

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

2:00 PM

via Zoom webinar

Committee Members Present: David Furst, Beth Wilson

Staff Present: Mat Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, Fred Haldeman, Joseph Benjamin, Nancy Blair, Stacey Kenison, Patrick Lucky, Megan O'Connor, Linda VanBuskirk, David Weisgerber, Vicki Wiedenfeld

Members of the Public Present: None

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**3. Marketing and Special Events Response to Public Health Orders**

**a. Website COVID-19 News and Updates**

**b. Stay & Play Virtual Recreation**

**c. Social Media Platforms: Facebook and Instagram**

**d. You Tube**

Marketing and Public Information Officer Stacey Kenison reported on efforts taken to improve communication within the District internally and externally by development of new web pages, social media channels, special events, and signage to help the community and staff to stay informed during the COVID-19 pandemic. She shared various newly-created LARPD web pages with the Committee along with videos created by staff. She then introduced Communications Specialist Megan O'Connor who reported on virtual events and social media channels.

The Committee had the following questions/comments: Can the District get metrics showing how many people actually utilize these programs? Are the marketing materials posted in the public also provided in Spanish? Do we know

of other ethnic groups that speak a language other than English or Spanish that we may concern providing translation of materials for?

This was information only and no recommendations and no action was taken.

#### **4. Recreation Department Highlights in Response to COVID-19**

- a. Aquatics**
- b. Youth and Adult Sports**
- c. Camps and Classes**
- d. Facility Rentals**

Recreation Supervisor Vicki Wiedenfeld gave a report regarding activities taking place in Youth and Adult Sports including virtual summer camps.

Recreation Supervisor Patrick Lucky gave a report regarding Aquatic camp and creation of a YouTube for the LARPD channel.

Recreation Supervisor Joseph Benjamin gave a report regarding Facility Rentals planning and refunding efforts. The Facilities team has also been working to keep the facilities clean and support the senior programs and homeless lunch program.

The Committee had the following questions/comments: How many children of essential workers is LARPD anticipating for these programs? How are senior exercise programs coming along?

This was information only and no recommendations and no action was taken.

#### **5. Essential Child Care Services**

Youth Services Supervisor Nancy Blair gave a report on the essential child care program. There are currently approximately four classrooms with a total of 36 students open now; with plans to open up 16 classrooms on June 8, 2020.

This was information only and no recommendations and no action was taken.

#### **6. Community Outreach, Senior Services, and Volunteers**

Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber gave a report regarding regional efforts and collaboration between LARPD, the tri-valley cities and local non-profits such as Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven to assist the at-risk population of seniors and homeless with the lunch program, food service and grocery delivery. His team has also been creating YouTube videos, virtual recreation activities, and Zoom meetings to maintain socialization for the senior community. The volunteer program is currently on hold due to COVID-19. Mr. Weisgerber also gave a brief report on the Safe Parking Program.

This was information only and no recommendations and no action was taken.

## 7. Matters Initiated

- a. GM Fuzie reported that Open Space intends to open up camps in July. These will be Ranger-led with smaller ratios to comply with all Health Officer restrictions. Open Space has been tremendously impacted with 4x normal visitation. Both revenues and incidents are up during this time.
- b. Acting Parks and Facilities Manager Fred Haldeman announced that the popular goat program began this week with people lining up to watch the goats. This program is going very well. He also reported that the Living Arroyos program is favorable.
- c. Director Wilson asked if staff could look at the possibility of posting playground signs in a language other than English that will make people feel comfortable and like they belong.
- d. Committee Chair Furst asked about plans for moving to Stage 3 if/when the Health Officer says we may begin opening pools and other activities. How soon can LARPD be ready to go? [*Pools may be ramped up in approximately 1.5 weeks.*] GM Fuzie stated staff is already working in advance of this on fields, pools and other gatherings.
- e. Mr. Haldeman reported on maintenance issues pertaining to delamination at the May Nissen pools. GM Fuzie added that, from a CIP standpoint, LARPD will need to prioritize this facility as it is coming to the end of its useful life.
  - The Committee requested that a discussion on the May Nissen Aquatics Facility be added to the Facility Committee agenda.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.