



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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: Mathew Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, Fred Haldeman, Joseph Benjamin, Nancy Blair, Julie Dreher, Natalie Kaaiawahia, Sandra Kaya, Seth Eddings, Stacey Kenison, Lynn Loucks, Patrick Lucky, Michelle Newbould, Vicki Wiedenfeld, Linda VanBuskirk, Rod Attebery, Monica Streeter

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Tony Kukulich

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. All Directors were present, via Zoom. General Manager Mat Fuzie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
3. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting: Budget Workshop of April 28, 2020
 - 3.2 General Manager's Monthly Report – May 2020

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

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

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

None.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS (No Action Required)

5.1 TRASH MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN PARK SYSTEM:

Assistant General Manager Patricia Lord reported on LARPD's plans to implement operational efficiencies in managing trash collection in its Parks and Open Space areas. The item was raised as a safety issue at the February Safety Committee meeting, and was later reviewed and recommended by the Facilities Committee on May 7, 2020.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed trash receptacle designs, cost estimates, safety factors, and draft marketing information as a public information campaign to promote the benefits of "Pack it In -- Pack it Out" efforts throughout the District's parks, trails and open space areas.

Board members had questions/comments regarding the following: annual replacement of trash receptacles; approval of the steel, side opening receptacle design; how to manage the reduction of trash receptacles in neighborhood parks by 50% and replacement with recommended design; size and cost of recommended design standard; statistics on park usage annually along with pounds of trash generated and the staff time necessary to service that; program standards; how removal of dog waste bags will affect parks; importance of keeping the community educated about the program.

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

5.2 LARPD AQUATICS IN LIGHT OF USA SWIMMING

General Manager Mat Fuzie reported that USA Swimming recently published a guidance plan for re-opening of aquatics facilities in a way that promotes physical and mental health opportunities compliant with public health directives. LARPD is contemplating how it can adopt in Phase 2, and has been working with local public health officials to allow this program.

Board members had questions/comments regarding the following: the importance of ensuring that physical distancing and other safety practices are followed when swimmers are not in the water; maintaining safe distances between people on deck and in the water.

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Director Furst reported on the May 7, 2020 Facilities Committee meeting.
- b) Director Furst reported on the May 6, 2020 Livermore Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting.
- c) Director Furst reported on the May 13, 2020 Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting. He attended on behalf of Director Faltings. The meeting was hosted by the East Bay Regional Park District.
- d) Director Pierpont reported on the May 5, 2020 Ad Hoc Committee re: Memorial and Commemorative Gift Program meeting.
- e) Director Pierpont reported on the May 12, 2020 Intergovernmental Liaison Committee meeting between LARPD and East Bay Regional Park District.
- f) Director Wilson reported on the May 12, 2020 Personnel Committee meeting.
- g) Director Wilson reported on the May 6, 2020 Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) meeting.

7. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- a) Director Faltings thanked everyone for welcoming her back.
- b) Director Furst welcomed Director Faltings back.
- c) Director Pierpont welcomed Director Faltings back. He spoke on the issue of dog parks. This item was discussed during the LARPD/EBRPD Liaison Committee meeting, reported on above. Dog parks are an aspect of parks and recreation that could benefit from more focus, like other areas of recreation have been, about how LARPD can do things more creatively. How can LARPD raise visibility with the State on this issue? There is a lot of public demand for reopening of the dog parks, although at this time the Alameda County health order prohibits this. LARPD should be prepared to open creatively once the order allows dog parks to reopen. – [*Staff will be prepared to open the dog parks when authorized to do so.*]
- d) Director Wilson asked about the rodeo grounds. How soon will the large seating area of the rodeo grounds be usable by people/groups if they are properly spaced? Have the rodeo grounds improvements begun? - [*GM Fuzie stated that any proposals should be sent to him so that he may compare it against any current existing health orders and best practices. Rodeo grounds improvements have been put on hold until the end of the next fiscal year. The work scheduled does not preclude use.*]

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) During the COVID-19 situation, it is recommended that LARPD have a standing budget item at every board meeting. The Board concurred.
- b) The District's worst case scenario, as reported during the April 28th Board meeting, is turning out to be just that – and LARPD is not anywhere near that scenario. The District is doing better. The assumptions have been tracking where expected.
- c) District Counsel Rod Attebery suggested the Chair give the public members attending the meeting an opportunity to speak on any of the items presented herein. Chair Palajac opened public comment. There was no public comment.


9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

APPROVED,



Jan Palajac
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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