

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

3:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: James Boswell, Maryalice Faltings

Staff Present: Fred Haldeman, Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM)
Jill Kirk, Community Services Manager (CSM)
Brenda Rios, Child Development Supervisor
David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor (COS)
Kendahl Hettick, Financial Analyst
Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant
Patrick Lucky, Aquatics Supervisor

Members of the Public Present: None.

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Boswell called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Chair Boswell opened the Public Comment period. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on October 9, 2024:**
 - **Action:** The minutes of the Facilities Committee held on October 9, 2024 were approved unanimously as submitted.
4. **Planning for Future Trails and Trail Connectors (Standing Item):**
 - a) PFM Haldeman reported that he had contacted CEMEX about the Lake A Trail. CEMEX has submitted plans to go out to bid.
 - b) CSM Kirk reported on the Patterson Ranch Trail. LARPD staff installed the signage yesterday. New fencing and gate closer installation is complete. A walk through was completed, but additional work is needed to identify the trail due to numerous intersecting paths. Our goal is to ensure that everyone stays on the designated LARPD trail. Expected trail opening is by the end of the year.
 - c) PFM Haldeman reported on the bridge at Wente. A plan has been mostly approved, involving a 110-ft. bridge instead of the originally proposed 190-ft. bridge. It will be made of steel with an asphalt surface. Concerns were raised about the noise from the planks potentially distracting golfers, so an alternative steel deck with an asphalt coating is being considered for its low maintenance for the first 20-30 years. Wente also plans to plant trees and build a berm to address line-of-sight and sound concerns for golfers.

Action: This was a discussion only; no Committee action was taken.

5. CIP Update/List of All CIP Projects (Standing Item):

The Committee received a status update on current CIP projects from COS Weisgerber and PFM Haldeman. The report was included in the agenda packet. COS Weisgerber reported that the next two playgrounds scheduled through the Playground Replacement Program will be at Mocho Park and Tex Spruiell Park.

Action: This was a discussion only; no Committee action was taken.

6. Facilities Updates:

Chair Boswell requested to add this item to the agenda to initiate discussions regarding the Bothwell Center and the R.E. Merritt Building.

- a) Bothwell Center: PFM Haldeman advised that LVPAC has indicated they will be vacating the building sometime within the next year.
- b) R.E. Merritt Building: CSM Kirk reported that Child Development Supervisors Brenda Rios and Harmony Brockman now have offices in the building along with administrative staff. The curriculum room, serving all ESS and preschool sites, accommodates 50-60 users accessing resources such as the library and equipment. Little House is programmed five (5) days a week. The upstairs area functions as the District's Records Center and houses archived plan sets.

Action: This was a discussion only; no Committee action was taken.

7. Future Agenda Items / Matters Initiated / Announcements

- a) Director Faltings reported receiving numerous requests for more pickleball courts. Director Boswell observed that pickleball, like racquetball, badminton, handball, and tennis often experiences a surge in popularity before stabilizing. *[GM Fuzie will provide an update on this topic at the next Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for December 11, 2024. CSM Kirk noted that LARPD will soon launch a pickleball league, with plans to introduce a 40-and-under league to attract younger participants. The focus is on developing a comprehensive program, not just adding courts, to serve a broader community].*

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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