

LIVERMORE ARE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

DRAFT MINUTES

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 21, 2019
4:00 PM

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550-5053

West Wing Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Chair Pierpont, Director Wilson

Staff Present: Mat Fuzie (via phone), Bruce Aizawa, Michelle Newbould, Julie Dreher, Jeff Schneider, Sandra Kaya

Public Present: Richard Tarbell

1. Call to Order

Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consideration of Addition of Exercise Stations along the Arroyo Mocho Trail through Robertson Park

Richard Tarbell said he lives in back in the townhomes behind Robertson Park. He presented some pictures of exercise stations. Director Wilson said staff researched the possibility of getting updated exercise stations. Chair Pierpont said the topic was discussed for the Springtown Master Plan and it is definitely a topic that staff is well aware of.

General Manager Fuzie said the District takes ideas and evaluates the needs of the District, also factoring in what kinds of resources are available. He said that at this point, this topic would not be a high priority, but it may be considered in conjunction with other projects. Chair Pierpont said that that particular park has been at risk of flooding. Mr. Tarbell said that when you add the stations, the District would have to weigh the liability and it would be possible to phase in the exercise stations.

The Committee recommends that staff capture the idea.

4. Playground Surfacing Design Standards

Mr. Fuzie said that currently, we have no design standards. We have best practices, he said, and we rely heavily on consultants. Other agencies are moving toward design standards such as using poured in place surfacing for all playgrounds. He asked if we want to use professionals in the field to design what our needs are for individual parks or do we want design standards? Director Wilson said she hears that we need to remain flexible at our various sites, but she requested input from Mr. Fuzie and Parks and Facilities Manager Bruce Aizawa. GM Fuzie said that flexibility and exceptions are important, but design standards can be very useful and general, providing guidance. Chair Pierpont said he agrees with the need for flexibility and by not having a specific rule, we take on projects and are accountable.

Mr. Aizawa said poured in place is quite expensive and some playgrounds have both engineered wood fiber and poured in place; we don't want to not build a playground because we cannot afford the poured in place surfacing. Director Wilson said that a lot of master plans recently have both surfaces and it may be more practical, safe and less expensive.

Mr. Fuzie said that we do not have to create cookie-cutter playgrounds; we can still create guidelines that promote safe and affordable options, with quality standards in place. Mr. Aizawa said that engineered wood fiber has better fall attenuation than poured in place, but poured in place is more ADA accessible. Mr. Fuzie said we are comfortable with not having design standards because we believe we have a process that gets us the best results.

5. Sunset Park: Notice of Intent to Remove Trees

Mr. Fuzie said the trees were identified after the public comment and public notices, but he asked Mr. Aizawa if the trees were hazardous. In this case, the trees are hazardous because of the location of the playground so we have to notice this as part of the project. 30 days after we do the notice, we'll have authority under CEQA to remove the trees, Mr. Fuzie said. Mr. Aizawa said the cost for the tree removal will be \$5,000 to \$10,000.

6. CIP Mid-Year Budget Update

Administrative Services Manager Jeff Schneider said the focus has been on the active projects and developing a projection for this year and next year. There are a couple of priorities: to work through the adjustments of the budget and to confirm what we're communicating to the City. Mr. Schneider reviewed the proposed mid-year CIP budget for FY 18-19. Mr. Fuzie said that we are completing more projects and we are invoicing the City frequently.

Discussed the proposed list to submit to the City of Livermore's bi-annual CIP budget.

The Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the District's mid-year update to its FY 18-21 Capital Improvement Plan budget. The Committee also recommended that the Board of Directors approve the District's submission to the City of Livermore's two-year CIP budget for AB1600 fund use.

7. Current Projects Under Construction – Update

- a. Multi-park Playground Renovation
Ms. Newbould said that concrete work has begun at Pleasure Island. Jane Addams begins construction in June.
- b. RLCC Aquatics Center
Ms. Newbould said the final pour for cement was today, next month, the plaster will be poured.
- c. Ravenswood Porch
Ms. Newbould said that porch and deck repairs will begin this week.

8. Update on Trails

- a. Patterson Ranch
Ms. Newbould read an email from Chief Ranger Pat Sotelo. Mr. Fuzie said East Bay Regional Park District expressed concerns about hunters.
- b. T6
Mr. Fuzie said the City is working on this project and they told us we need to make sure we have funding available in AB1600. Director Wilson asked if this is a City project. Mr. Fuzie said the City is the lead on the planning portion and they would like LARPD to take the lead on the construction.

9. Matters Initiated

Director Wilson said that at the Sycamore Grove near Wetmore, the DWR release damaged the gravel. Director Wilson asked if we can file a claim. Mr. Aizawa said he will see if we can file a claim. Mr. Fuzie said it would be a Board of Control claim, though it will likely be denied.

Director Wilson said the City is working on a trail near Vineyard, crossing Vallecitos. She asked if LARPD could encourage the City to extend the trail into Sycamore Grove Park by writing a letter. She inquired as to why that portion of Sycamore Grove Park is closed? Mr. Fuzie said the Crohares and another landowner have an easement over the property which is why it may be closed. He will add it to his upcoming discussion with the City.

10. Adjournment

Chair Pierpont adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.