

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
August 18, 2021

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Youth and Adult Sports Manager Denny Dinan, Senior Services Manager Kaily Stanley, Administrative Assistant Sue Tangeman, Public Works Parks Foreman Rob George, Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Jeff Kupfer, Brenda Mechels-Stuby and Bobette Jones.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 11, 2021. 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

Director Scott 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

1. Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting.
Motion made by Member Jones. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All aye. Motion carried.

2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

Submitted by David Karlson, Assistant Recreation Director

La Vista's theme this summer is "Choose your Adventure La Vista".

We are offering Virtual, Hybrid, and In-Person Recreation Adventures featuring, a series Called the **FYI on the DIY**. These are informative videos that myself and Jodi Norton, Assistant Library Director, have prepared to let La Vista residents know about the options they have when choosing their adventures this summer.

Since our last meeting I hosted a **Hybrid In-Person Live Online Story Time** in Central Park. In addition to the small gathering we had on site, there have been over 1,100 views of the story time online.

Episode #5, How to make Fireworks in a Jar, using water, oil and food coloring, this episode has 328 views.

Episode #6, which featured “**Fun with Boxes**” where Miss Jodi read several box-themed stories while I made a car out of a box for a drive-in movie. This currently has had over 262 views.

Episode #7, Ms. Jodi, and I did a virtual class on **Painting Kindness Rocks**, which has had over 164 views.

In **Episode #8**, Ms. Jodi and I were joined by her twins at the pool for an episode featuring **Fun with Pool Noodles**, the video included how to make pool noodle boats, nunchucks, swords, telescopes, a variety of games with numbers, spelling games, and a very creative stick horse. The video currently has had 204+ views.

And, finally, **Episode #9** was how to make a solar oven> This episode had over 264 views in the first three hours! It was a 99 degree day, so our oven quickly heated a piping hot plate of nachos and s’mores for dessert. After the first four days we have had over 485 viewers.

Ms. Jodi from the Library and I released Part 2 of our series called **Books and Bikes**. In these episodes we discovered two different bike trails in La Vista. After pedaling for several miles on each trail we stopped and read a children’s book. The two episodes have combined over 868 views.

In mid-July I did an in-person/virtual story time outside by the buffalo bench, which as received 175 views.

Our first **Outdoor Movie Night** was held at Central Park by the lake on Friday, July 9th. Several hundred people came to watch the movie “**The Crudes II**”.

Our next outdoor event was on Friday, July 23. The band “**Blues Agent**” played from 7:00-9:00 p.m., followed by the movie, “**The Karate Kid**”. Both the concert and movie were held at our new location in Central Park by the lake.

Local art instructor **Miranda Tudehope** is offering four new and unique children’s classes at the Community Center. The first two classes were sewing classes and the second two are painting classes. These classes are for children ages 7-12 years old.

Youth fitness instructor Tiffani Frost will be offering her “**Kids Can Run**” program at the La Vista Community Center again this fall. The class will run from August 18 to September 24. All Kids Can Run programs are for children Kdg.-6th grade.

Our Community Center is currently taking applications for Recreation Attendants. The hours are from 5-9 p.m. weeknights and various shifts on weekends. This starts at \$11.03 per hour.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS

Submitted by Denny Dinan

Youth Sports:

Coed T-ball: Season finished up on July 17.

Baseball: Season finished up on July 2.

Girls Softball: League finished up on July 28.

Adult Softball: Spring seasons will finish up on August 13.

Senior Softball: Spring seasons finished up July 15. Fall season began August 9.

Fall Programs:

Fall Youth Leagues:

Flag Football: teams are all ready and games will start August 14. We have 13 teams with 110 players.

Soccer:

Soccer clinic, soccer academy and league registration are still open, and the leagues will start after Labor Day.

Adult Sports:

Volleyball: Women's Fall registration has begun, and the season will start on September 22.

LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

Submitted by Kaily Stanley, Senior Services Manager

In June, a total of 1238 seniors participated in Senior Center programs.

- 252 Grab n Go Lunches were picked up in June
- 986 Seniors Participated in various recreational activities

The senior's continued to practice social distancing during our regular programs.

Some special programs included:

- Outings to Spin Pizza, Lauritzen Gardens, Johnny's Café, and a picnic at the Holy Family Shrine
- The Senior Center also held the Farmer's Market Coupon Distribution Day
- Movies "Click" and "Across the Universe"
- Music by Paul Siebert
- Seniors played Bingo, Happy Birthday Jingo, pitch, bridge, blackjack, keno and Wii bowling
- Computer classes were conducted on "Computer Basics" and setting up a "Facebook Account"

In July, a total of 1113 seniors participated in Senior Center programs

- 227 people for in-person lunches in July
- 886 Seniors participated in various recreational activities

Some special programs included:

- Outings to Lauritzen Gardens, Leadbelly, McAlister's Deli, Storm Chasers Baseball Game, Durham Museum, and El Vallarta.
- Watched movies "The Marigold Hotel" and "The Sandlot".
- 2 musical performances by Tim Javorsky and Blues Agent Band.
- Held an Ice Cream Sundae Social.

Seniors also played their normally-scheduled Bingo, Happy Birthday Jingo, Pitch, Bridge, Wii, Poker, and Board games.

PUBLIC WORKS PARKS DEPT.

Submitted by Rob George, Parks Foreman

- George reported that the fencing and benches have been installed at the new dog park, which is adjacent to the Library.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Scott Stopak, Recreation Director

Stopak provided the Board with recent swimming pool and park development information. Informational videos will be posted on the City website that cover the following topics.

- Renaming Central Park (and the east/west references) park amenities
- Interface/Pavilion project
- Highlighting the underpass and significance of the east/west pedestrian connections
- Thompson Creek Improvements
- Central Park road connection
- The Lawn (promenade design concepts)
- Swimming pool conceptual design and the (2) possible locations in Central Park

This information will also be included in the City Newsletter in October.

In addition, a public engagement meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 26th.

Stopak reminded the Board that the pool is now on limited hours of Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day. Hours are Friday 4pm-8pm, Saturday and Sunday is 1pm-8pm, as is Labor Day.

Stopak also state that the La Vista Jr. High had roof damage in the gym, so their volleyball season will be held here at the Community Center. Tryouts are being held this week.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes stated that he thinks discussions have gone on long enough about the proposed pool, that someone needs to make a decision.

Member Jones asked why there were Christmas lights up in the parking lot. Stopak answered they were there temporarily for the City Council to see at their meeting the night before. The Mayor and City Council were choosing which decorations to purchase for City use.

Member Jones made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Mechels-Struby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.