



MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LA VISTA JOINT WORKSHOP
PLANNING COMMISSION &
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 6:00 P.M.

The City of La Vista Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Advisory Board held a joint workshop meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024, in the Harold “Andy” Anderson Council Chambers at La Vista City Hall, 8116 Park View Boulevard. Legal notices of the public meeting and hearing were posted, distributed, and published according to Nebraska law. Notice was simultaneously given to all members of the Planning Commission. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The following Planning Commission members were present and absent:

PRESENT: **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Patrick Coghlan, Amanda Brewer, Michael Krzywicki, Gayle Malmquist, Harold Sargus, Josh Frey, Debra Dogba

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Shaina Owens, and Samantha Gentry.

ABSENT: **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Michael Circo, John Gahan, Kathleen Alexander

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Pat Lodes, and Josephine Pohl

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Fountain, Community Development Director; Lydia McCasland, Permit Technician; Chris Solberg, Deputy Community Development Director; Cale Brodersen, Associate City Planner, Heather Buller, Recreation Director; Sue Tangeman, Administrative Assistant 2; and Jason Allen, Parks Superintendent.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, Josh Frey, was acting chair for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Frey at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the agenda and Active Mobility Plan were made available to the public.

2. La Vista Active Mobility Plan

Staff Report – Cale Brodersen, Associate City Planner: Brodersen introduced Craig Mielke who is an Environmental Planner with Benesch, an engineering firm who worked on the Active Mobility Plan for La Vista. Craig delivered a presentation regarding the planning process for the Active Mobility Plan and walked the Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Advisory Board through the components and recommendations of the plan.

Chair Frey opened the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing:

As no members of the public came forward, Sargus moved, seconded by Malmquist, to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Motion carried 7-0-2
MOTION BY:	Sargus
SECONDED BY:	Malmquist
AYES:	Coghlan, Brewer, Krzywicki, Frey, Sargus, Malmquist and Dogba.
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	Shaina Owens, and Samantha Gentry
ABSENT:	Alexander, Circo, Gahan.

Chair Frey stated that the motion to close the Public Hearing was approved.

Commissioner Sargus asked if there are set milestones or metrics to track how successful a project is and if it is being highly utilized. Brodersen said the City has no current practice of using trail counters to monitor trail usage, but that it is something the City could look into. He also mentioned that staff were hesitant to put goals in place as far as how many of the segments would be completed over a certain timeframe because implementation of the plan will be very dependent on the amount of grants and federal funding available for the completion of projects like these.

Sargus inquired about how the City will market projects after completion to increase their usage. Brodersen noted one of the strategies included in the plan revolves around education, and he explained that the City will include notices or articles in the mailings, newsletters, and communications that go out to residents. He also noted that something that the City does an excellent job of is hosting events and programming new public spaces and amenities as they become available to get the word out.

Sargus asked how the next steps on implementation will be decided, including which projects are selected first.

Brodersen explained that there are some general priorities for improvements built into this plan based on what we heard from residents and stakeholders through the public engagement activities. He noted, however, that priorities do often change over time and this plan and the priorities in it will continue to evolve based on what we are hearing at future city events, surveys, and public meetings. Brodersen gave an example of a project identified in this plan that the city received a lot of support for, so staff will be applying for grant funding in January to complete the project in 2029. Brodersen explained that the Planning Commission members will learn about planned improvements in the future as they are identified in the Capital Improvements Program, which is a budgeting tool that the City uses to plan for improvements with a 5-year outlook.

Frey asked if the active mobility plan itself will change and be updated as priorities evolve and projects are completed. Brodersen confirmed that it is very much a planning tool and will be ever-evolving, so it will require updates over time. He explained that they will require a comprehensive plan amendment so those updates will be reviewed and discussed in this public forum.

3. Comments from the Floor

No comments were made.

4. Comments from the Planning Commission

There were no additional comments

5. Comments from the Staff

There were no additional comments

6. Adjournment

Chairman Frey adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Reviewed by Planning Commission:

Planning Commission Secretary

Planning Commission Chair

Date