

City of La Vista
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
January 21, 2015

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 January 21, 2015. Present was Recreation Director Scott Stopak, Asst. Recreation Director David Karlson, Program Coordinators Ryan South and Rich Carstensen, Golf Course Services Manager Denny Dinan; and from Public Works Rob George. Advisory Board Members presents were Chairperson Pat Lodes, Members Greg Johnson, Joe Juarez, and Jeff Kupfer. Absent was Member Corey Jeffus.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on January 14, 2015. 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

Director Stopak called the meeting to order.

Stopak led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Motion made by Member Kupfer. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Program Coordinator Rich Carstensen reported on Senior Center activities for the end of December and the first half of January. On December 31st, the seniors had their New Year's party with the band "The Jr's". The 2nd week of January, the seniors went to the movies, and to China Star buffet for lunch. On the 21st, the Links performed for them after lunch. On the 26th, Brenda Chappel presented the topic of being deaf and impaired to the seniors. Wednesday, January 28th, Officer Jamie Brown of the La Vista Police Dept. talked about fraud prevention.

February events include, the seniors will be having their annual Valentine's Day luncheon, attending the Shrine Circus and Joyce Torchia from Merry Makers will perform.

On January 14th, 16 children attended the Hot Wheels Races event.

Program Coordinator Ryan South reported on Youth and Adult sports.

Women's Volleyball concluded their fall season on January 7th. The winter season will begin on January 14th. We have 8 teams participating this winter.

Youth Basketball League is in full swing. Teams began practicing on December 15th and had their first games on January 10th. The regular season will conclude on February 28th with an end of season tournament beginning March 2nd.

Youth Basketball Clinic for grades 1st and 2nd began on January 10th. This is a parent participation clinic where the basic fundamentals of basketball are the focus. We have 27 boys & girls participating in the clinic this year. Rich Carstensen is one of 3 coaches helping out by coaching this year.

La Vista 4/5 Youth Soccer Academy & 6/7 League registration is now open. We will once again partner with the Phoenix Futbol Club to provide academy training to youths ages 4 & 5 and league games for ages 6 & 7.

3 Year Old Soccer Clinic registration is now open. Five, one-hour sessions, will be held on Saturday mornings at the La Vista Community Center beginning in April.

Spring Flag Football League registration is now open. The La Vista Flag Football teams will play in the Sarpy County Flag Football league again this spring.

Youth Softball for ages 7-18 registration is now open. All of our youth softball teams will once again play in the Rainbow Softball League.

Youth Baseball for ages 7-12 registration is now open. All of our youth baseball teams will play with Ralston Area Baseball Association in a cooperative league for all games.

Assistant Director David Karlson reported that they had 2-3 activities a week during December and the holiday season. The Holiday Wintertainment Series started off December 1st with the annual La Vista Tree Lighting Celebration. Over 1,300 people attended the ceremony which included caroling with the La Vista Jr. High choir before Santa arrived to light the tree in front of city hall. We then proceeded into the Community Center where children could visit Santa in his workshop and enjoy a soup supper with a variety of holiday entertainment. Wednesday December 3rd David Karlson and Jodi Norton had 22 kids and 12 parents join them at the Library to help celebrate "National Christmas Cookie Day". The celebration included holiday songs, story time and of course, Christmas cookie decorating! Saturday December 6th was the third Annual Sugar Cone Christmas Tree Family Craft. 46 kids and 22 parents helped make a forest of sugary trees.

Santa helped us out again this year with our Santa's Calling program. Santa was able to make over 68 calls to La Vista children to wish them a Merry Christmas and reminded them that he was checking his naughty and nice list!

26 preschoolers and 16 parents joined us in our Holiday Preschool Playtime Craft and Cookie Decorating Day on December 11th. Our 2nd annual Pancakes and Pajamas Storytime was held on December 16th in our very own Santa's Village. 30 preschoolers and 16 adults participated. The movie "Frozen" drew a crowd of 46 kids and 32 parents for our annual Afternoon Holiday Movie on December 22nd. Our 2015 Holiday Wintertainment series closed out on December 23rd with a Preschool Playtime Story Time and Gingerbread Man Puppet craft. 18 preschoolers and 12 adults participated.

La Vista's Annual Holiday Coat Drive brought in over 300 donated coats. In addition 28 new boys coats and 28 new girls coats were purchased with a \$1,000 grant from the La Vista Foundation. The coats were delivered to Heartland Services which helps people in need in Sarpy County.

December 2014 rounds = 122 (-44 rounds from December 2013)
December 2013 rounds = 166

Fiscal year 2014/15 rounds through December = 1,954 (+291 from fiscal year 13/14)
Fiscal year 2013/14 rounds = 1,663

For golfing purposes, December was a cold, cloudy, windy and wet month. We really didn't have much snow other than some light flurries, but we had 9 days of either drizzle or rain. We had 4 days where the temperature reached 50 degrees, and those days accounted for 91 of our 122 rounds.

We sold over \$200 worth of gift certificates as well as two Holiday Golf packages (One Birdie for \$60 and one Hole-in-1 for \$107). This was the first year we offered the Holiday Golf Packages.

I am currently researching new products to offer as concessions for 2015. New products may include:

- Additional beers or alcohols based off popular opinion
- Wine, wine coolers (drinks to cater to women)
- Keg beer
- The purchase of gas grill to offer burgers, dogs, brats, etc.

All golf leagues from 2014 are indicating they will return for 2015. A new mixed league is already being formed for Monday nights in 2015. League registration will begin in February.

Letters, flyers and 2 complimentary round passes will be sent to over 350 area business to advertise our course as well as offer our course for private leagues and outings for the 2015 season.

Director Stopak discussed the Comprehensive Plan with the Advisory Board. Chairperson Lodes is representing the Board, however the Board members will have input as members and also as citizens of La Vista.

Stopak also reminded the members of the Employee Recognition Dinner on Friday, February 13th.

Park Foreman Rob George discussed Champion Park being removed and the equipment at section 2 of Central Park being moved to Triangle Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Kupfer stated that the backs of the houses on Valley Road do not look very nice now that all the trees have been removed.

Chairperson Lodes asked if trees were going to be replaced. George stated that they are replanting trees all the time in the parks.

Director Stopak made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chairperson Lodes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.