

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
December 17, 2014

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 17, 2014. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan; and Parks Foreman Jeff Thornburg. Advisory Board Members presents were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Joe Juarez, Corey Jeffus and Jeff Kupfer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on December 10, 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

Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Member Greg Johnson. Seconded by Chairperson Pat Lodes. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Stopak reported that we would have specific dates for the Comprehensive Planning meetings in early January.

Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan reported on November 2014 business at the golf course. November had 428 rounds, 43 rounds less than November of 2013. Problems with the pond were addressed by Public Works in November. Public Works also cut down 14 trees and limbs that were dead. Also in November, the Papillion Fire Dept. practiced ice rescue at the pond.

Asst. Director David Karlson reported on special events.

November 20th eighteen pre-school children and adults attended Craft Day, and helped make a Thanksgiving Turkey.

Also in November, Karlson said he was notified that the Recreation Department had been awarded two grants from the La Vista Community Foundation. The first was for \$1,000 to use for new coats for the annual coat drive. The second grant was for \$1,500 to sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Food Drive.

Karlson also reported that 10 plots have been rented in the new Community Gardens for 2015. These gardens are placed throughout La Vista in different city parks.

Q: Chairperson Lodes asked if the Foundation had more money, and if we would be able to plan ahead for the money?

A: Karlson said the Foundation really likes what we are doing for the food and coat drives. He was also told that they offer money for smaller projects that grants don't apply to, so if needed, ask for it.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on the Senior Center activities.

On Monday, December 1st we had 16 seniors eat lunch at Jimbo's Diner in La Vista. This was a last minute change in plans, as the trip to Nebraska Crossing in Gretna and Parker's BBQ near Ashland for lunch was cancelled due to the weather.

Wednesday, December 3rd we had 12 seniors cut out paper snowflakes and hung them from the ceiling to decorate for the holidays.

Wednesday, December 10th we had a musical show from Charlie Glasco from Merry Makers.

Thursday evening, December 11th we went on our first of two annual Holiday Lights tour. The second trip was on the 18th. Everyone had a great time!

Friday, December 12th we had a cookie exchange, and then traveled to the Mormon Trail Center. There we saw the Holiday Ginger Bread Houses that are on display there.

Wednesday, December 17th the La Vista Jr. High Show Choir performed for the seniors. Over the years, this has become an annual holiday tradition that everyone thoroughly enjoys.

Thursday, December 18th we will have a busy day visiting the Corrigan Senior Center. We will play chair volleyball in the morning, then before lunch; hear the musical talents of Billy Troy from Merry Makers. After lunch, we will be playing Mega Bingo.

On Monday, December 22nd, children from Faith Presbyterian Church will perform a puppet show for the seniors.

Tuesday, December 23rd will be the Holiday Potluck with Mayor Douglas Kindig. For several years the Mayor has provided a very nice Christmas party for our seniors, and they have enjoyed the parties immensely.

Wednesday, December 24th we will be going to the movies after lunch.

On Wednesday, December 31st is the annual New Year's celebration. This year will be a special one, as we are going all out with music from "The Jr.s Band". The seniors will be ringing in the New Year with food, music and dance!

On Wednesday, January 21st "The Links" from Merry Makers will perform.

On either Wednesday, January 14th or the 28th Officer Jamie Brown from the La Vista Police Department will talk to the seniors on fraud prevention.

Other activities and programs will be planned for January.

Other activities:

We have two dates for Hot Wheels Races. The first will be on Tuesday, December 30th, and the second is Wednesday, January 14th at the La Vista Community Center for all ages, kids and adults! Races begin at 5:30pm!

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on Youth and Adult sports.

Youth Volleyball for boys and girls grades 3rd – 6th concluded their season on December 14th, the 5/6 grade team won 3rd place in the tournament. Our teams had another great season playing in the PRO league, and we plan on joining them again next year.

Women's Fall Volleyball is in week 11 of a 14 week season. Their season will end on January 7th. We are currently taking registrations for our Women's Winter League. They will tentatively start their season on January 14th.

Youth Basketball League for 3rd – 8th grades registration is now closed. We have 11 teams and about 100 kids participating this season. Teams will begin practicing the week of December 14th. League games with Papillion Recreation Organization are slated to start on January 10th.

Youth Basketball Clinic for 1st & 2nd grades registration is still open. We will take registrations for the clinic until December 27th. The clinic will run for 5 weeks on Saturday morning's beginning on January 10th.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 League registration is now open. We will once again partner with the Phoenix Futbol Club to provide academy training to youths ages 4 & 5, and league games for ages 6 & 7.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic registration is now open. Five, one-hour sessions, will be held on Saturday mornings at the La Vista Community Center beginning in April.

Spring Flag Football League registration is now open. The La Vista Flag Football teams will play in the Sarpy County Flag Football league again this spring.

Youth Softball for ages 7-18 registration is now open. All of our youth softball teams will once again play in the Rainbow Softball League.

Youth Baseball for ages 7-12 registration is now open. All of our youth baseball teams will play with Ralston Area Baseball Association in a cooperative league for all games.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes referenced the reports included with their packet. He wondered what information was expected out of the Rec Traffic Report. Stopak said the information provided shows the actual number of users entering and using the Community Center, and not just the number of people checking in with the Active membership, which is dramatically different than the actual number of total usage on a daily basis.

Director Stopak made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.