

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 20, 2013

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 November 20, 2013. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen.. Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Jeff Kupfer, Corey Jeffus, Russ Wiig. Member Joe Juarez was absent. Jeff Thornburg, Public Works, was present.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on November 13, 2013. 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

Recreation Director Scott Stopak called the meeting to order.

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

Recreation Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2013 meeting. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

Stopak asked for a motion to approve the program information. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director Stopak informed the Board that the Community Center would be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The gym will close at noon on Wednesday before Thanksgiving and be closed through Monday. This is to allow for the preparations for the Tree Lighting Celebration that will be held on Monday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Assistant Director Karlson reported on Fall events at the Community Center. Halloween Lil' Chef's class had 20 kids and 15 parents attended.

The Harvest Parade and Party was held at the Library. Kids wore costumes, listened to a story from Jodi Norton, Assistant Library Director, and sang songs. The kids then had a parade through Metro Tech college, where students and teachers handed out candy. The kids also did some Halloween crafts and had caramel apples.

Halloween Safe Night had approximately 1,100 people attend. 35 businesses handed out candy to the kids this year. New to Safe Night this year was the hayrack rides in the green space across from the Community Center. The original *Frankenstein* movie was also playing on the gym wall during Safe

Night. Public Works did a great job painting the hay bales and installing lights, and running the hay rack rides.

The Tree Lighting Celebration is Monday, December 2. It will begin at 5:45 p.m. by the outdoor Christmas tree. Santa will light the tree while carolers sing. The night will continue indoors with a chicken soup/chili supper (from Runza, La Vista), entertainment, and of course, Santa will talk to the children in Santa's Village.

Program Coordinator Carstensen reported that a new Pinochle group is playing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, with about 10-12 seniors playing. They would eventually like to play once a week.

November 12<sup>th</sup> the seniors went to Corrigan Senior Center to play chair volleyball, Wheel of Fortune Bingo and eat lunch.

November 13<sup>th</sup> the seniors had "Hobby Day", where they brought they're favorite hobbies in to show others. The seniors had a lot of fun, and the hobbies were very interesting. There was crochet, quilting, photography, string crafts and even a collection of buckles!

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the seniors were visited by Pam Witt of *Heartland Cats*. They have a program to set up seniors with older cats and provide all supplies and veterinary needs at no cost to the seniors.

Today, November 20<sup>th</sup> the seniors went to the movies after lunch to see "Last Vegas". Tomorrow we are going to the Western Trails Museum in Council Bluffs, and to Golden Corral for lunch.

Program Coordinator Ryan South is on vacation.

A discussion was held about the Special Services Bus. In April, we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> bus running 2 days per week.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

No comment.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes asked when the Activenet program on-line registrations will begin. Director Stopak said that the soft date is January.

Chairperson Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Wiig. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.