

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Meetings Since Last Board Meeting on October 14, 2026

STANDING COMMITTEES		
Date	Committee	Chair & Member
10/20	Facilities	Palajac/Pierpont
	Finance	Boswell/Palajac
	Personnel	Furst/Boswell
	Program	Faltings/Furst
	Intergovernmental: LARPD-EBRPD	Pierpont/Faltings
	Intergovernmental: LARPD-LVJUSD	Pierpont/Faltings
AD HOC COMMITTEES		
Date	Committee	Chair & Member
	Memorial and Commemorative Gift Policy	Furst/Palajac
COMMUNITY OUTREACH LIAISON		
Date	Committee	Member & Alternate
10/19	Ala. Co. Agricultural SubComm. on Trails	Boswell/Palajac
	Ala. Co. Special Districts Assn.	Furst/Faltings
	Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance	Furst/Boswell
	LARPD Foundation	Palajac/Faltings

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

October 20, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California 94550
West Conference Room

Committee Chair: Jan Palajac
Committee Member: Philip Pierpont
Alternate Member: David Furst

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes: Facilities Committee Meeting on September 15, 2026
4. RC Crawler Course Concept Proposal
5. Status of The Old Winery and Prefab House at Sycamore Grove Park
6. Master Plan Update – Proposed Paved Multi-Use Trail Standard
7. Discuss Removing Unused Kiosks from Parks
8. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Update/CIP Project List (Standing Item)
9. Planning for Future Trails and Trail Connectors (Standing Item)
10. Future Agenda Items / Matters Initiated / Announcements
11. Adjournment

INDEPENDENCE PARK

Community RC Rock Crawling Course

A volunteer-built, volunteer-maintained recreational amenity

LARPD Committee Presentation | October 2026



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The opportunity

A low-impact community project using donated materials and volunteer effort

- Create a dedicated place for RC rock crawling in the Livermore area.
- Make productive recreational use of a designated hillside area.
- Offer a welcoming outdoor activity for families, youth, and enthusiasts.
- Deliver and maintain the course without requesting LARPD funding.



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Who we are

Nor-Cal RC Crawlers — community enthusiasts and families

- Local RC crawling enthusiasts organizing volunteer-led events and projects.
- A family-oriented community that welcomes beginners and experienced drivers.
- Committed to inclusive recreation, including opportunities for families affected by autism.
- A project rooted in volunteerism, donated materials, and community partnerships.



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Proposed location and protected access

Independence Park • two separate hillside course areas



- Course areas are located on opposite sides of the existing maintenance road.
- The southwest-to-northeast road, including its gentle S-curve, stays fully clear.
- No equipment access into either hillside area is required.
- Final placement remains within LARPD-approved boundaries and setbacks.

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Three skill levels, natural appearance

Interconnected lines within each course area — no crossings of the maintenance road



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Built with donated natural rock

Varied sizes and natural dirt breaks create realistic off-road terrain



- Beginner / green: stable, embedded 18–24 in. rocks and wider lines.
- Intermediate / blue: stable 24–36 in. rock gardens, turns, and sidehill sections.
- Advanced / red: 36–48+ in. anchor rocks with selective technical obstacles.
- No loose, hand-movable stones; use natural dirt breaks between secured rock features.

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Rock stability and public safety

Permanent, stable obstacles — not loose landscaping stones

BEGINNER

18–24 in.

Embedded, stable rock features; no easily removable stones.

INTERMEDIATE

24–36 in.

Larger anchored rock gardens and natural dirt transitions.

ADVANCED

36–48+ in.

Selected large, securely seated boulders for technical challenges.

Installation standard: No loose rocks that visitors can readily pick up or move. Each rock must be individually stable, embedded or otherwise secured as needed, and positioned so it cannot shift or roll toward the maintenance road.

Final rock selection, anchoring methods, setbacks, and maintenance checks to be coordinated with LARPD.

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Minimal impact on park resources

Designed around the existing landscape and Parks District operations

- Preserve established trees, vegetation, and significant root areas.
- Avoid irrigation modifications; confirm utilities and irrigation locations before installation.
- Limit grading and soil disturbance; embed or secure each rock to prevent shifting, removal, or rolling.
- Keep picnic areas, pedestrian routes, and maintenance access unobstructed.
- Coordinate final layout, setbacks, and work methods with LARPD staff.



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No requested LARPD cost or routine maintenance

Volunteer responsibility is central to the proposal

- Donated rock material has already been delivered and staged.
- Volunteers provide course construction, cleanup, and ongoing upkeep.
- Nor-Cal RC Crawlers proposes periodic checks for rock stability, erosion, debris, and litter.
- No District funding or routine maintenance labor is requested.
- Agree on a volunteer contact, maintenance expectations, and issue-escalation process.



