



**City of La Vista**  
**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**July 16, 2025**

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the *Papillion Times* on July 9, 2025. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt is attached to the minutes. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public. Further, all subjects discussed in the meeting were contained in the agenda, which was available for inspection within ten working days prior to the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Heather Buller called the meeting to order.

- a. Director Heather Buller announced the location of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present was Vice-Chair Pat Lodes, Members Samantha Gentry, Josephine Pohl and Sarah Lara-Toney. City Staff present was Director Heather Buller and Aaron Johannsen, Public Works Supervisor – Parks.

Absent was Parks Superintendent Jason Allen, Member Shaina Owen and Administrative Specialist Sue Tangeman.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Member Gentry, seconded by Member Pohl. All aye. Motion approved.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18 meeting. Motion made by Vice-Chair Lodes, seconded by Member Lara-Toney. All aye. Motion approved.

#### **5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Conducted a workshop on the creation of the Recreation Department mission statement. Discussed why mission statements matter, guiding principles, formula of a mission statement, reviewed sample mission statements, and what we value. Each member wrote 3-5 phrases on their opinion of purpose of Recreation, who Recreation serves, what the public needs from Recreation the most, and what does Recreation do better than anyone else.

#### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

Reviewed June Manager's Report and the year-to-date reports for Recreation, Senior and Bus.

#### **7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

#### **8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting date will be August 20 at 6 p.m.

#### **9. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.**

None.

#### **10. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

None.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Lodes made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Member Gentry. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.