

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**MEETING NOTES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021**

**2:30 P.M.**

*NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19*

*In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, members of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Facilities Committee and staff participated in this meeting via Zoom teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public also participated in this meeting electronically.*

Committee Members Present: Maryalice Faltings, Jan Palajac

LARPD Staff Present: Mat Fuzie, Allie Ikeda, Fred Haldeman, Jeffrey Schneider, David Weisgerber, Joseph Benjamin, Julie Dreher, Linda VanBuskirk, Lynn Loucks, Michelle Newbould, Nancy Blair, Natalie Kaaiawahia, Patrick Lucky, Robert Sanchez, Vicki Wiedenfeld

Public Members Present: Paula Orrell, Stanton (Kirby) Wong

**1. Call to Order:**

Committee Chair Faltings called the meeting to order at 2:30p.m.

**2. Public Comment:**

- a) Mr. Kirby Wong addressed the Committee regarding LARPD moving forward with the resurfacing/restriping of the tennis courts to accommodate pickleball in May Nissen Park. He expressed concern that the project may not be inclusive to the neighborhood and the tennis players in town. He mentioned that in addition to his letter sent to LARPD in July 2019, others have recently sent a letter to the Facilities Committee asking for six permanent courts and leaving two tennis courts. If that is not possible, then eight pickleball courts striped on top of the tennis courts will help to alleviate overcrowding at Livermore Downs for this growing sport.
- b) Ms. Paula Orrell addressed the Committee regarding resurfacing/restriping of the tennis courts to accommodate pickleball in May Nissen Park, and the need for permanent pickleball nets. She expressed concern that intermingling eight pickleball courts on top of four tennis courts will not be complimentary to each other and will result in a disservice to both. She asked to have this topic put back on a future agenda for further discussion.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on March 4, 2021:**

The meeting minutes of March 4, 2021 were approved unanimously as submitted.

General Manager Fuzie pointed out that Item 6 of the March 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes captured the status of the May Nissen Tennis Courts project. The group reviewed the history and current status of the project and recommended continued discussions on the need for additional pickleball courts within the community.

The group further discussed the opportunity for the pickleball community to set up clinics in May Nissen Park to conduct demonstrations and offer to teach people the game of pickleball to further their cause.

#### **4. Community Gardens**

Parks and Facilities Manager Fred Haldeman gave an update on the current status of the Community Gardens and shared plans for moving forward. He reported that the District currently has only one community garden located at the Robert Livermore Community Center off Loyola Avenue, with 70 rentable spaces, and a wait list of approximately 30 people. The average wait time is one to two years. Due to the demand, the group discussed the idea of creating smaller community gardens throughout the District. These gardens could qualify for AB 1600 funding. Natalie Kaaiawahia gave a brief update on the registration process as the front counter staff oversees the financial aspect of this program and works with the community on addressing the current waitlist. A meeting between the community gardeners and LARPD staff did not take place in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

No Committee action was taken. However, the following action items were suggested:

- Mr. Haldeman to complete a Project Evaluation Form on this concept.
- Suggested locations for consideration were identified as Marlin Pound Park, Ida Holm Park, Summit Park, Pleasure Island Park, Almond Park, Ralph Wattenberger Park, and Hagemann Park. Consensus was that parks north of Interstate 580 should be strongly considered. Mr. Haldeman to check in with Vicki Wiedenfeld to confirm availability and ensure no conflicts with sports groups.
- GM Fuzie opined this would be an interesting opportunity to gather community feedback on what gardeners want and what is needed to install smaller gardens.

#### **5. Pump Track:**

GM Fuzie updated the Committee on the status of the bike pump track project at Sunken Gardens Park. O'Dell Engineering has provided a Proposal M3055 for Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering & Surveying Engineering for an estimated \$56,000 to complete the design phase, up to and including development of construction documents, for a "Pump Track". The design phase will also include an Engineer's Estimate for the costs to complete the project. Since it is anticipated that this project will be considered a Major Capital Outlay, completion of the design phase

will allow the Board of Directors to have the information it needs to decide whether to move this project into the bid phase.

The Committee suggested this item be presented to the full board.

- GM Fuzie will place this item on the next Board Meeting agenda.

## **6. CIP Updates – Current and Future Projects:**

The Committee received a status update from Administrative Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider on current CIP Project Updates included in the agenda packet.

No Committee action was taken. However, the following action items were suggested:

- Chair Faltings asked if the CIP projects could be listed on the updates form as either Major or Minor projects.
- Chair Faltings suggested that Project No. 732 Solar Energy Implementation include the address at Robert Livermore Park on Loyola Way.
- Chair Faltings suggested staff issue news releases or letters to the editor of The Independent to keep the community informed of projects ahead of time.

## **7. Property Matrix: List of Properties and Ownership/Maintenance Responsibilities**

Administrative Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider shared his screen and the Committee reviewed and discussed the draft matrix entitled “LARPD PROPERTIES Ownership/Maintenance Responsibilities” – a comprehensive view of revenue and costs to support the District’s various locations. He led the group through a discussion on the matrix which has been populated and identifies ownership of land, buildings, fixtures, maintenance responsibilities, source of funding, and costs associated with these buildings and parks.

No Committee action was taken. However, the following action items were suggested:

- ASM Schneider to provide Committee members with both a hard and soft copy of this matrix.

## **8. Matters Initiated**

- a) Member Palajac asked about the restrooms at Ernie Rodrigues Sports Field. Are these on an automatic timer or is staff responsible to open and close manually. Recreation Supervisor Vicki Wiedenfeld responded that they are controlled by a by staff utilizing the Musco Control System.
- b) Member Palajac suggested a future agenda item/discussion regarding eBikes and those modes of transportation relate to the District’s facilities. GM Fuzie announced that staff has been working on this and it will come to a future Board meeting.

- c) Member Palajac asked if the District has a tree removal process for our parks. Staff will research and respond.
- d) Member Palajac stated that there is an article in The Independent about the City of Livermore doing research on rights of way for the Iron Horse Trail. East Bay Regional Park District has applied for a federal grant for funding to do some of the connections in the City of Livermore to the Iron Horse Trail. She suggested staff inquire if LARPD can do anything to help with this process and become involved if we can.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.