



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
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**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

2:00 P.M.

NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, members of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public also participated in this meeting electronically.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mat Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Alexandra Ikeda, Fred Haldeman, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, David Weisgerber, Joseph Benjamin, Julie Dreher, Jessie Masingale, Linda VanBuskirk, Megan O'Connor, Megan Shannon, Michelle Newbould, Nancy Blair, Natalie Kaaiawahia, Patrick Lucky, Robert Sanchez, Sandra Kaya, Stacey Kenison, Vicki Wiedenfeld, Rod Attebery

OTHERS PRESENT: Stacey Swanson

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

Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. All Directors were present, via Zoom. Chair Palajac led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT ITEMS (Motion)

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2020
- 3.2 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board – September 2020

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Pierpont, approved the Consent Agenda, by the following roll call vote:

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

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4.1 ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUNSET PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT AS COMPLETE

General Manager Mat Fuzie introduced the item, stating that this is an unusual time in that the District is approving a project completed satisfactorily per the contract, but LARPD is not yet able to open it up to the public per the Alameda County Health Order regulations. As a show of good faith to the public, LARPD will remove the fences, but must post it as closed. Administrative Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider reported that the budget was \$1.2M, and the project was completed \$75,478 under budget for an Actual Total Project Spend of \$1,124,522.

Staff recommended the Board adopt a resolution accepting the Sunset Park Playground Project as complete and authorizing the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion with Alameda County.

Board member comments/questions included: Glad to see the project was completed under budget; Chair Palajac and Administrative Assistant Michelle Newbould offered to send a photo of the playground to the Board members; weighing risks associated with people climbing fences and getting injured v. removing fence and having onus on public to remain out of a closed facility in compliance with the Health Order regulations; concern over rampant use of playgrounds and dog parks in disregard of posted signs of closures; the fence installed around the old oak tree looks nice; interpretive signage will be installed soon, safety signage is in place; excited to see the official opening when that will be able to happen.

Chair Palajac opened public comment. No public comments were received. Public comment was closed.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Faltings, adopted Resolution No. 2701, accepting the Sunset Park Playground, LARPD Project No. 719, as complete, and authorizing the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion with Alameda County, by the following roll call vote:

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

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)

5.1 ONLINE ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Board received a presentation on LARPD's virtual Activity Guide by Marketing and Public Information Officer Stacey Kenison and Communications Specialist Megan O'Connor.

5.2 ROLE OF DISTRICT IN EOC AND SERVICES

The Board received a report by GM Fuzie on the District's role as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The report highlighted GM Fuzie's membership in the virtual EOC in partnership with the City of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD); how the District may provide critical community services and resources during emergency situations (i.e. COVID-19 pandemic, navigating Health Order compliance as it changes, open space fires, social justice protests, heat waves, and unhealthy Bay Area air quality); and reimbursement of resulting expenses. GM Fuzie praised LARPD staff for their innovation in responding to the needs of the community during this time.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Director Wilson reported her attendance on August 27, 2020 at the virtual State of the County Address by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.
- b) Director Wilson reported her attendance on September 4, 2020 at the Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting.
- c) Director Pierpont reported his attendance on August 17, 2020 at the Finance Committee meeting.
- d) Director Pierpont reported his attendance on August 20, 2020 at the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting between LARPD, the City of Livermore, and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.
- e) Director Furst reported his attendance on September 3, 2020 at the Facilities Committee meeting.
- f) Director Furst reported his attendance on August 14 and September 2, 2020 at the Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meetings.
- g) Director Furst reported his attendance on August 27, 2020 at the virtual State of the County Address by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.
- h) Director Faltings reported her attendance on August 17, 2020 at the Finance Committee meeting.
- i) Chair Palajac reported her attendance on September 3, 2020 at the Facilities Committee meeting.
- j) Chair Palajac reported her attendance on August 20, 2020 at the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting between LARPD, the City of Livermore, and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.
- k) Chair Palajac reported her attendance along with Director Pierpont at the Ad Hoc Budget Committee meetings. These were held in August on the 17th, 24th, and 31st.
- l) Chair Palajac reported her attendance on August 18, 2020 at the Livermore Downtown, Inc. meeting.
- m) Chair Palajac reported her attendance on August 27, 2020 at the virtual State of the County Address by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

7. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- a) Director Furst mentioned that there is a safety issue on the connector trail from the Edward R. Campbell Bridge going in the direction of the Arroyo Road staging area for Del Valle. He pointed out that as the trail crosses the blacktop road that proceeds up to a private residence, the angle of the blacktop road is very steep, and is difficult and dangerous for horses to get across. Their hooves slip on it. The equestrians have been asking for several years to have that trail re-aligned. Although the cattle grate has been removed and a DG portion has been installed there, LARPD has yet to modify the trail so that the equestrians may utilize the crossing at the DG portion. Director Furst suggested that Staff prioritize resolving this issue by realigning the trail in the near future.
- b) Director Faltings thanked Administrative Assistant Michelle Newbould for facilitating her information technology setup, making her participation here possible today.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) The California Association for Park and Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI) is calling for nominations for board members. GM Fuzie intends to throw his hat into the election to continue on the CAPRI Board.
- b) GM Fuzie introduced Recreation Department Manager Alexandra Ikeda who announced that LARPD has received clearance from the Alameda County Health Officer to open the Aquatics facility and offer lap swim. She thanked Recreation Supervisor Patrick Lucky for continuing to advocate for the positive benefits that lap swim brings to the community. This program will begin on Monday, as a monthly class option. Pre-registration is required. Ms. Ikeda reported that this program is so popular that all 78 spots for the month were filled within two hours of opening.
- c) Ms. Ikeda announced that LARPD is now able to offer the gymnasium as a rental option for indoor camps. Organizations must submit their safety and site plans prior to renting the space.
- d) Ms. Ikeda announced that LARPD is now able to open outdoor basketball and volleyball courts as long as members within the same household play on them. These are also available for childcare and camps.
- e) Youth Services Supervisor Nancy Blair announced that the new Health Order will allow 14 students in classrooms at this point.
- f) Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber announced that LARPD offers virtual and outdoor fitness along with other social activities for up to 12 seniors at a time.
- g) GM Fuzie announced that LARPD currently has six “minimonies” (a small ceremony with up to 25 people) scheduled at Ravenswood, and the 50 in 50 Fitness Challenge has been very popular.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

APPROVED,

Jan Palajac
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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