



City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
May 15, 2024

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of La Vista convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 8, 2024. Simultaneously given to the members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice is attached to the minutes. The 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Heather Buller called the meeting to order.

- a. Director Buller led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Director Buller made an announcement of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference and read the Emergency Procedures Statement.

2. ROLL CALL

Present was Vice-Chair Pat Lodes, Members Shaina Owen, and Samantha Gentry. City Staff present was Chair/Director Heather Buller and Parks Superintendent Jason Allen. Absent was Member Jason Ryan and Administrative Assistant Sue Tangeman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Member Gentry. Seconded by Member Owen. All aye. Motion approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Buller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17 meeting. Motion made by Member Owen. Seconded by Member Lodes. All aye. Motion approved.

5. DISCUSSION, DIRECTION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion and action on Active Mobility Plan – Bike Share Program, **Jason Allen, Parks Superintendent**
 - Allen presented the e-bike share program run by Heartland B-Cycle. The Active Mobility Plan continues to gather feedback from residents and visitors of La Vista and staff is investigating an e-bike share program that has been highly requested during this process. Allen discussed the option of a 10-bike docking station that would have an initial cost of \$60,000 and a yearly maintenance fee of \$3,000. There are options for the City to pay all costs or look into sponsorships from local businesses and organizations. Based on trail locations staff recommended the following docking station locations: Central Park (Clubhouse where Santa's Workshop is held), City Centre, Public Library, 108th & Giles (West Papio Trailhead), or Southport. Members liked the idea of a bike share program because it will bring more people to La Vista, is a great option for those that do not have their own bikes and increases usage of parks and trails system. Vice-chair Lodes noted that a colleague of his utilizes the Heartland B-Cycle Bike Share program and voiced that having a docking station in La Vista would accommodate the 1-hour rental time and allow him to travel from Papillion Landing to Tyson. Currently there are no stations in between this route resulting in an increase in rental fees. Members voiced support of the program stating it is an amenity the City should provide for the community.
- b. Discussion and action on Applewood Creek Trail mural design, **Jason Allen, Parks Superintendent**
 - Allen presented background and designs for a mural design for Applewood Creek Trail. Estimated cost of mural design is \$10,000 – 12,000. Members reviewed designs A – F and found the cost to be reasonable. Vice-chair Lodes made a motion to recommend design choices by 1st choice – design E., 2nd choice – design D., and 3rd choice – design F. Seconded by Member Owen. All Aye. Motion Approved.
- c. Discussion on results of Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Teen Survey, **Heather Buller, Recreation Director**
 - Buller presented the results of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Teen Survey.

Discussion was held and Members recommended that the game room have games and items that are not common at home such as an air hockey table, continue offering and promoting open gym time, create “social” studying areas, highlight the spaces within the Community Center as a place to do group projects instead of at someone’s home, and engage current Teen boards such as the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council and Library Teen Board to create, develop, and implement Teen activities such as movie nights.

d. Discussion on Pickleball Townhall, Heather Buller, Recreation Director

- Buller presented and discussed the results of the Pickleball Townhall highlighting the goal was to increase transparency and communication between staff and pickleball users. Staff felt strongly that transparency and communication was increased and were implementing changes to Open Gym schedule to accommodate pickleball play and utilize the 3rd court. For the month of May late evening and all day pickleball play was introduced. Staff will continue to monitor usage of times and adjust accordingly.

e. Discussion and action on rescheduling June 19, 2024 meeting date, Heather Buller, Recreation Director

- Discussion was held. A motion by Member Gentry was made to cancel to the June meeting unless staff had items that needed approval in which a special meeting can be called. Seconded by Vice-Chair Lodes. All Aye. Motion Passed

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Buller summarized the monthly operations reports for the Recreation Department.
- b. Allen gave a report on Parks operations for the month.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date will be on Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

10. COMMENTS FROM PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-chair Lodes made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Member Owen. All aye.
Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.