



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Faltings, Palajac, Pierpont, Wilson and Chair Furst
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Allie Ikeda, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, David Weisgerber, Linda Van Buskirk, Monica Streeter

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. All Directors were present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brent Siler addressed the Board regarding the possibility of adding solar lighting to LARPD dog parks. He cited safety concerns for folks who would like to fully utilize the parks in the evenings. Chair Furst stated he appreciates the comments and concern for safety in the parks, and reiterated that staff has been directed to place this item on the agenda at an upcoming Facilities Committee for discussion.

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUPERVISOR

The Board was introduced to new Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2019

4.2 General Manager's Monthly Report

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Wilson, approved the Consent Agenda, by the following voice vote:

AYES: *Directors Wilson, Palajac, Pierpont, Faltings, and Chair Furst*
NOES: *None*
ABSTENTIONS: *None*
ABSENT: *None*

ITEM NO. 4.2

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5.1 CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – BAY AREA NETWORK, SEAT B

Chair Furst stated that the Board would consider whether to nominate a fellow LARPD Director or the General Manager for election to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors-Bay Area Network, Seat B. He asked the Board if anyone would like to self-nominate or to nominate someone else.

There was no interest expressed in running for the CSDA Board seat. No Board action was taken.

5.2 ENDORSEMENT OF SENATE BILL 767, OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICULAR RECREATION: CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA: ALAMEDA-TESLA EXPANSION AREA

Chair Furst stated that the Board would consider a resolution endorsing Senate Bill 767, an act to add Section 5090.42 to the Public Resources Code, relating to parks and recreation.

GM Fuzie recused himself from any discussion on the item as he was the Deputy Director for Off Highway Vehicles when the predecessor to this bill was first introduced (SB 1316).

AGM Lord stated that a copy of Senate Bill 767 was included in the agenda packet, and opened up the item for discussion. Chair Furst stated that, based upon the scientific evidence, the LARPD Board of Directors has twice voted to oppose the expansion of the Carnegie Off Highway Vehicle Park into the Tesla Area. Last year, Senator Glazer and Assembly Member Baker drafted a bill to allow the state to sell the Tesla Area to an organization willing to preserve it as a regional park. LARPD voted unanimously to support that bill. The bill recently died in committee. State Senator Glazer and current Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan have re-written the bill as SB 767.

Director comments included: appreciation for the item being brought to the Board for a vote; support for the idea as an opportunity to add outdoor use, preservation, hiking, and enjoyment of the nature experience in our service area; support for the concept that if disposing of the land is in the public interest, any funds that would be derived from the disposition of the sale of the land will go specifically into the OHV trust fund; this bill will allow the State to sell if they have a willing buyer, and there is money to preserve it as a regional park.

Chair Furst asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Pierpont, adopted Resolution No. 2655, endorsing SB 767: Off-highway Vehicular Recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area, by the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | <i>Directors Wilson, Palajac, Pierpont, Faltings, and Chair Furst</i> |
| NOES: | <i>None</i> |
| ABSTENTIONS: | <i>None</i> |
| ABSENT: | <i>None</i> |

5.3 FY 2018-2021 MID-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) BUDGET

Chair Furst stated the Board would consider approving the proposed Mid-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget for fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2020-2021. GM Fuzie and ASM Schneider thanked the Board for their time spent reviewing this item and input during the Budget Workshop. ASM Schneider summarized the discussion at the Budget Workshop. Staff recommended the Board adopt a resolution to approve the revised FY 2018-2021 Mid-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget.

There were no Director comments or questions. Chair Furst asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Faltings, adopted Resolution No. 2656, approving the Mid-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget for fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2020-2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Pierpont, Faltings, Wilson, Palajac, and Chair Furst*
NOES: *None*
ABSTENTIONS: *None*
ABSENT: *None*

5.4 REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY MANUAL

Chair Furst stated the Board would discuss and consider approving revisions to the Board Policy Manual. A redlined version was presented to the Board for consideration.

Director comments included: Assumption that all previous Board questions had been captured in the draft document by staff and that legal counsel had vetted them.

