

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
March 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 March 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. Jeff Thornburg, Public Works also attended.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 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 made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Committee Member Forst. Motion carried.

Committee Member Forst made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2010 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Program Coordinator Eddie Burns reported that the Women's Volleyball was in their 4th week of league play of their 8-week season. Currently, we are having registrations for adult softball, youth soccer, softball, baseball and flag football. This year, the youth softball will be playing in a new league, the Rainbow League, which is comprised of area metro teams.

Vice-Chairperson Lodes asked what the time frame was for fields opening. Burns said that Public Works Supt. Brian Lukasiewicz said the fields would be open on Monday, April 5, weather permitting.

Program Director Richard Carstensen reported that in the month of March, the senior calendar was full. Already they have gone to the movies, had the La Vista Jr. High School singers entertain and had pizza with them. In addition, this month is a trip to the Joslyn Art Museum for wildlife photos and a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, which will be catered by Hy-Vee. The cake will be made by one of our own seniors, Helen Sinnett, and entertainment will be country singer Rich Uhl, the City of La Vista Fire Chief. So far in April, we have made plans to visit the Western Durham Heritage Museum and for lunch at Big Mama's Kitchen, which was recently featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives on the Food Network. A nutritionist from ENOA will also be visiting in the Center for a talk on healthy eating.

Vice-Chairperson Lodes made a suggestion of touring the historical Union Pacific Dispatch Center, and thought the seniors might like it.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported that the Kansas City Barbecue Judging class is 10 days away, and is filled with 72 people. There are several on a waiting list also. The La Vista Travel Club, in conjunction with Elite Tours, has trips planned to Pella Tulip Festival, Jamesport Missouri, and recently planned a tour to Denver for the Great American Beer Festival September 17-19, 2010. The fee of \$299 includes the bus trip, entrance to the beer festival, hotels and 2 meals.

Director Stopak reported that he and Joe Soucie, Public Works Director, attended the Lead Conference at the University of Virginia. The training was on management and leadership, and was a good conference. Also, in conjunction with the La Vista 50 celebration, the Recreation Dept. will be in charge of the Urban Scramble on July 10, and a Splash Bash at the pool on August 1. The La Vista Daze celebration will involve five events: Baby Photo contest (winners to be announced at the Mayor's Luncheon on Saturday, May 29; Chalk Art contest at the Community Center Saturday, May 29; La Vista Midwest Flyers will perform on Saturday, May 29 & Sunday, May 30; Motorcycle Show & Shine at Central Park on Saturday, May 29 after the parade; and a Talent Show on Sunday, May 30 at the Community Center.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Lodes commented he saw that La Vista Falls was open.

Stopak said that today, March 17, was the first day of the course being open.

Lodes also asked about the backstop on field #1 of the Sports Complex.

Jeff Thornburg, Public Works, said that the old backstop has been taken down, and the new one is ready to be put up.

Member Forst asked how we are moving forward with the pool. He has researched other city pools on-line.

- Central City, NE opened a new water park last year. It appears smaller than what La Vista was looking at, but does have some of the same amenities, but no lazy river. It was contracted out of Blair, NE, and the cost was 2.2 million.
- Falls City, NE has a similar pool, but smaller.
- Norfolk has three facilities (one is a wading pool).
- Columbus, NE has indoor and outdoor pools. The indoor is a lap pool & children's pool. The outdoor pool has many of the same amenities.
- Fremont, NE went through two or three bond issues before it passed.
- Hastings, NE has a very nice pool, more than what we were looking at, and is more regional than municipal. Their rates are also higher.

Forst asked if the City begins talks again, would we start over, or go back to Water's Edge and ask them to scale back to something like Central City's pool, and is the Advisory Board in position to give recommendations?

Stopak answered that is the decision for the aquatic committee to decide.

Lodes agreed that the pool committee should focus on deciding whether to stay with Water's Edge or to go elsewhere.

Stopak said there is a City Council strategic planning session in March, and the pool will be discussed.

Vice-Chairperson Lodes said the Vision 84 will also be meeting again.

Member Forst said he believes the two, Vision 84 and the pool, should go hand-in-hand, and to use Vision 84 to help promote the pool idea with the underground passageway, etc

Member Kupfer added that the Advisory Board is just spinning their wheels until they have been given the go-ahead.

Stopak said he would forward all of the information Board Member Forst provided to staff and the pool committee.

Stopak announced to the Advisory Board that Member George Forst is now a Special Services Bus driver for the City of La Vista.

Stopak also announced that Member Randy Cahill's term with the Advisory Board ended on December 31, 2009, which leaves two vacant spots on the Board. If anyone knew of residents of La Vista interested in filling the vacant spots, to have them contact the Recreation Dept.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.