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City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 21, 2014

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2014. Present were Assistant Director David Karlson and Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South; Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Corey Jeffus and Jeff Kupfer. Also present: Rob George, Public Works. Absent were Recreation Director Scott Stopak and Member Joe Juarez.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 14, 2014. 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

Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson called the meeting to order.

Asst. Recreation Director Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Asst. Recreation Director 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

Asst. Recreation Director Karlson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2014 meeting. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Karlson announced that La Vista Daze was beginning tonight, Wednesday, with a prayer walk. A Hot Wheels Races event at the Community Center is on Thursday, and the carnival also begins on Thursday. Friday is the Community Cookout with free hamburgers and hot dogs, concert by Pam and the Pearls, climbing wall, bounce house, face and hair painting, and a book give-a-way. In the grass area will be a Touch-a-Truck, birdie-ball, Cabela's casting contest and at the La Vista Keno is a car show.

The parade is Saturday at 1:00pm, and Karlson announced that Pat Lodes is "Friend of La Vista" this year, and thanked him for all the volunteer work he has done for the City.

Karlson reported that Pickle Ball began at the Rec Center April 1. It has approximately 10 participants now, Pickle Ball is the fastest growing sport among people 50+ in age.

Karlson also reported on other spring events, such as Egg Dying craft which had 37 preschoolers and 25 adults participate. La Vista's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday April 19 at the La Vista Sports Complex Softball Fields, and had the largest crowd ever. This year's event was sponsored by a grant from the La Vista Foundation. There were over 11 thousands eggs for the kids to find. A very popular addition to the Easter Egg Hunt this year was a canned food drive, which brought in over 771 pounds of food and \$50.00 in donations for the Tri-City Food Bank. The La Vista Arbor Day Celebration was held on Thursday April 24 to coincide with our Preschool Playtime. This year a beautiful Red Oak was planted on the City Hall campus along with 10 other Serviceberry trees. Several dozen preschoolers along with their parents joined us for a story-time with Officer D.J. Barcal who read a book about cats in a tree. We then paraded the group outside for the tree planting where every child received a colorful plastic bucket and shovel that was filled with gummy worms, a tree sapling and a packet of Nebraska wild flower seeds that were donated by the Nebraska NRD. On Saturday April 26 Karlson attended the Papillion La Vista School's Family Fun

Fest with Jodi Norton, Asst. Library Director. Information on the city's upcoming summer events and activities were handed out.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on recent and future activities for the Senior Center. May 8 the seniors had an early Mother's Day lunch outing to Pizza Ranch in Papillion. 29 seniors joined the group and enjoyed the buffet in celebration for Mother's Day. On May 9<sup>th</sup> after lunch, 20 seniors went to a free day at Lauritzen Gardens. The weather was great, and everyone enjoyed themselves. On May 14<sup>th</sup> the La Vista Jr. High Drum Corp performed. That same day Michael Lyon performed for the seniors after lunch.

Carstensen also reported that Farmer Market coupons will be handed out soon.

Hot Wheels Races will be held in the La Vista Community Center gymnasium for La Vista Daze on Thursday, May 22 beginning with registration and track testing at 6pm. Actual racing will begin at 6:35

In June, Merry Makers Tim Javorsky will perform.

The La Vista Spring Kite Fly was May 4, and Carstensen reported that a couple of hundred people were there during a great day to fly. The Fall Kite Fly will be October 12.

Program Coordinator South reported on current and upcoming sports. Adult Softball teams are in week 8 of a 14-week season. Due to rainouts, the season will be extended slightly. La Vista Lancers Soccer League teams are in their final week. The season ends on May 25<sup>th</sup>. La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy and 6/7 Youth Soccer League ended their season on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The next season will be in the fall. 3 Year Old Soccer Clinic also ended on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will offer the soccer clinic again in the fall and as always, appreciate Pat Lodes and family volunteering their time to run the program. Spring Flag Football League is in week 7 of an 8 week season. They are scheduled to finish up on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Youth Baseball started their regular season games with an opening ceremony in Ralston on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Kindig threw out the first pitch of the Bronco game again this year which is something the players and their families really enjoyed. We have approximately 80 kids in baseball this season. The baseball season will run through the end of June. Youth Softball for ages 7-18 is in week 3 of an 8 week season. Their games are held on Fridays and Saturdays. Their regular season will run through June 14<sup>th</sup> with tournament games beginning on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Youth Coed T-Ball for ages 5 & 6 will begin practicing in late May with games starting June 7. We have almost 70 kids registered for t-ball this season and are anticipating having 6 teams. T-ball will be played in house with games being held on Saturdays at La Vista City Park. Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading registrations are now open. We will take registrations for both sports through July 12<sup>th</sup>. Team practices will begin in August. In June we will once again have the Triple Crown Slump Busters tournament.

Assistant Director Karlson stated that there are signs up in the Recreation Center stating that the gym, stage, exercise room and racquetball rooms will be closed June 2-8 for the floors to be refinished. The exercise room will be closed a little longer to take down/move equipment.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

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