

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
March 16, 2011

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 16, 2011. Present were Assistant Recreation Director David Karlson, Members Jeff Kupfer, George Forst and Shannon Wiig. Absent were Members Vice-Chairman Pat Lodes, Corey Jeffus and Recreation Director Scott Stopak.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on March 10, 2011. 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

Assistant Recreation Director Karlson called the meeting to order.

Seconded by Member Kupfer.

Assistant Director Karlson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant Director Karlson 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

Assistant Director Karlson made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

Member Forst made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2011 Advisory Board meeting. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director Karlson reported that the Kansas City Barbeque Judging class will be held on Saturday, March 26. Eighty-two students participated last year.

Karlson also reminded the Board that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 at the La Vista Sports Complex. This year, all four baseball/softball fields will be utilized for the different age groups.

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on activities from the Senior Center. In March, the Seniors hosted the Show Choir from La Vista Junior High, had a St. Patrick's celebration catered by Hy-Vee, and made a trip to the new restaurant Stadium Dawgs in La Vista. Later in the month, they will be taking a trip to Kearney to see the Arch and view the cranes. At the beginning of April, they will be going to Stella's Restaurant in Bellevue to try out their famous hamburgers!

Program Coordinator Eddie Burns reported the basketball clinic has wrapped up. Also, youth basketball will be ending soon. A tournament is currently going on with the 5/6 girls in the championship. Soccer Academy will begin the first week in April. Women's volleyball is on-going, and Adult softball will begin April 10.

B. PARK NAME SELECTION

A public hearing was held on naming Val Verde/Centennial Park and Children's Vista Memorial Park. Ralph Healy from Val Verde Homeowners Association, reported that the majority of residents in Val Verde would like the park to be named Val Verde instead of Centennial. It identifies where the park is, and Papillion also has a park on Centennial Road. Karlson said that Vice-Chairman Lodes expressed that he would like to go with Val Verde via e-mail. Kupfer, Wiig and Forst all voted to name the park Val Verde.

Kupfer, Wiig and Forst all voted to name the park Children's Memorial Park.

This will be forwarded on to City Council for final approval.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ben Kato, who is stationed at Offutt and lives in La Vista, stated that he has lived in four states while in the service. He wanted to compliment the City and the public works department for keeping the city looking good. He said this City is a well-greased machine, and he enjoys living in La Vista.

Rob George, Public Works, discussed the age of the park equipment at Triangle Park, and the difficulty in not being able to get parts for it.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Forst made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Kupfer. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.