

CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
JANUARY 20, 2009 AGENDA

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
RESOLUTION – COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT & CRITERIA FOR PRIMARY PRIVATE CLUB DESIGNATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	SCOTT STOPAK RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

The Mayor and City Council are being asked to establish the criteria that will identify the primary private clubs for soccer and baseball in the City of La Vista in order to provide preference for field usage over other private clubs requesting usage. The Mayor and City Council are also being asked to update the current Council Policy Statement to place Primary Private Clubs for the City of La Vista fourth on the field usage priority schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Establish criteria for identifying the primary soccer and baseball clubs in La Vista and approval of the recommended changes to the field usage policy.

BACKGROUND

The La Vista Lancers Soccer Club and Panthers Baseball Club are La Vista based organizations that currently offer private club soccer and baseball programs primarily for La Vista area youth. At the October 15, 2008 Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, the Board recommended that these clubs be identified as the primary private clubs for soccer and baseball in the City of La Vista in order to provide field usage preference over other private clubs. The Lancers and Panthers have used City fields for the last several years, paying the designated fees. In the past, field availability has not been an issue, but as their programs have grown and other groups with similar La Vista ties have requested to use City fields, there is a need to establish criteria to recognize the primary private clubs for soccer and baseball in the City of La Vista. Criteria that Council may wish to consider might include a certain percentage of La Vista/ETJ participation, priority of placement of La Vista youth on their team, length of time established and compliance with City policies, procedures and standards.

Council is also being asked to designate Primary Private Clubs for the City of La Vista as fourth on the priority schedule for La Vista City ball fields in the Council Policy Statement, Recreation: Scheduling, Operation And Maintenance of City Fields.

RESOLUTION NO._____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA, APPROVING CHANGES AND REVISIONS TO AN EXISTING COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to create Council Policy Statements as a means of establishing guidelines and direction to the members of the City Council and to the city administration in regard to various issues which regularly occur; and

WHEREAS, a Council Policy Statement entitled Recreation: Scheduling, Operation and Maintenance of City Fields has been reviewed and revisions recommended by the Recreation Director to the City Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby approve the changes to Council Policy Statement entitled Recreation: Scheduling, Operation and Maintenance of City Fields, and do further hereby direct the distribution of said Council Policy Statement to the appropriate City Departments.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2009.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

**Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk**

**CITY OF LA VISTA
COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT**

**RECREATION: SCHEDULING, OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF CITY FIELDS**

Issued: May 21, 1975

Updated: February 2, 1999

Resolution No. 99-014

To establish standard policy for scheduling, priority of scheduling and regulating the use of the City of La Vista's ball fields, the following shall be the policy for scheduling and use of the ball fields:

1. Administrative Policies:

- a. City of La Vista ball fields are intended to accommodate the recreational needs of La Vista citizens, organized City of La Vista ball teams and organized ball teams under the sponsorship of Papillion-La Vista School District.
- b. The City's Recreation Director Department will be responsible for the day-to-day scheduling of the ball fields.
- c. the City's Public Works Director Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the ball fields.

2. Priority Schedule for La Vista City ball fields:

- a. La Vista Recreation Youth Teams
- b. La Vista Recreation Adult Teams
- c. Teams sponsored by the Papillion-La Vista School District.
- d. Primary Private Clubs for the City of La Vista
- e. Individual La Vista residents.
- f. Private organizations that may have one or more La Vista residents on the team.

3. Scheduling:

- a. Teams desiring to schedule use of City ball fields shall schedule through the City's Recreation Director Department not earlier than one-week prior to the desired time of use and not later than 24 hours prior to the desired day of use. Information for scheduling shall include the day, date, and time of use (beginning time and ending time), identification of sponsor or organization and name of ball team.
- b. Persons or organizations scheduling the ball field shall be issued a permit designating the field and scheduled time of use. Permits shall be obtained from the City's Recreation Director Department during the week in which the field is scheduled for use. Permits shall be picked up Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the La Vista Community Center.

4. Periods of Operation:

- a. La Vista fields shall be available for team play and practice normally during the period March 1 – October 31, or until the end of each designated season. The exact time and day of opening and closing of ball fields shall be determined by the Recreation Director Department, based on weather conditions and maintenance capabilities.

- b. All La Vista ball fields shall be closed for a two week period at the end of each ball season to permit maintenance and preparation of football fields.
 - eb. The Recreation Director Department shall cancel the use of any ball field when weather conditions dictate, i.e., too wet or muddy for use and damage may result.

5. Marking of ball fields:
The City's Public Works Department shall be responsible for marking each field throughout the season.

6. General Rules:

- a. Sponsoring teams and individuals are responsible for the conduct of their membership and all activities. Users of the ball fields shall insure that the area is left in a good state of police.
- b. Sponsoring teams and individuals must submit proof of minimum \$1,000,000 liability insurance with the City of La Vista named as an additional insured.
- bc. Any damage to ball field facilities shall be reported to the Recreation Director Department.
- ed. Teams scheduling ball fields shall not monopolize the use of the facilities prior to or after their scheduled time.