



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

**Livermore Downs Park
2101 Paseo Laguna Seco, Livermore**

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Palajac

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mat Fuzie, Stephen Boothe, Kelsey Ducker, Armando Chavarria, Stacey Kenison, Jeffrey Schneider, Linda VanBuskirk,

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Palajac, and introduced themselves to the public in attendance.

1. Update on Current LARPD Projects:

General Manager Fuzie welcomed the public and gave a brief update on various projects.

2. Comments and Suggestions Regarding Livermore Downs Park:

Approximately six members of the public attended the meeting, most of which were pickleball players.

Comments received included the following:

- a) Great courts. The group commended LARPD for being forthcoming with the new pickleball courts and said the courts are working out very well.
- b) Although the Recreation Department has been meeting the needs of the pickleball community, the demand for courts is increasing as the sport gains popularity. One public member stated that seating around the courts is needed. (i.e. the bleachers at the RLCC are packed during tournaments.)
- c) The group discussed pickleball courts in various other locations and compared features such as dues charged, lighting, seating, etc.
 - GM Fuzie and Chair Furst informed the group that staff is conducting a survey regarding spaces not currently utilized for pickleball and also what is happening in the public sector.
- d) One gentleman thanked LARPD on behalf of the Veterans for taking such good care of them – especially at Veterans Hall. He added that communication is important, and they will keep in touch

3. Questions for Police Officer(s):

Lieutenant Josh Ratcliffe and Sergeant E. Briggs were in attendance to respond to questions from the public. Although the public had no questions for the officers, they did commend the City of Livermore Police Department for their fine work and expressed how proud they are of the police officers. One member stated that the way the police deal with the indigent population has been inspiring.

Chair Furst reported that LARPD, in collaboration with the City of Livermore, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and various faith-based programs, is putting together a local Safe Parking Program to help the unsheltered homeless living in their cars.

4. Questions for Staff and Board of Directors:

Staff responded to questions from the public concerning the following:

- a) What is being done on the Springtown Open Space Concept Plan?
 - Public members asked for a copy of demographic and cost estimates. The group discussed the need for money budgeted to develop the area.
 - The public was encouraged to attend a City Council meeting to ask about funding to get the project moving forward.
- b) Status of the Ravenswood Fountain was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.