



**City of La Vista**  
**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**August 20, 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, August 20, 2025.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the *Papillion Times* on August 13, 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 Shaina Owen, Josephine Pohl and Sarah Lara-Toney. City Staff present was Director Heather Buller and Parks Superintendent Jason Allen.

Absent was Member Samantha Gentry and Administrative Specialist Sue Tangeman.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16 meeting. Motion made by Member Owen, seconded by Vice-Chair Lodes. All aye. Motion approved.

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

- a. Presentation of 3 different playground designs for City Park renovations was given by Allen. Members viewed and discussed different elements they liked from each option. Vice-Chair Lodes made a motion to make a recommendation of selecting the playground design from Crouch Recreation with the change of the surface color from brown to a more vibrant color. Seconded by Member Pohl. All aye. Motion carried.
- b. Allen discussed the LWCF Grant the City is applying for to cover costs for Camenzind and Ardmore parks Projects. The grant is \$600,000 - \$1M 50% matching grant. The deadline to apply is Friday, August 22, 2025. Staff is applying for \$600,000. The grant would be awarded in the summer of 2026 and the City would have until 2029 to complete the project.
- c. Buller presented the topic as an open opportunity for members to share any areas of improvement they saw were needed. Member Lara-Toney stated that the registration website for the La Vista Loop timed out after 30 seconds and she had to re-do registration three times. Buller stated they will contact the vendor to resolve the issue.

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

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

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

Visit Camenzind and Ardmore Parks.

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

Next meeting date will be September 17 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 Owen. All aye.  
Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.