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Community value

A modest park enhancement with broad recreational benefits

- Accessible outdoor recreation for different ages and skill levels.
- A positive gathering place for families, hobbyists, and new participants.
- Inclusive opportunities for people with different abilities and interests.
- Potential for volunteer days, educational demonstrations, and community events, subject to approval.
- A community-funded amenity that encourages stewardship of public space.

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A personal story: what this community makes possible

Kody's experience with RC crawling

For my son Kody, who is autistic, RC crawling has become much more than a hobby.

The RC community has welcomed him, giving him a sense of acceptance, belonging, and a place of his own within the sport.

Building, maintaining, and driving RC vehicles have helped him develop hands-on STEM skills, problem-solving abilities, and confidence.

Through shared activities and friendships, he has strengthened his communication, self-awareness, and ability to form meaningful relationships.

Our vision: create more opportunities for other individuals and families to find that same sense of community.

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Local partnership: Hobby Addicts

Connecting outdoor recreation with a Livermore hobby shop

- Nor-Cal RC Crawlers is partnering with local hobby shop Hobby Addicts.
- Create a welcoming pathway for families and first-time RC participants to discover the hobby.
- Connect park-based recreation with local knowledge, supplies, and hobby expertise.
- Explore joint demonstrations, introductory activities, and community events, subject to partner and LARPD approval.
- Support local small-business visibility while keeping the course free of commercial obligations to LARPD.

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Proposed next steps

Coordinate a practical, phased installation with LARPD

- Confirm course boundaries, road setbacks, vegetation and irrigation protections.
- Review volunteer work plan, safety controls, and ongoing maintenance responsibilities.
- Stage installation in manageable sections, beginning with lower-impact features.
- Walk the completed sections with LARPD staff and adjust as needed.
- Continue dialogue with the committee and Board of Directors if requested.

REQUEST: Committee support to continue coordination and implementation within LARPD requirements.

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Thank you

A community-led project for Independence Park



Our commitment

Respect the park.
Protect maintenance access.
Build responsibly.
Maintain what we create.
Welcome the community.

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Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Staff Report

TO: Facilities Committee

FROM: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager

PREPARED BY: David Weisgerber, Communications and Planning Manager

DATE: October 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Master Plan Update – Proposed Paved Multi-Use Trail Standard

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Facilities Committee review and provide feedback on a proposed level of service standard of 0.5 mile (2,640 Linear Feet) of paved multi-use trails per 1,000 residents for inclusion in the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Public Review Draft of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan establishes level of service standards for parks and open space to guide long-term planning and evaluate the District's ability to serve the community as Livermore grows.

As part of the Master Plan review process, LARPD staff coordinated with the City of Livermore on planning standards and opportunities to strengthen consistency between the agencies' long-term planning efforts. Through this process, staff identified an opportunity to establish a level of service standard for paved multi-use trails, similar to the park acreage standards already included in the Master Plan.

Staff subsequently evaluated the existing paved multi-use trail network using current GIS data and coordinated with City staff regarding the existing and planned trail network. Based on this analysis, staff recommends establishing a paved multi-use trail level of service standard as part of the Master Plan.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Paved Multi-Use Trail Standard

Establishing a trail level-of-service standard provides the District with a benchmark for evaluating existing trail infrastructure and planning for future community needs. Similar to the park acreage standards established in the Master Plan, a trail standard helps the District assess whether its trail network is keeping pace with population growth and identify future infrastructure needs.

Proposed Standard: 0.5 mile (2,640 LF) of paved multi-use trails per 1,000 residents

The proposed standard would apply to the communitywide paved multi-use trail network rather than all recreational paths and trails within the District's service area. This distinction recognizes that paved multi-use trails generally serve a different function than unpaved recreational and regional trails and internal park walking paths.

Methodology

Staff used current GIS data to calculate the centerline length of existing paved multi-use trails within the LARPD service area, including asphalt and concrete multi-use trails maintained by LARPD or the City of Livermore. The analysis identified 43.45 miles (229,405 LF) of existing paved multi-use trails. Based on the Master Plan's current service-area population of 93,119 residents, the existing level of service is 0.47 mile per 1,000 residents.

The recommended standard of 0.5 mile per 1,000 residents therefore generally reflects the District's existing level of service while establishing a clear benchmark for maintaining and expanding the paved trail network as the community grows.

Existing and Projected Conditions

Measure	2026 Existing Conditions	2036 Maintain LOS	2036 Proposed Standard
Service area population	93,119	111,000	111,000
Level of Service (Miles/1000 Residents)	0.467	0.467	0.50
Total paved trail mileage	43.45 mi.	51.79 mi.	55.50 mi.
Additional mileage needed	-	8.34 mi.	12.05 mi.

Note: Calculations use unrounded values; displayed figures are rounded for readability.

