

City of LaVista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
August 15, 2007

A meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for the City of LaVista convened in open and public session at 7:02 p.m. on August 15, 2007. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, John Vendetti, Greg Johnson, George Forst. Absent: Randy Cahill, Chris Kuehner.

A notice of the meeting was given advance thereof by publication in the Times on August 9, 2007. 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. 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.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Recreation Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Committee Member Johnson. Motion carried.

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.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

Committee Member Johnson made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Committee Member Vendetti. Motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson reported that youth fall soccer has over 200 participants, which is the largest registration for soccer ever. Flag Football has 61 youth registered, Cheerleading has 31 to date. Tackle Football has 42 in the 9/10 age division, while 11/12 division has 34 registered. Registration for tackle football is on-going.

Program Director Rich Carstensen reported that Preschool Playtime will begin again on September 4, 2007. The program will be on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and run throughout the school year. The Recreation Dept. provides soft toys, bikes, mats and an inflatable bouncer for small children to play with. Also, a reminder on

the Midwest Winds Kite Fliers Kite Fly on October 14, 2007 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the La Vista Soccer Complex.

Director Scott Stopak reported that the soccer fields were opening on Saturday, August 18 for practices and games. This year, all 12 fields will be in use due to the high demand for fields.

Director Stopak reported that the La Vista Falls golf course had 1,158 more rounds of golf in July this year than July 2006.

The new Special Services Van is now on the road as of Monday, August 13. The van seats 12 passengers. Beginning October 1, 2007, The City of La Vista will be taking over the maintenance, admin work, etc. for the vans from the City of Ralston; however, it will still be a joint program between the two cities. La Vista Recreation will oversee the administrative duties, while La Vista Public Works will take care of the maintenance duties of the vehicles. There will not be any changes other than the location the vehicles are stored and telephone calls will be directed to La Vista Recreation Dept.

Since school has begun, the La Vista Swimming Pool has closed Monday through Thursday's, and are open Friday's 4-8 p.m., Saturday's and Sunday's from 1-8 p.m. The pool will also be open Monday, September 3 for Labor Day 1-8 p.m. It will then officially close for the year.

Director Stopak gave an update on the proposed aquatic facility. In the 07/08 FY budget a City wide survey was proposed and tentatively approved. Upon final adoption of the 07/08 Budget it is anticipated that the survey will be completed in the fall. After tabulating the surveys, the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee would then make a recommendation to the City Council on the next step to be taken with the proposed aquatic facility.

The new position of Program Coordinator has been advertised, and we are anticipating a start date in October. The position will be in charge of youth and adult sports, athletic field rentals, supervising evening/weekend shifts, and other office duties as needed. David Karlson will shift his attention toward special events and new programming.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident Donna Kozak stated she liked the idea of a survey, but would the City consider putting in a choice of a pool 2 ½ - 3 times the current pool and the aquatic park concept already being looked at? A newer pool is needed, but the citizens need a choice. Also stated that the public needs full disclosure on exactly how much a new pool would cost and for how long. Ms. Kozak also wondered about the exit proposed on 84<sup>th</sup> street. Wanted to know where it was going to be and why we need another exit on 84<sup>th</sup> Street.

Council Member Johnson stated that the intersection would be 84<sup>th</sup> & Summer Drive, which is already there, along with the lights and signals. A new intersection would not be needed.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Johnson commented on the child who was burned on a metal slide in Bellevue. Wanted to know what the City's liability is.

Council Member Vendetti commented on the wood chips on playgrounds that have started on fire in the summer heat.

Director Stopak said he would check on liability. Also, the City is gradually changing over to rubber safety surfacing instead of wood chips.

Council Member Johnson wondered how the Cimarron Woods Park is coming along. Thought the equipment and paths were looking good.

Director Stopak said he would check the status of the park.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Recreation Director Stopak made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Committee Member Vendetti. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

## Park and Recreation Board Meeting: Month of October, 2007

### CONTINUING PROGRAMS

**JANEL SCOTT'S DANCE CLASSES:** Janel has all types of dance classes for all ages. Pick up a schedule for dates and times. For further information call Janel at 504-4357.

**PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME:** Come to the La Vista Community Center as we open the gym for parents and children preschool age and under. Bring your child's favorite indoor toys and the Recreation Department will provide extra toys and games to play with. Preschool Play Time will run throughout the school year and is for La Vista residents only. When: **NEW TIMES FOR FALL** Tuesday's and Thursday's 10:00am-11:00am. Fee: Free

#### **KIKAI FIGHTING METHOD AND A.S.A.P. METHOD**

Adult Martial Art Classes, Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm. In Kikai, you will learn the core techniques of martial arts. A.S.A.P. (Adrenal-Scenario-Based-Awareness & Protection) develops the correct responses in pre-conflict stages. Fees: \$40 per month: \$20 for those already enrolled in LVCC martial arts class. For more information please call 331-3455.

