



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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

Pleasure Island Park  
280 Pearl Drive, Livermore

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Faltings, Palajac, Pierpont, Wilson and Chair Furst

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Aizawa, Joseph Benjamin, Patricia Lord, Linda VanBuskirk

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 welcomed the public and gave a brief history of Pleasure Island Park (originally called "Tire Park". Its current name came from a contest conducted among Sonoma Elementary School students.) She delivered an update on various District projects, including May Nissen Park, Big Trees Park, Jane Adams Preschool, Sunset Park, the Sycamore Grove Park trail loop extension and shade structures throughout the District.

### 2. Comments and Suggestions Regarding Pleasure Island Park:

AGM Lord introduced Bruce Aizawa, Parks and Facilities Manager, who discussed the new playground upgrades and construction issues.

Chair Furst opened up questions from the public regarding Pleasure Island Park. Approximately ten members of the public attended the meeting. Comments received included the following:

- a) How often will the new ground materials need to be replaced? [*Annually.*]
- b) Is it possible to get a dog park here at Pleasure Island Park? [*The group discussed LARPD's seven dog parks, including the closest one at Max Baer Park.*]
  - Chair Furst stated the District can look into this when we go over the budget.
- c) Will Max Baer Park be enlarged?
- d) We love the LARPD parks! Thank you for all your work!
- e) The park design here is awesome! Thank you. Suggested it would be nice to get fitness stations (fit trail or a par course) around the park's path.
- f) Wondering about lighting. Are solar lights an option? Teenagers tend to hang out at the park at night and make a lot of noise.

- g) What is the closing time of the park? [*Officially closes at 10:00 p.m. See LARPD Ordinance No. 89 Rules & Regulations Section 301(a)*]
- h) Ms. Dorothy Tebbetts suggested it would be very helpful to have signage added near the adaptive swing equipment, so that children who are non-verbal with physical and/or developmental disabilities can have a turn as well. She showed staff pictures of various signs and communication boards to enhance inclusion on the playground.
  - Mr. Aizawa will look into appropriate signage.
  - It was suggested that Chad Kennedy from O'Dell Engineering be invited to an upcoming LARPD Board meeting to give a presentation.

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

Lieutenant John Reynolds and Officers Stephanie Morris and Mike Brunicardi of the City of Livermore Police Department were in attendance and responded to questions from the public, including the following:

- a) Benches: The benches have already been moved back to a location near the playground and front of the park. The public expressed concern that teenagers tend to bring bottles and drink. Lieutenant Reynolds advised the public that they should call the Police Dispatch line whenever an issue arises and tell them where the activity is going on. That is very helpful to the PD because it brings attention to the matter. Usually, just seeing the police drive by tends to disperse any loitering activity.
- b) The neighbors expressed gratitude that LARPD had trimmed the tree line so that neighbors may have a good sight line to the playground and surrounding areas from the backyard fence. Please keep the trees trimmed high to maintain the sight lines.
- c) Graffiti: How do we report graffiti in the parks? [*Both the Livermore Police Department and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District websites have a Maintenance Request Form for reporting graffiti.*]
- d) Need a cross-walk in the area. Neighbors reported that it can be dangerous for kids when crossing the street in the area. Traffic needs to be better controlled.
- e) Who owns the fences along the back of the homes that border the park? [*LARPD stated the homeowners do. Lieutenant Reynolds suggested that people come in to the City Planning Department where they can look at the property line and clarify ownership.*]

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

Staff responded to questions from the public concerning the following:

- a) What are some of LARPD's upcoming projects for the year? [*The group discussed the installation of the Edward C. Campbell Bridge at Sycamore Grove Park; May Nissen pool heaters; shade structures in parks and playgrounds; the Kayuga study which lists the District's assets and their replacements costs by year.*]
- b) AGM Lord announced that Dogtoberfest will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- c) AGM Lord encouraged the public to pick up a Fall Activity Guide on the table before they leave.
- d) The group thanked the Livermore Police Department for coming out to meet the public and respond to questions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED,

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David Furst  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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