Chair Furst asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, adopted Resolution No. 2657, approving the revisions to the Board Policy Manual, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Faltings, Pierpont, Palajac, Wilson, and Chair Furst*
NOES: *None*
ABSTENTIONS: *None*
ABSENT: *None*

5.5 CHANGE TO START TIME OF BOARD MEETINGS

Chair Furst stated the Board would discuss changing the start time of its Board meetings. GM Fuzie said the item has both positive and negative aspects for staff. Other like organizations, such as Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and the East Bay Regional Park District, both hold their meetings during the daytime, and those meetings are not televised. GM Fuzie stated that it has been his experience that the only thing that draws public participation is the content.

Director questions and comments included: What is the down side to staff for a time change; commute time involved; board meetings and related items such as television coverage and/or recording; days and times of scheduled board meetings; potential for an

earlier start time; potential for more staff attending Board meetings would increase if held during the work day hours; consideration of community members who commute from work out of town; concern for transparency; community participation in the political process at all levels; no consensus reached on the need to move either day or time of Board meetings.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY (No Action Required)

6.1 FY 2018-2019 MID-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

Chair Furst stated the Board would receive an update on the FY 2018-2019 Mid-Year Operating Budget. GM Fuzie reported that this item was covered in detail at the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop. Chair Furst asked staff to provide a general overview of the Mid-Year Operating Budget. ASM Schneider reported that the District revisits each account of the Operating Budget in detail at the mid-year point. He explained the line-item overview of the District's Revenue, Personnel Expense, Services and Supplies, and Net Operating Results, and stated it is a favorable view of the FY 18-19 operating results relative to what was originally budgeted. The District has a \$22M Operating Budget, and is managing toward a mid-year Operating Budget that reflects a surplus Net Operating result of \$560K.

Chair Furst asked if the public has easy access to these documents. ASM Schneider confirmed that these documents are posted on the District website with the agenda packets. GM Fuzie added that the financial documents were provided online and at the Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Director Faltings reported on the March 5, 2019 Finance Committee meeting.
- 2) Director Faltings reported on the March 12, 2019 Program Committee meeting. She stated the new LARPD Activity Guide will be available in approximately two weeks online and delivered by mail. Summer registration will begin on March 27th.
- 3) Director Wilson reported on the March 6, 2019 Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting. She also reiterated the General Manager's opening paragraph in his March 2019 Monthly Update to the Board of Directors on Issues and Projects to highlight the level of collaboration between LARPD staff and the City of Livermore and the School District (LVJUSD) staff, which is very positive, and was well-received by those in attendance at the LCAC meeting.
- 4) Chair Furst reported on the March 6, 2019 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- 1) Director Wilson received an email from a member of a grassroots parent group working with local and county agencies to educate and prevent our youth from vaping. She asked how LARPD might work in conjunction with the City and LVJUSD to support their efforts and this organization. She asked staff to refer this type of educational outreach to the Facilities Committee. GM Fuzie replied that we will bring to Facilities Committee what we know the other groups are doing and what LARPD is already doing. The District currently has a policy in place, and the topic is covered in the Rules & Regulations/Ordinance No. 8, but we do want to make sure the issue is covered completely.

- 2) In response to the public comment about solar lighting in the dog parks, Director Palajac asked if the District has a lighting policy in our parks and/or lighting standards? Will the District be converting to LED lights? If these need to be updated, she suggested this topic be brought up at a Facilities Committee meeting. GM Fuzie stated staff will do that.
- 3) Director Pierpont added to Director Wilson’s earlier point regarding parental anti-vaping campaigns. He suggested this may also be a potential item for the Program Committee as the District interfaces with youth, and there is a programming element in playing an active role in education, plus we want staff to be educated and aware of that.
- 4) Director Palajac added that preventing vaping by minors was discussed during the January 17, 2019 Intergovernmental Committee meeting, with the School District (LVJUSD) and the City. There is a group of high school students who are undertaking the education of their peers on this subject. They are going around to other entities and giving a presentation. They are scheduled to give a presentation before the City Council. She suggested that they present to LARPD as well. Chair Furst directed staff to ask the student group to come present at a future LARPD Board meeting.
- 5) Chair Furst announced that on Saturday, March 16, the Living Arroyos partnership will be planting willow trees along the Stanley Reach (near Isabel and Stanley) in Livermore between 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please register to volunteer on the Living Arroyos website.
www.LivingArroyos.org

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie updated the Board on a Capital Improvement Project - Both pools were filled today at the RLCC. More deck work and finishing work is scheduled to be done. A ribbon cutting ceremony will commence prior to the programming date of May 13, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

APPROVED,

David Furst
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Mathew Fuzie
General Manager and
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors