

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 17, 2010

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 February 17, 2010. Present were Recreation Director Scott Stopak, and Advisory Board Members [Vice-Chairperson] Pat Lodes, Jeff Kupfer and George Forst III. Recreation staff member present was Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Recreation Program Director Richard Carstensen, and Recreation Program Coordinator Eddie. Absent was Advisory Board Member Randy Cahill.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on February 11, 2010. 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 Stopak called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lodes.

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

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

Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Committee Member Lodes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Committee Member Forst. Motion carried.

Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2010 Advisory Board meeting. Committee Member Forst made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2010 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director David Karlson reported a new class is beginning at the Community Center March 5. Zoe-Kai Bonsai is a class on growing and sustaining bonsai trees. You will be able to purchase one or more trees to work on. The fee is \$5 per class.

Karlson also reported that the first trip is planned with Elite Tours to the *Pella Tulip Time Festival* on May 6, 2010. There are many things to see, including a parade, cheese and meat market, bakery and shopping. This is a day trip to the festival. The second trip will be to the historical Brownville, Nebraska on June 12, 2010. The trip will begin at *Whiskey Run Creek Vineyard and Winery*, tasting the wines, taking a tour and enjoying the scenery. Next, they will board the *Spirit of Brownville* and take a narrated cruise along the Missouri River, seeing the site of the Lewis and Clark encampment and will have a buffet lunch aboard the Spirit of Brownville as well. After lunch, they will see a show at the *Brownville Village Theater*, then browse or shop the historic downtown of Brownville. They will return home in the afternoon.

On May 23, 2010, the Community Center will have a Kansas City Barbecue Society Judging Class, hosted by GOBS (Greater Omaha Barbecue Society). This class is designed to train barbecue judges on basic objective standards for judging barbecue meat in KCBS-sanctioned cooking contests.

Program Coordinator Eddie Burns reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball clinic will have their final week this coming Saturday. The clinic had a lot of parents volunteer this year, so they rotated between the groups to get experience in coaching. The 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball is in its sixth week of their 8-week season. There will be a double elimination tournament at the end of the season. Women's volleyball beginning tonight. There are 8 teams, and it will be an 8-week season. Possibly next season, we may consider having a tournament at the end. Registrations for adult softball, youth softball, baseball and soccer are now being taken.

Program Director Richard Carstensen said February is a busy month for the Seniors. On February 2, we had Groundhog Day Pot-Luck luncheon with a beach party theme. Approximately 40 seniors attended, and played a version of Wheel of Fortune". February 8 was Valentine Bingo with 50 seniors and February 12 was the annual Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon, with approximately 100 seniors in attendance from the surrounding area. This event, hosted by the cities of La Vista and Papillion, is a very popular yearly event. The Papillion-La Vista High School Jazz Band and Girls Show Choir entertained before and during lunch, and an accordion player entertained everyone afterwards. Lunch was catered by Justin Thyme.

On February 18, the Seniors will be going to the new 84<sup>th</sup> Street Café for lunch, the La Vista 50 Founders Day Luncheon on February 23, and the Shrine Circus on February 26. There are twenty seniors going on the bus to the circus, plus a waiting list. The Shriner's have donated tickets for the circus.

In March, activities will include UNMC health screening on March 9, which is open to the public; the La Vista Junior High singers on March 10; March 12 is a trip to Joslyn Art Museum; and on March 17 will be the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon. The fee for St. Patrick's Day will be \$6.00.

Director Stopak added that there are approximately 300+ people registered for the Founders Day luncheon. In addition, the Community Center is still waiting on the desk to be installed by the front entrance and the I.D. system is on order.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Kupfer asked Assistant Director Karlson if Elite Tour allows any age to go on the trips. Karlson answered yes. Kupfer asked if there is a minimum number of people, and if the trip would be cancelled if not enough. Karlson said it would not cost the City of La Vista anything if the trip were cancelled. In the Fall, there may be overnight trips offered such as Mall of Americas and Denver for the Great American Beer Festival.

Stopak added that we are providing a convenience at zero risk to the City. It is a good promotion that doesn't cost anything.

Vice-Chairman Lodes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Forst. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. `