



Livermore Area
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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors **Palajac Faltings**, Pierpont, Wilson and Chair Furst
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Faltings
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Bruce Aizawa, Jeffrey Schneider,
Linda Van Buskirk, Monica Streeter

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

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All Directors were present except for Director Faltings. Chair Furst led the pledge.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Kremer, a Livermore resident, addressed the Board requesting additional seating and shade structures at Max Baer Park dog park area.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 LITTLE LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE WORLD SERIES

The Board received a presentation on the 2019 Little League Intermediate World Series (LLIWS) by volunteers Dave Wetmore and Bill Aboumrad. The LLIWS tournament will be returning to Livermore for its seventh year, and will be played from Sunday, July 28 – Sunday, August 4, 2019.

3.2 LARPD FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received an update on the LARPD Foundation by Foundation President Steve Goodman. He reported that the Foundation has recruited two new trustees, Dominique Martinez and David Wetherell. This year they **joined jointed** the National Association of Park Foundations, and have clarified additional policies and procedures. The Foundation provided funding to print the "Birds of Sycamore Grove Field Guide", and has also provided \$5K for the

Community Support Program. The focus on the future includes recruitment of new trustees, leverage/expand existing funding mechanisms such as the Giving Tree, community organizations, grants, fundraising, and to develop marketing materials.

3.3 PEST MANAGEMENT

The Board received a presentation on the District’s Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program by Parks and Facilities Manager Bruce Aizawa.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2019

Chair Furst stated the minutes of the regular board meeting of Aril 24, 2019 should be corrected to show the start time of 7:00 p.m., not 6:57 p.m.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda, with correction as noted, by the following voice vote:

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

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5.1 DISTRICT AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Chair Furst stated the Board would conduct a review of the Audit Report and consider acceptance. Administrative Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider gave a brief background on the completed District Audit for Fiscal Year 2017-18. He introduced David Becker, CPA and Partner with James Marta & Company LLP. Mr. Becker gave a presentation to the Board which provided an overview of the audit results. Discussion ensued and Mr. Becker responded to Board questions.

Director Pierpont moved to accept the FY2017-18 District Audit, seconded by Director Palajac. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Faltings absent.

5.2 RENEW SPECIAL TAX 97-1 AND SET THE NEW RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

Chair Furst stated the Board would consider approving a resolution to renew Special Tax 97-1 and set the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) rate at \$35.74 for FY2019-20.

ASM Schneider presented the staff report and requested that the Board recommend approval of a 2% increase, the maximum allowed by the related legislation, which amounts to approximately \$31,000 per year in revenue.

Chair Furst asked for public comment. No public comments were received.

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Wilson, adopted Resolution No. 2661, authorizing renewal of Special Tax 97-1 and setting the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) rate at \$35.74 for FY2019-20, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Pierpont, Wilson, Palajac and Chair Furst*
NOES: *None*
ABSTENTIO NS: *None*
ABSENT: *Director Faltings*

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Current Capital Improvement Projects – Update

GM Fuzie reported on progress made to the following projects:

- 1) May Nissen ESS bathroom. The kids now have their own dedicated restroom, which has been completed. It has been reported that this has helped with attendance because of the facility improvement.
- 2) Staff met with the city of Livermore yesterday. They are taking applications for \$600,000 in grants for trail improvements and repair within the city, and LARPD is going to be managing those projects. LARPD parks qualify for those funds. The city is projecting a decrease in development due to buildout of the city and a decrease in applications for development. Accordingly, AB1600 are projected to decrease. This was reflected in the audit.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Director Wilson reported on the reported on the May 1, 2019 Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting.
- 2) Director Wilson reported on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) legislative Days Conference held in Sacramento on May 21 and 22, 2019. She and Director Faltings met with Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.
- 3) Director Wilson reported on the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Annual Conference held in South Lake Tahoe from May 22 – 24, 2019. ~~She~~ **She** said there were a number of excellent sessions there.
- 4) Director Palajac reported on the April 25, 2019 Finance Committee meeting. The meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet. Several of the topics will be presented to the full board soon.
- 5) Director Palajac reported on the May 9, 2019 Personnel Committee meeting. The meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet.
- 6) Director Palajac reported on the May 1, 2019 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. The City presented its Draft Strategic Plan and they are soliciting the public's opinion on what they would like to see. There is a 5-question survey located on the city's website.
- 7) Director Palajac reported on the May 21, 2019 Livermore Downtown meeting.
- 8) Director Palajac reported on her attendance at the CARPD Annual Conference. She spoke on the very impactful session entitled "Leadership Lessons After Disaster." Directors who attended the CARPD Conference also enjoyed a field trip to LARPD's Camp Shelly to see the restroom improvements.
- 9) Director Palajac reported on the May 8, 2019 ribbon cutting ceremony at the LARPD Aquatic Center. She commended Rebecca Sermeno, Steve Sommers, Patrick Lucky and Brea Pires for their work resulting in a project completed on time and on budget.
- 10) Chair Furst reported on his attendance at the CARPD Annual Conference, and as a board member for the CARPD Board. He stated that parks and park districts played an essential role in the disasters discussed at the conference. He talked about the importance of reviewing disaster preparedness plans. He also attended a session on assessing capital markets for capital improvements which discussed general obligation bonds. He suggested that several of

the District's projects should be pairing with the LVJUSD and would like this item to be placed on a committee agenda soon.

- 11) Director Pierpont reported on his attendance at the California Trails and Greenways Conference held in Alpine from April 23-25, 2019. Also attending was GM Fuzie.
- 12) Director Pierpont reported on the May 15, 2019 Facilities Committee meeting.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- 1) Director Wilson announced that the Livermore Cultural Arts Council participated with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center on a detailed study of the economic impact of the arts on local businesses. **She presented a copy of the study to GM Fuzie.**
- 2) Director Pierpont praised LARPD staff for their contributions to the Community Service Day held on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- 1) GM Fuzie met with the Crohares on May 16, 2019 regarding common boundaries and concerns, fire hazard due to trees, and grazing of open space as a control strategy.
- 2) GM Fuzie met with Jim Schmidt, President of the Livermore Valley Opera on May 16, 2019 regarding storage issues and alternatives for storage in the future.
- 3) GM Fuzie has been working with the city and school district regarding a joint effort on the homeless issue. The District will want to explore the ideas in more depth along with board participation at the next Intergovernmental Liaison Committee meeting, scheduled for June 13, 2019.
- 4) GM Fuzie reported on his attendance at the CAPRI Board meeting prior to the CARPD Annual Conference. He commended Ranger Eric for all the work accomplished at Camp Shelly.
- 5) Next month will be busy with the budget workshop and approvals.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Furst adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED,

David Furst
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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