At the Master Plan's projected 2036 service-area population of 111,000 residents, maintaining the existing level of service would require 51.79 miles of paved multi-use trails, an increase of 8.34 miles over the existing network.

Meeting the proposed standard of 0.5 mile per 1,000 residents would require 55.5 miles of paved multi-use trails, or 12.05 additional miles over the existing network.

These figures establish planning-level benchmarks for evaluating future trail needs rather than identifying specific projects or committing the District to a particular construction schedule. Trail development will depend on the Project Readiness Framework, which accounts for available funding, development activity, partnerships, right-of-way availability, and other implementation considerations.

A summary of the existing trail inventory and projected trail needs is provided in Attachment 1.

Trail Connectivity and Systemwide Planning

The proposed standard is intended to serve as a systemwide planning benchmark and is one of several tools for evaluating the District's trail system. Trail mileage alone does not fully reflect the value or functionality of a trail network. A relatively short connection that closes a critical gap, improves access to community destinations, or links previously disconnected portions of the trail system may provide greater community benefit than a substantially longer trail segment.

Trail connectivity, accessibility, geographic barriers, recreational value, and opportunities to strengthen the overall network will all remain important considerations when evaluating trail investments.

Broader Trail Network

The District's service area also contains a substantial network of unpaved recreational and regional trails operated by LARPD and partner agencies. These trails provide significant recreational and connectivity benefits but are not directly comparable to the paved community trail network for purposes of a single linear level-of-service standard.

Staff anticipates undertaking a more comprehensive evaluation of the broader trail network as a separate planning effort. This work would consider trail types, connectivity, accessibility, ownership and maintenance responsibilities, and other factors that may inform future level-of-service measures. The proposed paved multi-use trail standard would provide an initial quantitative benchmark that could be supplemented through this future analysis.

NEXT STEPS

Based on feedback from the Facilities Committee, staff will finalize the proposed paved multi-use trail level-of-service standard for inclusion in the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan.

The Board of Directors is expected to consider adopting the Master Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Paved Multi-Use Trail Level of Service Analysis
2. Proposed Master Plan Revision

LARPD Paved Multi-Use Trail Level of Service

Facilities Committee | October 20, 2026

CURRENT CONDITIONS	VALUE
Existing paved multi-use trails	43.45
Existing trail length (LF)	229,405
Current service-area population	93,119
Current LOS (miles / 1,000 residents)	0.467

PROPOSED STANDARD	VALUE
Standard (miles / 1,000)	0.50
Standard (LF / 1,000)	2,640
2036 projected population	111,000
Miles required at 2036 population	55.50

SCENARIO	POPULATION	TRAIL MILES	LOS (MI / 1,000)	LOS (LF / 1,000)	ADDITIONAL MILES NEEDED
Existing system	93,119	43.45	0.467	2,464	-
2036 – Maintain LOS	111,000	51.79	0.467	2,464	8.34
2036 – Proposed Standard	111,000	55.50	0.500	2,640	12.05

Note : Calculations use unrounded values; displayed figures are rounded for readability.

LOS = Level of Service

LF = Linear Feet

Planning Standards

Community recreation interests continue to diversify, demand for trails and outdoor experiences continues to grow, and many existing parks and facilities are reaching the point where significant reinvestment will be required.

These conditions require a planning approach that emphasizes a connected park system, where neighborhood parks, community parks, trails, recreation facilities, schools, and open space work together to provide recreation opportunities. This approach anticipates development patterns that place greater emphasis on access, connectivity, and the overall recreation system than on the acreage of individual park classifications alone.

The planning standards presented in this chapter provide the framework LARPD uses to evaluate existing conditions, identify service needs, and guide future investment. The District considers park acreage, access, trail connectivity, facility condition, service capacity, and community needs together to ensure investments remain aligned with the community's long-term vision.



Park and Open Space Standards

Consistent with this planning approach, the District's park standards recognize that future residential development is expected to include a broader mix of housing types, higher-density neighborhoods, and smaller park sites connected by trails to larger community parks, recreation facilities, schools, and open space.

As amenities within parks have expanded over time with additional athletic fields, parking, restrooms, and community-serving amenities, several facilities now serve a broader role than when originally constructed. Parks including William "Bill" Payne Sports Park, Max Baer Park, Independence Park, Ernie Rodrigues Sports Park, and Cayetano Park have therefore been reclassified as Community Parks to better reflect their existing and planned function within the District's overall park system.

The park and open space standards evaluate publicly owned and publicly accessible parks, trails, recreation facilities, and open space throughout the LARPD service area, regardless of ownership or operating agency. This approach reflects the recreation opportunities available to the community and recognizes the importance of partnerships in delivering a comprehensive park system.

