

City of La Vista  
Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes  
August 16, 2017

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 August 16, 2017. Present was Director Scott Stopak, Assistant Director David Karlson, Program Coordinator Denny Dinan, Program Coordinator Ryan South, Park Superintendent Brian Lukasiewicz, Public Works Dept., and Advisory Board Members Greg Johnson, Gene Svensen, and Jeff Kupfer. Chairperson Pat Lodes was absent.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Papillion Times on August 9, 2017. 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 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

1. Director Stopak asked for a motion to approve the Minutes and Program Information from the July 19, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Member Johnson. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All Aye. Motion carried.

#### 2. REPORTS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Assistant Director Karlson reported on special programs, events and the Senior Center.

- Preschool Playtime met 9 times in July and had 108 preschoolers and 80 adults. The numbers are beginning to grow once again since school has started.
- Our second Outdoor Concert and Movie was on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. *Johnny Cash/John Denver Tribute Band* performed to a large crowd. Following the band, an even larger crowd of Star Wars fans came to watch the movie *Rogue One*.
- This month's Program Highlight is La Vista's Annual Summer Hydrant Party, which started about 5 years ago with squirt guns, a garden hose, and a dozen kids at Central Park. It has since grown into a large event with 20' diameter fountain sprayer, squirt guns, 3 sprinklers and water sponge relay races. The Fire Dept. also participates, and it is now held at the south end of the City Hall complex. Over the past 3 years the number of participants has grown to over 100+ people.
- Over 38 seniors celebrated Independence Day with us. We had a special indoor picnic potluck with hotdogs straight from the grill and a visit from Mayor Kindig.
- Merrymaker's performer Pamela Sue performed for a large crowd of over 30 seniors on Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> Pamela Sue is a multi-talented performer who is a former member of the WWII singing group, The Avi8ors, and the duo "Deja Blue" both of which performed shows across the country.

- On Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> 12 seniors went on our monthly movie outing to see the movie, *Gifted*.
- A new program this summer is our “A Walk in the Park”, which meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 9:30-10:30am. Weather permitting we take group walks in different La Vista parks. While walking, I give the seniors a little history lesson on the park and other parts of La Vista. They are enjoying it!

Denny Dinan, Recreation Dept. discussed youth and adult sports, and special events.

- Adult Summer Softball will finish the summer season on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to some rainouts, a couple of leagues have been extended. Adult Fall Softball registration deadline was August 5<sup>th</sup> but has been extended to allow more teams to register. The games are scheduled to begin on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Fall Co-ed Flag Football started on August 12<sup>th</sup> and will run for 8 weeks. We have 73 players this season and 8 teams (Kdg.-2<sup>nd</sup> has 2 teams, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade has 4 teams, and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade has 2 teams).
- Fall registration for 3-Year Old Soccer Clinic and 4/5 & 6/7 Year Old Soccer Academy and League is now open through August 19<sup>th</sup> and the season will begin in September.
- Youth Coed Volleyball registration began August 2 and will run through September 30 with the season starting in November. We will be partners with the BJSa again this year.
- Adult Women’s Volleyball registration runs from Aug 2 through September 16 or until leagues are full. Games will begin on September 27<sup>th</sup> and run 12 weeks through December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Football Skills Competition (formerly Punt/Pass/Kick) will be held at the La Vista Sports Complex on Sunday, September 24 at 1:00. The NFL is no longer offering the Punt, Pass & Kick competition, but along with the Sarpy County Tourism and the Papillion Optimist Club we have decided to keep it going. We will have girl’s and boy’s divisions in age groups from 6 – 15 years old, and because we are teaming up with the Optimist Club, the winners will be able to go to Wesleyan College for competition there. This is a free event for the kids.

Member Kupfer asked if Wesleyan was the highest they could go? Dinan said yes it was, and prior to this, they did not go anywhere, so this was an extra bonus for the competitors.

- The Youth Basketball League registration for boys and girls will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup> and run through November 25<sup>th</sup>. Games will begin in January.
- Registration for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Youth Coed Basketball Clinic will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup> and run through December 30<sup>th</sup>. The clinic will start on January 13<sup>th</sup> and run for five consecutive Saturdays.

Ryan South, Program Coordinator discussed past and upcoming special events.

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Taste of La Vista was held in Central Park on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Families came to hear and talk about the new Civic Centre Park, the Nebraska Multisports Complex and the 84<sup>th</sup> Street project. They were also able to watch a video shot by John Kottman, take pictures in the photo booth, and enjoy pizza from local restaurant’s-Valentino’s, Mama’s Pizza, Godfathers Pizza and Pizza West. Infusion Brewing, Nebraska Brewing and Lucky Bucket provided beer, while A&W provided root beer. approximately 500 people attended this year.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Urban Scramble Adventure Race was held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. This year we had 33 teams of 2 who wound their way through La Vista parks, the trail leading to Bellevue Twin Creek area, and Walnut Creek in Papillion. We are already working on next year’s race, and would like to make it more exciting and attract more teams to participate. This is a cooperative event with the City of Papillion as far as utilizing some of their facilities, but would like to see them get even more involved for next year.

- **Pump & Run and 5k** Edge Body Boot Camp and the City of La Vista will have their 2nd annual Edge Body Pump & Run and 5k on October 6 & 7. The Pump and Run is a combination of weight lifting and running. The weight lifting will be on Friday October 6, and the running portion will be on Saturday October 7. There is also just a 5k on Saturday for those who do not weight lift. The after-event will be at Infusion Brewing Tap Room at 118<sup>th</sup> & Giles. Registration for the event runs through October 1.

Brian Lukasiewicz, Parks Superintendent, updated the Board Members on current activities within the Public Works Parks Department.

- The pump came apart in the pool approximately a month ago. Luckily, we had parts for it and had it put together and up and running the same day.
- We will begin resurfacing Centennial Park in the Val Verde neighborhood, improve drainage, curb work and install playground tiles. Most will be done in-house, and the company for the playground tiles will come and train our dept. how to install the tiles. This should be a considerable cost-saver.
- The former golf clubhouse, which is now utilized for Santa and his workshop, will be getting a new roof. We are taking bids and are looking into getting a steel roof instead of shake as it had before, which will make it easier to decorate Santa's Village.
- We are also working on the Celebrate Trees grant for the Thompson Creek corridor. This is a grant for large trees, and also shrubbery for along the creek.
- Public Works is hosting a citywide employee picnic for Eclipse Day. All employees are invited, along with the Park & Recreation Board members. Glasses will be provided.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Johnson asked if the pool was still open? Stopak said that since school has started, the hours have changed to Friday from 4-8pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1-8pm. Labor Day will be the final day, with those hours being 1-8pm also.

Member Svensen motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Member Kupfer. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.