

**CITY OF LA VISTA
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
JANUARY 20, 2016 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
COMMEMORATIVE TREE PROGRAM	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE *RECEIVE/FILE	SCOTT STOPAK RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

The City of La Vista Commemorative Tree Program is submitted for discussion and your recommendation to forward on to City Council. Upon their acceptance and approval it shall constitute the official Program Guidelines and Rules of the Commemorative Tree Program for the City of La Vista, Nebraska.

FISCAL IMPACT

No impact as the staff services for administration of the program would be part of the annual operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

The Thompson Creek Channel Rehabilitation Project required the removal of many trees along the creek to allow for utility relocations and for widening of the channel with flatter slopes to reduce runoff velocity and decrease erosion potential. This led to many inquiries about the City's plans to replant trees. A couple of citizens identified the idea of a commemorative tree program and one citizen submitted a copy of the Commemorative Tree Program from Gothenburg, Nebraska for consideration.

The attached policy was patterned in large part after the Gothenburg example but adjustments were made based on staff review. This program would apply not only to the City-owned property along Thompson Creek but to City Parks in general. The Parks Superintendent would have the primary responsibility to review the applications and determine acceptable species and work with applicants on suitable locations.