



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California
Sycamore Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Philip Pierpont, Maryalice Faltings, James Boswell,
Chair David Furst

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Vice Chair Jan Palajac

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law Group (DC)
Gary Bell, with Colantuono, Highsmith and Whatley, PC

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All Directors were present, except Vice Chair Palajac. Chair Furst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2.1 Chair Furst recited a public comment that was received through the District's info@larpd.org email from Jennifer Plotts regarding a request for a water feature to be included in a future park renovation.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 Resolution Proclaiming October 2024 as Bullying Prevention Month and October 16, 2024 as Unity Day

GM Fuzie introduced the Bullying Prevention Proclamation for October. In partnership with the City of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will support anti-bullying efforts and Unity Day on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Boswell, adopted Resolution No. 2815, proclaiming October 2024 as Bullying Prevention Month and October 16, 2024 as Unity Day, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Pierpont, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Furst (4)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Vice Chair Palajac (1)

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 28, 2024;
- 4.2 General Manager’s Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects – September 2024
 - a) Director Faltings requested clarification on Item 4.2, page 8, Sports Facility Rentals section, Intro to Pickleball Class paragraph. *[GM Fuzie – clarified that there weren’t enough sign-ups for the pickleball class, therefore it was canceled. GM Fuzie also noted the number of pages on the General Manager’s Monthly Update in contrast to the past updates].*

MOTION:

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Faltings, approved the Consent Agenda Items 4.1 and 4.2, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Directors Boswell, Faltings, Pierpont, and Chair Furst (4)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Director Palajac (1)

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 **California Association for Park & Recreation Indemnity – Call for Nominations – Board of Directors**

The LARPD Board of Directors reviewed and discussed whether to nominate a fellow member of the Board of Directors or a management employee for election to a Director “At Large” seat on the California Association for Park & Recreation Indemnity Board of Directors for the January 2025-January 2028 term.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Boswell, seconded by Director Furst, approved the Resolution No. 2816, nominating General Manager, Mathew Fuzie, for election to the California Association for Park & Recreation Indemnity Board of Directors “At Large” seat for the January 2025 – January 2028 term, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Pierpont, Faltings, Boswell, and Chair Furst (4)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Director Palajac (1)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Director Pierpont reported on his attendance, along with Director Boswell (an alternate for Director Palajac), at the September 23, 2024 Finance Committee meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet. The Committee discussed the preliminary budget audit and the new budget tool, Vena.
- b) Director Furst was out of the country and did not attend the September 18, 2024 Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting.
- c) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the September 4, 2024 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. A PG&E representative gave a presentation on prices and limited shutoffs.
- d) Director Palajac is out of the country and was unable to report her attendance at the September 9, 2024 LARPD Foundation meeting. Chair Furst requested the item be moved to the next meeting.
- e) Director Pierpont reported his attendance at the September 17, 2024 Livermore Downtown Inc. meeting. The items discussed were fall events and a new Business Downtown Forum.
- f) Director Palajac is out of the country and was unable to report her attendance at the September 16, 2024 Alameda County Agricultural Subcommittee meeting. Chair Furst requested the item be moved to the next meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS:

- a) Director Boswell reported that the Alameda County Public Works Agency will shut down Mines Road in both directions at Mile Marker 6.50 starting Monday, September 30, 2024 through Saturday, October 19, 2024 to repair severe roadway damage caused by landslides.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) FY23-24 Audit has been completed. Staff will evaluate the timing for a presentation to the Finance Committee, followed by a presentation to the Board at a regular or special meeting with a request for approval.
- b) Staff is close to completing the request for proposals for the 2016 Master Plan Update and will seek the Board's guidance on the next steps.

9. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.7

Chair Furst announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would be convening into Closed Session to discuss the item listed at 10.1 on the agenda. Open Session was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION

- 10.1 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of California Government Code section 54956.9: one (1) potential case.

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. and Chair Furst announced that there was no reportable action. Chair Furst then adjourned the meeting without a vote and by unanimous consent.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED,



David Furst
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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

LVB/rvd

UNITY DAY

Celebrate



Celebrate Unity Week October 14 - 18, 2024

WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE on UNITY DAY, Wednesday, October 16

Promote kindness, inclusion, and acceptance in our schools and in recognition of **National Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month.**

We invite you to participate in one or more of the following activities to show your support.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 14- TAKE THE UNITY DAY PLEDGE!

