

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 15, 2013

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 May 15, 2013. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Program Coordinators Rich Carstensen and Ryan South. Advisory Board Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Russ Wiig and Corey Jeffus. Absent was Member Jeff Kupfer.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on May 8, 2013. 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

Recreation Director Scott Stopak called the meeting to order.

Recreation Director Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recreation Director 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

Recreation Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2013 meeting. Motion made by Chairperson Lodes. Seconded by Member Wigg. Motion carried.

Stopak asked for a motion to approve the program information. Motion made by Member Wigg. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Stopak reported to the Board members that the pool will open on Saturday, May 25.

#### YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS

Submitted by Ryan South, Program Coordinator

##### Current Programs

Adult Softball teams are in week 7 of a 14-week season. Due to rainouts, the season will be extended slightly.

La Vista Lancers Soccer League teams are in week 7 of an 8 week season. Their season will end on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy and 6/7 Youth Soccer League will end their season on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to rainouts, we extended the season 1 week.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic ended their season on Saturday, May 4<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 6 of an 8 week season. They are scheduled to finish up on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Baseball started their regular season games with an opening ceremony on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Kindig threw out the first pitch of the Bronco game and the teams and families really enjoyed the ceremonies. The baseball season will run through the end of June.

Youth Softball for ages 7-18 is in week 2 of an 8 week season. Due to weather, we had to move the start of games back one week.

Youth Coed T-Ball for ages 5 & 6 will begin practicing in late May-early June. We have 6 teams and over 70 kids registered for t-ball this season which is nearly double the kids we had last year. T-ball will be played in house with games being held on Saturdays.

Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading registrations are now open. We will take registrations for both sports through July 13<sup>th</sup>. We are actively working with the La Vista Football Booster Club to advertise and market tackle football with the hope of building the program even bigger than last year.

#### LA VISTA SENIOR CENTER

Submitted by Rich Carstensen, Program Director/Senior Center

#### Current May 2013 Monthly Activities and Updates:

Continual Programs: We play Chair Volleyball and Bingo every Monday & Friday. Wednesday mornings we play our Wii video game. We play 10-point pitch every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays with a 10-Point Pitch Tournament on the third Friday of the month.

#### New Programs at the La Vista Senior Activity Center

For 10-weeks starting the week of Tuesday, April 23 the La Vista Senior Center will have Tai Chi Classes on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Class time is 11:15am to 12:00noon. Cost of the class is just \$1.00 per week. Funding for the classes is from a Grant through Eastern Office on Aging and through the Nebraska Safety Council. The class is being taught as a Better Balance Class for seniors. At this time we have had 26 senior take the class on a regular basis.

On Wednesday's we now have Senior Drop-In Knitting, Crocheting, Embroidering, and Sewing Social Hour. Time is 10:30am to 11:30am. This time is for anyone who would like to bring in projects and join others who are working on similar pieces of work. This is a social hour to show off what you are making and enjoying other peoples company.

Program Director Rich Carstensen reported the following activities for the La Vista Senior Activity Center.

May 1<sup>st</sup> for May Day we gave out May Day Cups to 25 seniors that came to lunch and cards.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> a group of 12 senior go to Harrison Heights Kentucky Derby Party. We had a nice time playing "Horse Track" related games, food and virgin beverages. Also the seniors had a chance to see what Harrison Heights Apartments had to offer for living situations.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Lyon, who was a past Opera Singer from Merry Makers come perform for the seniors, we had 30 seniors enjoy his performance.

May 8<sup>th</sup> we will have Birdie Ball Golf after lunch.

May 9<sup>th</sup> we will have Early Mother's Day Pot Luck Lunch. At this time we have 45 seniors coming to the lunch. As a bonus Tony Gowan from the La Vista City Council was able to get us a speaker who does "An Afternoon with Mark Twain" as portrayed by Warren Brown.

May 13<sup>th</sup> we will have 4-Local Elementary Band's come perform for the seniors at 1:00pm.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will take a trip to the movies.

On May 22<sup>rd</sup> we will join the Kearney Senior Center and go to hear a Pipe Organ Concert.

We will be handing out Farmers Market Coupons to Senior Citizens that qualify for the program. If we have more "seniors" then "coupons" we will have a Lottery for the Farmers Market Coupons, those who don't receive coupons will be put on a Waiting List.

On Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we are planning on going to a Storm Chasers Baseball Game. On Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> we will have "Ron and Pam" from the Merry Makers give a musical performance to the seniors. Other activities are also being planned for the month of June but will be posted at a later date.

Hot Wheels Races will go on at the La Vista Community Center Gymnasium for La Vista Daze on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. 6:30pm-7:00pm will be Race Registration and Track Testing. 7:05pm Race Time. Age Divisions: 3-6, 7-10, 11-14, 15-18, and Adult!

Bring your favorite Hot Wheels, Match Box or similar-sized car and compete against your peers for bragging rights and prizes! We will provide a car if you don't have one.

This tournament -style event is free and participants will have the opportunity to race multiple times. Come early and test the track. Spectators welcome.

Preschool Play by Play is a program designed for youth ages 3, 4 & 5 to help develop basic motor skills that kids use for play and sports. During the six-week program (45-minute session per week), children will learn the basic of throwing, catching, kicking, batting, dribbling, and other skills in a safe and positive environment. Parent or guardian participation is encouraged! Class is limited to 10 participants per session.

Class will be held on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:00am. Class starts on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and will run till Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost of the class is \$15 for La Vista Residents and \$20 for any non-residents.

## B. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL – LA VISTA CIVIC CENTER PARK

Dolores Silkworth with RDG presented the master plan for La Vista Civic Center Park.

Board member Wigg asked if a splash pad was ever discussed for the park. Silkworth said that a splash pad was not high on the priority list for the park however several natural water features are incorporated throughout the park.

Chairperson Lodes asked if the private property identified for the park at the corner of 84<sup>th</sup> and Parkview Blvd. was the only land acquisition required. Silkworth said that is the only private land required for the park.

Lodes asked if the Thompson Creek Restoration project was separate from the master plan for La Vista Civic Center Park. Silkworth said it is a separate project.

Ken Kendall, 8512 Spruce St. asked what is the approximate depth of the lake at the proposed Civic Center Park. Dolores Silkworth with RDG said that 12 feet would be the ideal depth if conditions allow. Mr. Kendall also asked what is the status of the existing pool for the 2013 season. Recreation Director Stopak stated that staff was currently prepping the pool for the season and would open May 25, if no major mechanical issues are found.

Recommendation: Lodes moved, seconded by Jeffus to recommend approval of the master plan for La Vista Civic Center Park. **Ayes:** Lodes, Jeffus and Wigg. **Nays:** None. **Abstain:** None. Absent: Kupfer.  
Motion Carried. (3-0)

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ken Kendall, 8512 Spruce St. said that he thinks the bond issue for the pool failed due to the proposed size of the project. He believes that it was too large and just a scaled back version with availability to host swim meets is all that is needed.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No comment.

Chairperson Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Jeffus. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.