



LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Palajac, Pierpont, Wilson and Chair Faltings
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Furst
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Barry, Rod Attebery, Bruce Aizawa, Patricia Lord,
Jeffrey Schneider, Linda VanBuskirk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Chair Faltings called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Furst.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Chair Faltings opened public comment. No public comment. Closed public comment.
 3. **CONSENT AGENDA (Motion)**
 - 3.1 **BOARD MINUTES**
 - 3.1.1 Regular Meeting of April 25, 2018.

Director Palajac requested that the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Board meeting be pulled. She requested a correction on page 2 item 6.1 which states, “. . . it was suggested that the approach to include the projects in the Capital Improvement Plan Budget be modified and redirected to within the Operating Budget instead.” She stated the Board did not direct staff to use the Operating Budget. She pointed out that according to the minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting at item 9.3, what the Board asked was, “The Board directed Staff to bring a revised report to the Board at its next meeting to clarify specific design and cost information.” General Manager Barry explained that the context was that staff was saying “we think we can do this within the Operating Budget.” The minutes of April 25, 2018 will be corrected to reflect that.
 - 3.2 **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 3.2.1 General Manager’s Monthly Report (#71/10)

In regard to item 3.2 Communications, Director Palajac thanked GM Barry for the General Manager's Report which states that as a result of Director Palajac's Matters Initiated at the April 25th Board meeting, Staff will post signs at park restroom buildings to indicate hours of operation and a phone number to call in case a maintenance issue arises.

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda, as amended, by the following voice vote:

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Resolution No. 2620, deleting certain fixed asset capital equipment from District inventory.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Palajac, adopted Resolution No. 2620, deleting certain fixed asset capital equipment from District inventory, by the following roll call vote:

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

5. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 SUNSET PARK PLAYGROUND

Chair Faltings stated that the Board will receive a report from staff on new developments with this project impacting the cost and design. The Board will provide further direction on the project. (Information and direction.)

Director Palajac recused herself from discussion on item 6.1, stating that she lives within 500 feet of Sunset Park. She left the dais at 7:08 p.m.

Assistant General Manager Patricia Lord provided a detailed background on the Sunset Park Playground project as outlined in the staff report. In April, 2018 cost estimates for Phase 1 improvements came in almost \$400,000 higher than originally cited. With this, Staff's view is that the project costs are now exceeding the value of the project in return for the investment. Additionally, neighbors have expressed safety concerns with the placement of play equipment along the arroyo. As a result, two options were developed by Staff and presented to the Finance Committee on April 26, 2018, and the Facilities Committee on May 1, 2018 for review and recommendation.

- Option 1) Increase the budget by \$394,402 in order to implement work with the original Plans and Specifications as approved at the January 31, 2018 Board of Director's Meeting. Based on O'Dell Engineering's estimation of probable construction costs, Phase I costs were estimated at \$612,406. The cost estimates for Phase I improvements are now \$394,402 higher than originally cited;
- Option 2) Discontinue the current work on Phase I and II and authorize the General Manger to develop a new design with community input and cost estimate.

Staff and Facilities/Finance Committees recommend that the Board direct Staff to implement Option #2 to discontinue current work on Phase I and II and authorize the General Manager to develop a new design and cost estimate for park improvements.

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

Director questions/comments/discussion: Consensus at the committee level was that this project got off on the wrong path. The best and most cost efficient approach will be to start over and go through the usual process when replacing a playground. Now that the tree has been stabilized, go through the routine process of getting plans, work with neighbors, and go from there.

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Wilson, the Board directed Staff to abandon the current plans for Sunset Park Playground and to start the project anew, by the following voice vote:

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

Director Palajac returned to the dais at 7:19 p.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 CAMP SHELLY RESTROOM BUILDING PROJECT

Chair Faltings stated that the Board will receive a report on the status of the Camp Shelly Restroom Building Project and consider a resolution increasing the budget for this project by \$165,000. (Resolution)

Parks and Facilities Manager Bruce Aizawa reported on plans to improve the Camp Shelly Restroom Facility to meet ADA compliance requirements.

Chair Faltings opened public comment. No public comments were received. Public comment closed.

Director comments/questions/discussion included: this was vetted at the Facilities Committee meeting on May 1, 2018; the \$165,000 increase talked about today is not a cost increase, but was simply not added to the initial amount approved by the Board. All features were previously discussed, but the number somehow was not included, so this is a correction of the cost of items previously

discussed. Support of the project was expressed by several directors. ADA compliance is absolutely essential. Romtec has performed work for LARPD previously, to the District's satisfaction.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Palajac, approved Resolution No. 2621, approving an increase to the budget for this project by \$165,000, by the following roll call vote:

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

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Director Wilson reported on the May 2nd Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting where she filled in for Director Furst.
- 2) Director Wilson also reported on the May 2nd Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting. AGM Lord was there to present a program based on the Community Benefits of Parks.
- 3) Director Palajac reported on the April 26th Finance Committee meeting where the Operating and Capital Budgets were discussed in addition to Sunset Park.
- 4) Director Pierpont reported on the April 26th Program Committee meeting where the 100th Anniversary of the Livermore Rodeo and LARPD's Open Space Programs were discussed.
- 5) Chair Faltings reported on the May 1st Facilities Committee meeting where topics of discussion included the Sunset Park Playground, Camp Shelly Restroom Building Project plus registration procedures, ESS building upgrades, and Capital Equipment and CIP Definitions.
- 6) Chair Faltings reported on the May 9th Alameda County Chapter CSDA meeting which discussed legislative issues affecting California, especially Proposition 68 regarding Park and Recreation Districts.

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- 1) Director Wilson said that at the 2017 CSDA Annual Conference in Monterey, she had attended a session on Gender Identity in the Workplace. Shortly thereafter, she suggested that Staff post a sign indicating there is an All Gender restroom near the gym in LARPD's recreation building.
- 2) Chair Faltings reported that during the May 9th ACSDA meeting, there was an interesting presentation on a contest they are having where high school and college students produce videos about their local special district of choice and why it's important to their community. She encouraged staff to create a video highlighting LARPD.

10. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barry made the following announcements:

- 1) Senior Services staff are organizing a Scottish Highland Fling Social coming up on May 16th to include food, music, games, trivia and door prizes.
- 2) Back by popular demand is the Mommy & Son Dance on Friday, May 11th from 7-9 p.m.
- 3) LARPD is still hiring for summer positions which include Lifeguards, Facility Attendants, Recreational Leaders, Office Assistants, Teachers and Sports Field Attendants. Anyone interested may apply online at www.larpd.org.

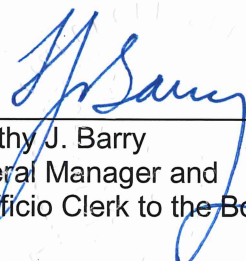
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED,


Maryalice Summers Faltings
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Timothy J. Barry
General Manager and
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors