



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
*An independent special district*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**DRAFT NOTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**Bothwell Park  
2466 Eighth Street, Livermore**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Directors Faltings, Palajac, Pierpont, Wilson and Chair Furst  
**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None  
**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Aizawa, Kelsey Ducker, Stacey Kenison, Patricia Lord, Robin Rasmussen, Jeffrey Schneider, Linda VanBuskirk,

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. All Directors were present and introduced themselves to the public in attendance.

**1. Update on Current LARPD Projects:**

Assistant General Manager Patricia Lord gave updates on various projects including the RLCC Aquatic Center, May Nissen Park, Big Trees Park, Pleasure Island Park, Jane Adams Preschool, and Sunset Park. Park and Facilities Manager, Bruce Aizawa also reported on upcoming improvements at the rodeo grounds, The Barn improvements, and various shade structures at other parks.

**2. Comments and Suggestions Regarding Bothwell Park:**

Chair Furst asked the public "How can our parks serve you better? Comments received included the following:

- a) Need more restrooms in the parks.
- b) We appreciate the shade structures.
- c) LARPD is awesome!
- d) Who manages the garbage bins? The bins are often left out, blocking entrance to the Bothwell Center.
  - Discuss garbage bin maintenance with LVPAC, and Anne Giancola.

**3. Questions for Police Officer(s):**

Lieutenant John Reynolds and Officer Kurt Cofer were in attendance and responded to questions from the public including the following:

- a) The park is a great place for the kids and families during the daytime, but often neighbors have safety concerns at night due to suspicious behavior by people loitering after park closure.
- b) Safety issues were discussed regarding motorized vehicles such as golf carts, scooters, and electric bikes on trails.
- c) What are options when we see people living in their cars on the street?
  - LARPD's Ordinance No. 8 Rules & Regulations addresses these issues and more.
  - If the public witnesses an activity that is clearly unlawful, or even if they are unsure if it is unlawful, but it is concerning the neighbors, please feel free to contact Livermore Police Dispatch to report the incident. Be prepared to give your location and the type of emergency you are reporting. To report a non-emergency incident with the Livermore Police Department, call (925) 371-4987. For more information, please visit the Livermore Police Department website at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/police/default.htm>
  - The officers stated that the website has information listed as to what to expect when you call Dispatch. There is also an option to receive follow-up information. Let Dispatch know you'd like to receive this.
  - LARPD to talk with Dispatch to find out what they need/want regarding a map of LARPD parks and trails.
  - LARPD Board members and many staff members are also Livermore residents and are equally concerned with safety issues. The public should feel free to contact LARPD with any questions and/or concerns.
  - The group discussed programs such as Neighborhood Watch and Park Watch.

#### 4. Questions for Staff and Board of Directors:

Staff responded to questions from the public concerning the following:

- a) Where will future shade structures be installed and how is it determined which parks get precedence?
- b) Is there an update on the Springtown Plan?
- c) Keeping motorized vehicles off of the trails.
- d) The poured-in-place playground at Bothwell can get very hot, as compared to the sand area.
- e) Parents/kids would love to see a water feature at Bothwell Park.
- f) It was suggested that the sprinklers could be turned on during the daytime, and announced via LARPD's social media accounts, to give the kids an opportunity to play in the water.
  - Directors and Staff encouraged the public to "like" LARPD on its Facebook and Instagram accounts.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.