



Livermore Area
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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC MEETING IN THE PARK of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

6:00 PM

Bruno Canziani Park
5907 Charlotte Way
Livermore, CA

- DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Directors James Boswell, Maryalice Faltings, Philip Pierpont, Chair David Furst
- DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Vice Chair Jan Palajac
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fred Haldeman, Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM)
Linda Van Buskirk, Executive Assistant (EA)
Mat Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant (EA)
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Livermore Police Department (LPD): Sergeants Justin Lash and Marcy Matos, Officer Avtaar Mahe, Officer Chris Starr.
Members of the public: Tabby Breon, Scott Bohlmann, Kathi Heimann, Katelyn Dermody, Gina Saieva, Jill Riley, Kevin Burke, Bob Hostetter, Karen Brandon, Leena Desai, Amanda Villar, Bryan Ford

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Those Directors present, and GM Fuzie were introduced to the public in attendance.

- 1. Update on current LARPD projects:** PFM Haldeman was introduced and discussed the following:
 - Completion of equipment upgrades at the Ida Holm Park, Bill Clark Park, Jack Williams Park, and syntenic field replacement at Cayetano Park.
 - New message boards will be at select playgrounds which were donated by Livermore Rotary and the LARPD Foundation.
 - Bruno Canziani Park playground equipment to be replaced in 2029 or sooner if funds are available.
- 2. Comments and Suggestions Regarding Bruno Canziani Park:**
Chair Furst asked the public "What do you want to see in your parks?"

Community Comments and Questions:

- a) This is a wonderful park and would like to see more amenities like those in different countries. *[Director Pierpont: International parks have more amenities because most homes do not have a backyard or a reasonably sized backyard].*
- b) The park needs additional parking.
- c) Are there any plans to install public restrooms due to park patrons defecating and urinating between bushes and neighboring fences? *[Chair Furst: explained that LARPD policy is not to install restroom facilities in neighborhood parks, as they are primarily meant to be used by residents. GM Fuzie expanded on this and the distinction between larger community parks (which often do have restroom facilities) and smaller neighborhood parks].*
- d) Water sprinklers are not working which leaves residents to water nearby dead or dying vegetation. *[PFM Haldeman: Water to the park comes from Wente Vineyards at 20 pounds per square inch (PSI). He will meet with the City of Livermore and Wente Vineyards to discuss available options to increase water PSI and additional water pumps to certain areas of the park].*
- e) Concerns were raised about late-night activities and discussion on how to resolve the issue.
 - Resident suggestions: add chain at the front entrance parking - *[PFM Haldeman will look more into this and other options].*
 - Improve lighting at the picnic area. - *[PFM Haldeman will look more into this and other options].*
 - LPD: asked residents to call LPD's non-emergency phone number at 925-371-4987 to report suspicious activities, fireworks, loud noises, etc.
- f) Request for additional tan bark at the children's playgrounds. *[PFM Haldeman will get more engineered wood fibers for the playgrounds].*
- g) Request to cover holes at the dog park. *[PFM Haldeman: will have staff cover the holes and perform a maintenance check].*
- h) Will pet waste bags return to the park? *[Director Pierpont: noted that the bags were too expensive and park patrons were taking multiple bags at a time. PFM Haldeman: expanded on the cost of the bags per year].*

3. **Questions for Police Officers:** Sergeants Justin Lash and Marcy Matos, along with Officer Avtaar Mahen and Chris Starr, from the LPD was present for this meeting to answer resident's questions and concerns.

Community Comments and Questions:

- a) Is there a city curfew?
- b) Residents voiced concerns about safety and discussed what actions to take regarding non-street-legal motorized bikes / electric dirt bikes / mini motorcycles (pocket bikes). *[Electric dirt bikes are illegal. LPD is doing their best to combat the issue. If any unsafe activity is observed, it should be immediately reported to the Livermore Police Department's non-emergency line at (925) 371-4987].*
- c) How can we report fireworks? *[Fireworks are illegal in Livermore. If you see or hear fireworks being used, contact the Livermore Police Department's non-emergency line at (925) 371-4987. LPD will have extra officers working on Fourth of July].*
- d) Is LPD being supported by the City Council? *[Yes, they are well supported and managed by the City Council and Police Chief].*
- e) Speeding issues along Charlotte Way were brought up and a speed bump was suggested. *[Speed bumps are a good deterrent and explained the noise concerns that come with having speed bumps. Residents were deferred to the City's Engineering Division regarding new requests for road signs/markings. LPD will conduct a speed survey in a few weeks].*

For more information:

To report a non-emergency incident with the Livermore Police Department, call (925) 371-4987. For more information, please visit the Livermore Police Department website at www.police.livermoreca.gov

Non-emergency reports or other concerns with any of the LARPD parks or facilities can also be filed online on the City of Livermore Police Department's website at [Report a Problem - www.police.livermoreca.gov](http://www.police.livermoreca.gov)

To request new road signage/markings, call the City of Livermore's Engineering Division at 925-960-4500, email engineering@livermoreca.gov, or request online at [City of Livermore \(311service.com\)](http://CityofLivermore(311service.com))

Questions on the City of Livermore's landscape maintenance, call Maintenance Division at 925-960-8020, email maintenance-request@livermoreca.gov, or report online at [City of Livermore \(311service.com\)](http://CityofLivermore(311service.com))

4. Questions for LARPD Board of Directors and Staff:

- Residents praised the Board and staff for their work and continued maintenance of the beautiful park.
- When will the City maintain the parks? *[GM Fuzie: LARPD is an independent special district. The City is not actively trying to take over the parks].*
- Dying vegetation at some sidewalk areas. *[PFM Haldeman: the City maintains the sidewalk. He will reach out to the City].*
- GM Fuzie reiterated the difference between a community and neighborhood park with factual situations as examples.

There were no further questions or comments. Chair Furst thanked all community members for their contributions and for attending.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED,



David Furst
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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

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