**AIKIDO:** Adult Classes: Ages 12& Over: Monday and Thursday. 7:00pm-9:00pm. Children's Classes (5-11yrs.): Monday and Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm Fees: Adult Classes: Resident \$30/month; Non-Resident \$35/month. Children Classes: Resident \$15/month; Non-Resident \$20/month. For further information, call Ron Christenham at 339-6124.

**KARATE:** Adult Classes: Ages 13 & Over Tuesday and Friday., 7:00pm-9:30pm Children Classes: Ages 5-12 Tuesday and Friday, 6:00pm-6:45pm Fee: \$25 per month with a \$5 One-Time Sign-Up Fee. For information, call Sensei Porter at 592-7771.

**EXERCISE CLUB:** Is a continual program throughout the year. This year individuals are challenges to, "Exercise Your Way Across and Around Nebraska in 2007. Walkers & Runners are challenged to make it Across 460 miles, from Hennepin, Nebraska to Rulo Nebraska. Any Bikers, Rollerbladers, or any wheel exercisers can try to make it Around Nebraska. Anyone may sign-up and walk in the community center when walking times are available. There is no fee to be in the Exercise Club.

**WEIGHT TRAINING CLASSES FOR ADULTS:** Class is for adults age 18 and older, teaching the basics of weight training. Learn how to set up and advance; use proper form and technique; and get the most out of your weight-training program using both machine and free weights. This individual training class is by appointment only and meets for two 1-hour sessions. Adult fee is \$25.

**SWING DANCE CLASSES:** The Omaha Jitterbugs offer a variety of classes from the very basic to the highly advanced dance lessons. Classes at the La Vista Community Center are on Monday's and Wednesday's evenings with new classes always starting. Call (402) 978-8101 for more information or go to [www.jitterbugs.org](http://www.jitterbugs.org)

**BELLY DANCING CLASSES:** A continuing class where you will learn an art form and musical instrument (finger cymbals). Enjoy this form of dance that brings out your unique self-expression. For more information, call Wren Newman at 596-1397. Class is on Tuesday: (beginner) 5:30pm-6:30pm (Advanced) 7:00pm-8:00pm. Fee is \$20 per month.

## SEASONAL ACTIVITIES, EVENT, AND CLASSES

**KITE FLYING FESTIVAL:** *Midwest Winds Kiteflyers Fall Kite Fly*...will be held on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00noon to 5:00pm; come see amazing kites and air socks as they cruise the sky. Bring your own kite to fly or try or buy one at the event. The event will be held at the La Vista Soccer Complex located just south of 66<sup>th</sup> and Harrison. The event is **FREE!** Come enjoy the fun!

**LA VISTA RECREATION'S HALLOWEEN 5K CROSS COUNTRY WALK, RUN, & RELAY:** Put your walking or running shoes on and join in the fun. The course will be 3.1 miles (2 laps) around the La Vista Falls Golf Course. This year we have a **Grim Reaper Theme** so bring your costume and be in the Halloween Costume Contest ! All runners and walkers will receive a LONG SLEEVE-SHIRT!

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 28, 2007

**WHERE:** La Vista Falls Golf Course

**START:** 10:00AM

**FEE:** Pre-registered Fee: \$18 Run & \$30 2-person Relay.

Pre-registration must be received no later than Friday, October 12, 2007.

Late and/or Race Day Registration Fee: \$22 Run & \$34 2-person Relay.

Race Day Registration will be from 8:45am to 9:45am at the La Vista Falls Golf Course.

For more information contact Rich Carstensen at the La Vista Community Center at 331-3455.

## HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT 2006

The La Vista Recreation Department, La Vista Volunteer Fire Department, and The La Vista Chamber of Commerce wish to invite all kids 12 & under, (accompanied by a parent), to Halloween Safe Night. There will be food, drink, candy, and lots of surprises. Join us for the biggest Halloween Safe Night ever!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

**WHERE:** La Vista Community Center at 8116 Parkview Blvd.

**Notice:** Any business or organization interested in being a part of Halloween Safe Night please call Rich Carstensen or Sue Tangeman at the La Vista Community Center at 331-3455.

*October 2007 Recreation Advisory Board*

***2007 Youth Volleyball League***

35 total participants

24 La Vista residents

11 non-residents

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| 15 paid residents           | @ \$30.00 ea. = \$ 450.00        |
| <u>8 paid non-residents</u> | <u>@ \$50.00 ea. = \$ 400.00</u> |
| Total paid                  | = \$850.00                       |

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| 9 resident coaches waivers            | @ \$30.00 ea. = \$ 270.00        |
| <u>3 non-resident coaches waivers</u> | <u>@ \$50.00 ea. = \$ 150.00</u> |
| Total coaches waivers                 | = \$ 420.00                      |

2007 Tackle Football and Cheerleading Awards Presentation will be held on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. at the La Vista Community Center.

City of Lavista Health Fair  
Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.