

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
December 21, 2016

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 December 21, 2016. Present was Assistant Director David Karlson, from Recreation Dept. Denny Dinan, and Rob George from Public Works. Advisory Board Members present were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson and Gene Svensen. Absent was Members Jeff Kupfer and Joe Juarez.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on December 14, 2016. 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 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

Assistant Director Karlson called the meeting to order.

Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karlson 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

1. Assistant Director Karlson asked for a motion to approve the Minutes and Program Information from the November 16, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Member Svenson. Seconded by Member Johnson. All Aye. Motion carried.

#### 2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

- Assistant Director Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.
  - Karlson discussed Preschool Playtime and Storytime, Thanksgiving Craft Day and Discover Story Telling with the Home School program.
  - Karlson also discussed “Wintertainment” during the season, including the Christmas Tree Lighting and Soup Supper held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Santa’s Workshop at the La Vista golf clubhouse.

#### Senior Center

- Throughout each month, seniors are able to attend a lunch catered by Valley Food Services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They can play Bingo on Monday and Friday, Chair Volleyball on Wednesday and Friday, participate in Tai Chi on Tuesday and Thursday, join our quilting/sewing/knitting-crocheting group each Wednesday, and play Pinochle on the first and third Wednesday of each month.
- Karlson discussed the Senior Center activities for the month of November. They

had Methodist Nursing students visit on November 9<sup>th</sup>. They returned on the 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss Alzheimer's and Dementia with the seniors. On November 12<sup>th</sup> the seniors went to the movies to see "The Magnificent Seven" and on the 23rd "The Links" from Merry Makers performed for the seniors after lunch.

## YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS

Submitted by Denny Dinan

- Dinan discussed youth and adult sports and special events.
  - Youth Volleyball for girls and boys grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> ended on December 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a single elimination tournament on the 19<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball. La Vista had three 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teams and two 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade teams this year.
  - Adult Women's Fall Volleyball is in the 11<sup>th</sup> week of a 12-week season. We have 9 teams registered for the winter season, which begins on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Youth basketball teams for boys and girls grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> have been formed with a total of 12 teams. We held a coaches meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and practice will begin on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Games will begin early January. The teams are broken down as follows:
    - Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade: 25 players = 3 teams
    - Girl's 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade: 11 players = 1 team
    - Boys 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade: 50 players = 5 teams
    - Girls 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade: 10 players = 1 team
    - Boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade: 22 players = 2 teams
  - Youth Basketball Clinic registration for boys and girls grades 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> will be open until December 31<sup>st</sup>. There are currently 32 kids signed up. The clinic runs for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dinan also discussed the Roundball Reindeer Shootout held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was a free throw contest for kid's grades Kdg. through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and a parent/guardian. There were a total of thirty-five 2-person teams, which beat last year's total of 23 teams. Each person shot 15 free throws. The winners had the highest combined total.

La Vista Falls golf clubhouse was transformed into *Santa's Workshop*, opening on the night of the tree lighting ceremony. Santa was there to talk to the kids, and while waiting the families enjoyed hot chocolate (or bottled water), colored at their tables, and enjoyed watching the Polar Express train work its way around the tracks. A committee consisting of city staff transformed the clubhouse beautifully, and the people really enjoyed it, while giving many compliments. Staff and volunteers worked on the six total dates the shop was open.

*UPDATE ON SANTA'S WORKSHOP:* For all six dates the workshop was open (November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>), 1,575 people visited. Santa's Workshop was very successful for the first year!



#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

Chairperson Lodes motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.