Birch, Fire Chief Uhl, Finance Director Lindberg, Library Director Iwan, Police Chief Lausten, Recreation Director Stopak, Building and Grounds Director Archibald, and Public Works Director Soucie.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Omaha World Herald on February 24, 2009. Notice was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of the acknowledgment of the receipt of notice attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the Mayor and City Council in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Further, all subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting which is kept continuously current and available for public inspection within 10 days after said meeting and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

Mayor Kindig called the meeting to order.

Mayor Kindig made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference.

Mayor Kindig welcomed the group to this Strategic Planning Retreat and then introduced the Facilitator for this Workshop, Marla Flentje.

Ms. Flentje gave an overview of the process of events for the day and the guidelines for team members.

TRACKING PROGRESS

City Administrator Gunn reviewed the strategic plan for 2008-2010 which was adopted by the Mayor and Council in 2008. She identified projects completed along with progress in each area of the plan.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

City Administrator Gunn talked with the group about current items such as annexation planning, the Capital Improvement Plan, State legislative agenda, City swimming pool, and performance appraisal software. Discussion was held regarding each of these items.

BRAINSTORMING STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Team members worked in discussion groups. They looked at the current strategic plan to determine if there are any strategic objectives not yet undertaken that should be deleted from the plan. They also looked at possible revised or new objectives that could be added as the plan is updated for 2009-2011. Each team determined new objectives, not to exceed 7, to recommend to the full team.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Each group presented their recommendations and the full team reached preliminary agreement on objectives.

RETREAT EVALUATION

The team evaluated what was accomplished during this retreat, and if the accomplished the retreat goals for the day.

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

At 3:10 p.m. Mayor Kindig made closing remarks regarding the great efforts of council and staff to make this retreat a very productive venture and thanked all for coming. He then declared this meeting adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2009.

CITY OF LA VISTA

ATTEST:

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk