



LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.

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

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

Chair Faltings called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. All Directors were present except for Directors Furst and Wilson.

Chair Faltings announced that Item 9.1 Update on Facility Maintenance Exchange with City of Livermore would be pulled from the March 28, 2018 Agenda as the information was not yet fully ready for discussion.

2. RECOGNITION

2.1 RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL MANAGER GRETCHEN SOMMERS

Chair Faltings presented the Resolution of Commendation to Assistant to the General Manager, Gretchen Sommers, who was present. She will be retiring from the District on April 1, 2018. The Board thanked Ms. Sommers for her excellent service during her tenure at LARPD.

Moved by Chair Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, adopted Resolution No. 2613, commending Gretchen Sommers, on the occasion of her retirement from the District, by the following roll call vote:

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

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN SPECIAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

The Board received a presentation on the Special District Leadership Foundation's "Recognition in Special District Governance" program by Colleen Haley of SDLF. SDLF provided copies of a handout entitled "SDLF District of Distinction Accreditation – Level Progression". Director Jan Palajac was then honored with a Certificate of Recognition in Special District Governance for demonstrating her completion of the Special District Leadership Academy and 10 hours of continuing education.

3.2 LARPD FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received a presentation on the LARPD Annual Report. General Manager Tim Barry introduced Greg Davis, Vice President of the LARPD Foundation, who provided the report and presentation on the FY 2017 Annual Report of the LARPD Foundation, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 which highlighted its mission, contributions, and accomplishments through donations; the Community Support Program; grant recipients by age, and a financial summary. Remaining Assets as of June 21, 2017 were reported to be \$68,728.

Mr. Davis further reported that three of the six Board of Trustees will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year; however, a strong core group exists. Part 2 of the presentation focused on the strategic plan in place for 2018 and beyond to rebuild and improve the Foundation board with a focus on the existing Foundation mission. Chair Faltings thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation, and encouraged anyone interested in getting involved with the LARPD Foundation to contact LARPD General Manager Tim Barry at (925) 373-5700.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Faltings opened public comment. No public comment. Closed public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion)

5.1 BOARD MINUTES

5.1.1 Special Meeting of March 8, 2018.

5.1.2 Regular Meeting of March 14, 2018.

5.2 COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

None.

7. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 APPROVAL OF REVISED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR FOUR PLAYGROUND PROJECTS

The Board will consider approving the revised Plans and Specifications for the Playground Renovation Projects at Jane Addams Preschool at Max Baer Park, Big Trees Park, Pleasure Island Park and May Nissen Park, and authorizing the General Manager to go out to bid for the construction of the Improvements.

Assistant General Manager, Patricia Lord, presented the report which highlighted value engineering options available for the Board's review and approval. Also providing information on the staff report was Administrative Services Manager, Jeffrey Schneider, Consulting Project Manager, Tonie Cox, and Landscape Architect, Richard Joaquin with Odell Engineering.

Staff recommended the Board consider Option #2 for the four park playgrounds, to proceed with revised Plans and Specifications with value engineering in order to reduce costs.

Chair Faltings opened public comment.

- 1) Steve Goodman addressed the Board in support of Option #1 and stated that the residents, who were polled, expressed their need for shade and quality playground equipment. He further disagreed with the concept of value engineering.
- 2) John Lawrence addressed the Board also in support of Option #1 and suggested the Board add additional funds to store replacement parts for future needs. Mr. Lawrence cautioned the Board that value engineering is a form of value reduction.

Chair Faltings closed public comment.

Director questions and comments included: How much additional time would be added to the project if certain options were chosen; are there generic play structures that can be substituted for fancier versions; directors expressed disappointment in the value engineering concept; prefer to keep shade structures and pour-in-place rubber surfacing instead of wood fiber; will making these changes to pour-in-place instead of synthetic turf require a change order to the consultant contract; does it have to come back to the Board before it can go out to bid; and the idea of storing extra equipment in case of emergency repairs should be brought before the Facilities and/or Finance Committee and the cost to do so be addressed in the fiscal budget.

Moved by Chair Faltings, seconded by Director Pierpont, adopted Resolution No. 2614, approving Option #1 to increase the budget to \$7,638,728; go out to bid with the original Plans and Specifications as approved at the September 22, 2017 Special Meeting; and approving value engineering Option 1A (Attachment A to Jane Addams Park); Option 2 (Attachment G to May Nissen Park); by the following voice vote:

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 UPDATE ON FACILITY MAINTENANCE EXCHANGE WITH CITY OF LIVERMORE

Chair Faltings pulled Item 9.1 from the March 28, 2018 Agenda as the information was not yet fully ready for discussion.

9.2 REVISIONS TO DISTRICT RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION SCHEDULE

General Manager Tim Barry described the proposed revisions to the District's Records Retention and Destruction Schedule as outlined in the staff report.

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Chair Faltings, adopted Resolution No. 2615, approving revisions to the District's Records Retention and Destruction Schedule, by the following voice vote:

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

9.3 REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND AT ALTAMONT CREEK PARK

GM Barry reported that The District was presented with an opportunity to replace the west playground at Altamont Creek Park by way of a 50/50 cost share with Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD). The School District estimates the total cost of the west playground to be \$350,000; LARPD's cost share would be approximately \$175,000 plus \$25,000 for any unexpected costs and contingencies.

The project was discussed at the March 20, 2018 Facilities Committee meeting where consensus was reached that replacement of the playground equipment at Altamont Creek Park makes sense procedurally and should be recommended to the full Board. Staff recommended that the Board review and approve the project and budget of \$200,000 as an addition to the 3-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Pierpont, adopted Resolution No. 2616, approving the design, 50/50 cost share, and budget of \$200,000 to replace the west playground at Altamont Creek Park by the following voice vote:

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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Chair Faltings reported on the March 20, 2018 Facilities Committee meeting.
- 2) Director Pierpont reported on the March 28, 2018 Program Committee meeting.
- 3) Director Palajac reported on the Livermore Downtown meeting.

11. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- 1) Director Palajac requested a future agenda item to discuss if LARPD will consider sending a letter of support for Senate Bill 1316, a bill introduced by Senator Steven Glazer and co-authored by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, which would authorize the California Department of Parks and Recreation to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the “Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area” to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest.
- 2) Chair Faltings reported on her attendance at the CSDA annual dinner meeting in Castro Valley on March 22, 2018.

12. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barry made the following announcements:

- 1) LARPD had a very successful “Breakfast with Bunny” annual celebration on Saturday, March 24th at the Robert Livermore Community Center.
- 2) The LARPD Summer Activity Guide has been published. He encouraged the community to take a look at this wonderful brochure highlighting the summer activities available in our parks and facilities.
- 3) Healthy People, Healthy Arroyos: Join a creek cleanup of the Arroyo Mocho at the Stanley Reach on Saturday, April 7th. The Stanley Reach is Living Arroyos’ oldest project, by a multi-agency partnership created to enhance and maintain the urban streams and streamside habitats of the Livermore-Amador Valley. Led by Ranger Danny and the Living Arroyos staff. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the corner of Cottonwood Court and Summertree Drive in Livermore along the Arroyo Bike Trail.

**13. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.7**

Chair Faltings announced that the Board would go into Closed Session per the item listed as 14.1.

14. CLOSED SESSION

**14.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(b)
(1 case)**

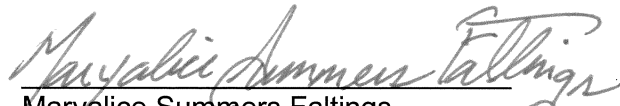
**15. OPEN SESSION REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54957.1**

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:44 p.m. and Legal Counsel Attebery announced that no reportable actions had been taken in Closed Session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

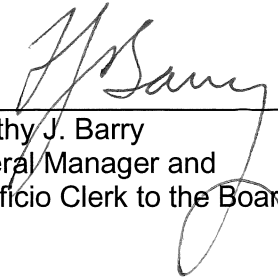
The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED,



Maryalice Summers Fatings
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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