Local Park Standards

Park Type	Standard
Community Parks	3.5 acres / 1,000 residents
Neighborhood Parks	1.5 acres / 1,000 residents
Special Use Facilities	1 acre / 1,000 residents
Total	6 acres / 1,000 residents

The revised distribution maintains the District's overall standard of six acres per 1,000 residents while recognizing that Community Parks now provide a larger share of recreation opportunities.

Park Access Standard

LARPD uses a park service radius to evaluate access to Neighborhood and Community Parks and identify potential gaps in the park system.

Park Type	Service Radius Standard
Community Parks	1 mile
Neighborhood Parks	0.5 mile

Ensure all neighborhoods are within half a mile of a park or open space. In denser Specific Plan Areas (average of 20 dwelling units/acre or greater) such as Midtown or Isabel Neighborhood, ensure all units are within a quarter of a mile of a park or open space.

Open Space Standard

Facility Type	Standard
Open Space	200 acres / 1,000 residents

The Open Space standard includes publicly accessible regional open space, trails, and natural areas throughout the LARPD service area, regardless of ownership or management agency.

PROPOSED ADDITION - FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW
Paved Multi-Use Trail Standard

Facility Type	Standard
Paved Multi-Use Trails	0.5 mile / 1,000 residents

Applies to the paved multi-use trail network throughout the LARPD service area. Connectivity, accessibility, and critical gap closures remain important considerations when prioritizing trail improvements.

Trail Access Standard

Prioritize gap closures and trail connections to denser neighborhoods (average of 20 dwelling units/acre or greater) to facilitate non-motorized access to parks and open space.

Service and Capacity Standard

Recreation facilities do not have universally accepted acreage or size standards that adequately measure community need.

LARPD monitors how facilities are used to determine when additional investment, operational changes, or expanded capacity may be warranted. Utilization trends, waitlists, scheduling conflicts, program demand, and community access all provide indicators of whether facilities are meeting current and future needs.

CIP Project Updates - Facility Committee - 10/20/2026

Project #	Project Name	Status	Project Update	Next Milestone	Projected Cost
29	Sycamore Grove Amphitheater	Active	The consultant submitted an updated site plan to Alameda County for review.	County review and feedback.	TBD
NA	Facility Condition Assessment	Planning / Assessment	Staff met with the City of Livermore to coordinate participation in its Facility Condition Assessment. The proposed scope includes City-owned, LARPD-operated parks, with the potential to include all LARPD facilities through a cost-sharing arrangement.	Confirm assessment scope, cost allocation, and data compatibility with District systems.	TBD
730	Robertson Park Restroom Expansion	Planning / Assessment	California Water Service is scheduled to replace the water meter to evaluate water flow and pressure issues affecting a potential restroom expansion. Staff has developed a preliminary renovation scope for internal review.	Assess water service improvements and refine preliminary project scope.	TBD
NA	William "Bill" Payne Park Expansion	Conceptual	The City of Livermore has begun Patterson Pass Road improvements, including additional on-street parking and slurry seal work. Future park improvements under consideration include parking, multi-use turf, restrooms, and other amenities.	Continue evaluating future park improvements.	TBD
NA	Sunken Gardens Expansion	Conceptual	Staff is exploring a looped walking path connecting the existing north and south pathways, along with additional amenities within the 11-acre parcel.	Continue evaluating potential improvements.	TBD
NA	Playground Replacement: Ralph T. Wattenburger Park	On Hold	Ralph T. Wattenburger Park remains the next identified playground replacement project.	Confirm project schedule and funding coordination with the City.	\$250,000
41	Community Garden at Mocho Park	On Hold	Plans were approved by the City of Livermore on April 17, 2026. The project is not currently moving forward.	Await further direction on implementation.	TBD
451	Bike Pump Track	Completed	The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 17, 2026.	Complete.	\$1,974,943
37	Bruno Canziani Irrigation Project	Completed	Completed December 2025; staff continues monitoring performance.	Continue monitoring performance.	\$150,000

Trail Project Updates - Facilities Committee - 10/20/2026

Trail #	Project	Project Status	Project Update	Next Milestone
T6-E1/E2	Las Colinas Trail (Arroyo Las Positas Trail)	Design Complete	Design complete.	Construction anticipated April 2027.
T10-B	South Livermore Valley Trail	Construction Starting	Design complete. Construction of the CEMEX portion is scheduled to begin October 19, 2026.	Begin construction on the CEMEX portion October 19, 2026.
T11	Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Trail	Stakeholder Coordination	Coordination underway with the City of Livermore, Zone 7, and adjacent property owners. Staff also met with Zone 7 to discuss early coordination related to its planned Conveyance System Project.	Continue coordination with project partners on trail alignment.
T13	Arroyo Road Trail	Final Design	Final design is approximately 95% complete.	Design completion anticipated January 2027; construction anticipated April 2027.
T19	El Charro / Arroyo Mocho Trail	Design and Permitting Complete	Design and permitting complete.	Construction anticipated summer 2027.