



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020

2:00 P.M.

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA
And Via Zoom Webinar

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Faltings

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Jeffrey Schneider, Allie Ikeda, Bruce Aizawa, Jill Kirk, Stacey Kenison, Megan Shannon, Robert Sanchez, Linda VanBuskirk, Rod Attebery, Monica Streeter

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:

Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Faltings.

2. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND RESOLUTION OF THE LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT TO TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE INCREASED AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL MANGER:

Due to the COVID-19 situation moving very quickly, the Board met to consider declaring the existence of a Local Emergency in Livermore and approving a resolution to temporarily authorize an increased authority of the General Manager.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Wilson, adopted Resolution No. 2685, declaring the existence of a Local Emergency in Livermore and temporarily authorizing increased authority of the General Manager, by the following roll call vote:

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

3. HAZARD PAY FOR EMPLOYEES MANDATED TO WORK:

GM Fuzie stated the District does not yet have a process or policy that has been vetted clearly with the Board regarding hazard pay for employees mandated to work during the COVID-19 Local Emergency.

Directors and staff discussed the distinction between employees performing their normal tasks v. those related to COVID-19; working from home v. being called in to the RLCC in case the COVID-19 situation worsens locally and the facility is designated as a shelter or ward; ESS may be required to open for care of children of health care workers. The District is preparing in case an EOC request comes in for this service. The District has been providing the senior lunch program on a to-go basis, and keeping parks open and sanitary. Directors asked for staff to research and provide further information re:

- What are other special districts and cities doing?
- Delineation between union and non-union employees
- Opening status of our parks and where are things going with social distancing and failure to comply. (EBRPD closed many parks due to people congregating too closely.)

Directors and staff further discussed the need for a special meeting on District finances as a result of the economic impact of COVID-19 to discuss legislation from congress, long-term planning and current projects.

There was no public comment.

4. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND EMPLOYEES:

GM Fuzie presented a draft letter written to Congressional leaders to request further clarity on the Coronavirus Relief Fund to ensure it applies to special districts. Chair Palajac added that special districts were not included in prior versions. This sample letter has been recommended by the California Special Districts Association, and requests additional prospective federal aid packages or supplemental appropriations measures to address the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic include special districts. It includes detailed requests to treat state and local employers (including those exempt from 26 USC 3111) on par with private employers by allowing them to qualify for the COVID-19 payroll credits for the new requirements for paid sick leave and paid family leave and for restoration of advance refunding of tax-exempt bonds and increased access to capital for small borrowers.

There was no public comment.

Directors unanimously supported the inclusion of special districts in future legislation regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund and directed the General Manager to sign the letter as presented and send it in.

5. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

GM Fuzie reported that the CARPD Board of Directors has two seats opening up. Director Furst has been on the CARPD Board for quite some time. CARPD bylaws permit member districts to have up to two representatives on its Board; hence, the LARPD Board of Directors has the opportunity to nominate a fellow Director or administrator for election to the CARPD Board for the May 2020-May 2022 term.

Director Furst expressed an interest in being on the CARPD Board again.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Pierpont, adopted Resolution No. 2686, nominating Director Furst for election to the CARPD Board of Directors Director at Large Seat for the May 2020-May 2022 term, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

APPROVED,

Jan Palajac
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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