Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 14, 2026
3:00 p.m.

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550-5053
West Wing Conference Room

Members Present:	Chair Maryalice Faltings, Director David Furst
Members Absent:	None.
Staff Present:	David Weisgerber, Planning and Communications Manager Doug Eckert, Recreation Coordinator Harmony Brockman, Youth Services Manager Joseph Benjamin, Recreation Manager Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM) Rachel Shelnut, Recreation Field Supervisor Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant to the General Manager Vanessa Donaldson, Youth Services Coordinator
Others Present:	Larry Bird

1. **Call to Order**: Chair Faltings called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comment**: Chair Faltings opened public comment. No public comments were received, and the public comment period was closed.

3. **Approval of the Minutes: Program Committee Meeting held on September 9, 2026.**

   - **Action**: The September 9, 2026, Program Committee meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

4. **Adaptive Recreation Program Update**: The Committee received an update on the Adaptive Recreation Program, including program offerings, local partnerships with the Regional Center of the East Bay and Sunflower Hill, and a recap of summer activities (Supplemental Item 4).

   - **Action**: No Committee action was taken; however, staff will provide an update to the Board at a future meeting.

5. **Future Agenda Items / Matters Initiated / Announcements**:
    a) Meeting Change: The Committee agreed to reschedule the November 11, 2026, Program Committee meeting to November 18, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
    b) Geographic Information System (GIS) Program: GM Fuzie announced that the District will launch a GIS program and provide more information at a future Committee meeting.

6. **Adjournment**: The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM 4
October 14, 2026

LARPD ADAPTIVE RECREATION

MEET THE TEAM



DOUG ECKERT



VANESSA DONALDSON

Doug Eckert

Education

- BS, Psychology
- Masters in Human Behavior

Experience

- 18+ years working youth, teens, and adults
- Including 2 years in crisis intervention and day treatment programs

Vanessa Donaldson

Education

- AS, Early Childhood Education
- BS, Family and Human Development with a minor in Sociology
- MSW, emphasis in mental health and trauma

Experience

- 15+ years working with preschoolers, youth, and teens

PROGRAMS

378 PARTICIPANTS

From September 2024 to August 2025

FRIENDS IN THE KITCHEN

Cooking classes for youth, teens, and adults.

TEEN AND ADULT SOCIALS

Once a month themes socials for teens and adults. Some themes include Karaoke, Glow in the Dark, and Clay Sculpting.

SUMMER CAMPS

Youth themed summer camps. Last year started with one this year we ran four adaptive camps.

PARTNERSHIPS

Major partnerships are Regional Center of the East Bay and Sunflower Hill.

MASTER PLAN

Grow adaptive into aquatics and open space.

PARTNERSHIPS

RCEB

- Vendored in February; pays for services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Supports Friends in the Kitchen and youth Sensory Socials
- Helps promote classes and services

Sunflower Hill

- Affordable housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Offers gardening, painting, cooking, and yoga
- Promotes and attends adult classes and services; collaborates on socials

SUMMER RECAP

THEMED CAMPS

- CANDYLAND — BALL PIT ("GUMBALL PIT")
- OUTER SPACE — JEDI TRAINING WITH POOL NOODLES
- WORLD OF COLOR — TIE-DYE SHIRTS WITH SPRAY BOTTLES
- CAMPING — SYCAMORE GROVE DAY; NEXT SUMMER PLAN TO RETURN

PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

- REVIEWED REGISTRATIONS
- CALLED PARENTS ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS
- PROVIDED FIDGETS
- SHARED PARTICIPANT NEEDS WITH STAFF TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION

SWIM SENSORY NIGHTS

- ONCE A MONTH FOR ALL AGES