Show your support for Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion for everyone in Livermore. Use this QR code to take the Unity Day Pledge online, or in person at one of these locations:

- * LVJUSD - District Office
- * Robert Livermore Community Center
- * Livermore City Hall
- * Livermore Police Dept
- * Any Livermore public library location (Springtown, Rincon, or Civic Center)

<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/pledge>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15- KINDNESS ROCKS- PAINTING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Head over to the Civic Center Library from 3-6pm, or to the Rincon or Springtown branches from 4-5pm, to paint words of kindness and encouragement on your special Unity Rock. Keep your rock, or place it in your favorite location in Livermore to share.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 - UNITY DAY

WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE ON UNITY DAY!

Wear orange to show that you are against bullying, and you support kindness in our community. Come to any Livermore Public Library location to create a link of kindness for our Unity Chain. Wear orange and share it on social media using

#unitydaylivermoreca.

Share your Unity Day photos with us at communityengagement@lvjUSD.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17- UNITY WALK WITH A COP

5:30-6:30 pm, Sycamore Grove Park, Wetmore Entrance

Take a leisurely walk with our Livermore Police Officers and LARPD rangers in the beautiful Sycamore Grove Park. Learn about Unity Day and get to know your neighbors while on this nice evening stroll. Good for all ages and skill levels. Receive a special Unity Day charm just for participating!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 CHALK IT UP!

Civic Center Library - 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Join us at the Civic Center library from 3-5pm as we use sidewalk chalk to draw & write words of kindness for all to see! All ages welcome!



SUPPLEMENTAL - ITEM 3.1

UNITY DAY



Celebra la Semana de la Unidad del 14 al 18 de Octubre de 2024
VISTE Y COMPARTE EL COLOR ANARANJADO el día Miércoles 16 de Octubre

Promueve la amabilidad, la inclusión y la aceptación en nuestras escuelas y comunidad en reconocimiento al **Mes Nacional de Concienciación y Prevención del Bullying.**

Te invitamos a participar en una o más de las siguientes actividades para demostrar tu apoyo.



LUNES 14 DE OCTUBRE - Tome el compromiso del Día de la Unidad

¡Muestre su apoyo a la amabilidad, la inclusión y la aceptación para todos en Livermore y haga el compromiso del Día de la Unidad en uno de estos lugares!

*LVJUSD - Oficina del Distrito

*Alcaldía de Livermore

*Robert Livermore Community Center

*Departamento de Policía en Livermore

<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/pledge>

*Cualquier biblioteca pública de Livermore (Springtown, Rincón o Civic Center)

MARTES 15 DE OCTUBRE - La amabilidad es genial: ¡Pinte palabras de aliento y amabilidad!

Acude a la biblioteca Civic Center de 3 a 6 pm, o a las bibliotecas de Rincon o Springtown de 4 a 5 pm, para pintar palabras de bondad y aliento en tu piedra especial de la unidad. Guarde su piedra o compartala en su sitio preferido de Livermore.

UNITY DAY: MIÉRCOLES 16 DE OCTUBRE

¡VÍSTE DE COLOR ANARANJADO y PARTICIPE en el DÍA DE LA UNIDAD!

Demuestre que está en contra del bullying y que apoya la amabilidad en nuestra comunidad. Visite su Biblioteca Pública de Livermore para crear un enlace de amabilidad para nuestra Cadena de Unidad. Ponte tu color naranja y compártelo en las redes sociales usando **#unitydaylivermoreca**

Comparta sus fotos del Día de la Unidad con nosotros via **#unitydaylivermoreca**

Comparta sus fotos del Día de la Unidad con nosotros via **communityengagement@lvjUSD.org**

JUEVES 17 DE OCTUBRE - Caminata de Unidad con un Policía

5:30-6:30 pm, Sycamore Grove Park, Wetmore Entrance

Dé un paseo tranquilo con nuestros oficiales de policía de Livermore y guardabosques de LARPD en el hermoso parque Sycamore Grove. Aprenda sobre el Día de la Unidad y conozca a sus vecinos durante este agradable paseo nocturno. Bueno para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

VIERNES 18 DE OCTUBRE - ¡Escribelo con un tiza!

Civic Center Library - 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Únase a nosotros en la biblioteca del Civic Center

De 3 a 5 pm se utilizará tiza en la acera para dibujar y escribir palabras de bondad visibles para todos. Actividad es para todas las edades.



SUPPLEMENTAL - ITEM 3.1