

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
2:30 PM

NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, members of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Program 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: Jan Palajac, Maryalice Faltings

LARPD Staff Present: Mat Fuzie, Fred Haldeman, Jill Kirk, David Weisgerber, Linda Van Buskirk, Nancy Blair, Patrick Lucky, Robert Sanchez

Others Present: None

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There were no comments from the public.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency:**
Resolution: Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, approved Resolution No. 2740-a, determining to conduct meetings of the LARPD Program Committee using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code 54953 as amended by AB 361 for the period March 16, 2022 to April 15, 2022.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Program Committee Meetings held on February 16, 2022:**
The Committee suggested the following revisions to the minutes of February 16, 2022:
 - a) At **Item 6: May Nissen Programming**, on page 2, first paragraph, clarify the sentence by adding in "school" = "These include the reopening of the preschool in January, working with the **school** district on federal funding for after school and summer enrichment, sports programs at both Marylin and May Nissen, and the possibility of adding swim lessons."
 - b) At **Item 7: Expansion of LVJUSD Childcare Program Offerings**, also on page 2, add "school" = "CSM Kirk noted that the school district is doing this as a pilot program, so we would go back to the **school** district with such concerns".

- c) At **Item 9: Directors Reports and Announcements**, on page 3, add the title after Ms. Fagliano's name = "He had a good meeting with Sheila Fagliano, **President, Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association.**"
- d) Also at **Item 9: Directors Reports and Announcements**, on page 3, the second paragraph, clarify the name of the ad hoc committee, members, and the agreement = "The draft of the Master **Property Agreement was sent off to the COL today. It was also sent to the Ad-Hoc Committee: Master Property Agreement members (Director Furst and Director Pierpont). Note: At the March 9, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, a new Ad-Hoc Committee: Master Property Agreement was created, consisting of Director Jan Palajac and Director David Furst.**"

The meeting minutes of February 16, 2022 were approved with revisions as noted.

5. Community Gardens:

GM Fuzie reported that LARPD continues to look for ways to add community gardens. Parks and Facilities Manager Fred Haldeman is spearheading this effort. PFM Haldeman updated the Committee on his meetings with the city of Livermore and outcomes. He will meet next Monday morning with a consultant to discuss the parameters of design for ADA parking. This will need to be drawn up for permits. The location is at Christiansen Park. Once we have a cost estimate, we can revisit whether we want to look at alternate locations that either already have parking or have an easier route to parking. PFM Haldeman met with the City Engineers last month and they approved the Christiansen site. The District will put together an RFP/RFQ to bring on additional consultants with which we may work. GM Fuzie added that during his conversation with a constituent who wants a walking path there, he mentioned "neighborhood impact of parking" at least three times.

Committee questions/comments included: Where in Christiansen Park is this? (On the park side, not on the school side.) Is this the consultant that the city recommended? (This is Samir Khanna with O'Dell Engineering). How many people will this accommodate? (This smaller design has 22 regular spots plus 1-2 accessible spaces.) If it turns out that there is no demand for the handicap accessible plot, are we prepared to convert them over? (Must have one that is ADA accessible.) Please ask Samir Khanna what the formula percentage of the plots must be ADA accessible, just as there is for parking spots. Will the parking impact any of the other uses at the school site? Why was Christiansen chosen when there are parks over there that are less busy? (After review, Altamont and Christiansen seemed the most likely because of layout and accessibility.) How far away is this from the Preschool? (about 100 yards).

Action:

- The Committee asked that this item come back to the next Program Committee meeting for an update.
- The Committee also suggested that another official meeting of the Community Gardens be scheduled as there has not been one in a couple of years due to COVID-19.

- PFM Haldeman will go to the Christiansen site tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to determine if traffic will be a concern here.
- The Committee and staff determined that due to the impact of parking on the neighborhood, it may be wise to begin looking at other options/other locations – a park that is less busy. PFM Haldeman will bring back a list of [5] potential alternate locations to the next Program Committee meeting.

6. Bothwell Building:

GM Fuzie reported that the Bothwell Building lease has termed out. He will be seeking Board direction on the future of the Bothwell Building. The timing is good as the District will be in discussions with the City regarding the Master Property Agreement. The question of what is the best and highest use of that acreage may come up. GM Fuzie stated the District received an ask if we would sell it.

Committee questions/comments included: If the Bothwell building were not leased to LVPAC, for what would we consider using it? [The building needs work before LARPD would consider running programs out of it. At one time, the Quest Science Center was interested in leasing it.]

Action: The Committee recommended that the GM would let it be known that the lease is up and see who may approach us, then let the committee know what the possibilities are.

7. Foundation Fundraiser:

Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber reported that the LARPD Foundation will present its fundraiser “Wine Down in the Grove” on Saturday, May 21, 2022 to advance its Community Support Program, providing financial assistance to those in need allowing them the opportunity to join in LARPD programs such as summer camps, swim lessons and senior activities. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 for the program. Tickets are \$100 for adults only 21+ years of age. The event will be held at the reservable picnic area at Sycamore Grove Park from 3:00-6:00 p.m. A few of the Foundation members will attend the April Board meeting to announce details of the fundraiser to the full Board and public.

Committee questions/comments included: The picnic area is in the area of Sycamore Grove Park known as Veteran’s Park. Is there a limit to the number of people who may attend? [The maximum will be 250 people.] Foundation memberships should be acknowledged as a courtesy.

Action:

No Committee action was taken as this was an information only item. However, the following was suggested:

- **COS Weisgerber** will follow up with the LARPD Foundation Treasurer and Secretary in terms of membership acknowledgement because members should have received something regarding that.
- Committee members suggested that the fundraiser would be an ideal time to promote further memberships.

8. Interpreter Program Presentation:

Community Services Manager Jill Kirk presented the Open Space Interpretive Program, a YouTube video created by the Open Space team. The video introduced Open Space Interpretive Rangers Eric Whiteside and Christine Cardozi, Park Ranger Danny Haberman, and Naturalist Dora O'Brien. The team shared information on a variety of Open Space programs, including

- Sycamore Science Camp
- Junior Rangers
- Summer Nature Camp in Sycamore Grove Park
- Counselor-in-Training Program
- Classroom programs
- Valley Wilds
- Trivia Night
- Sycamore Summer Games
- Annual programs such as Halloween Sycamore Scares, Apple Fest at Ravenswood Historic Site, Pumpkin Carving, Christmas – Great Yule Log,
- Hoot Owls
- Brushy Peak tours
- BELIEVES
- Senior Programs
- Social media – Instagram and Facebook

Action:

The Committee encouraged staff to bring this presentation to the full Board and public, and suggested it would be a good presentation for use before other community groups within the community such as Livermore Downtown, Inc., the Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance, Rotary, Sons in Retirement, etc.

9. COVID-19 Program Updates:

GM Fuzie updated the committee on LARPD programs. There is high demand for LARPD programs except for Facilities Rentals - especially regarding indoor facilities. Since interest in Facility Rentals has not returned as quickly as expected, that program will be evaluated in its entirety. The committee and staff discussed an uptick in cases reported in the UK (up 40% this week) and China mandating lockdowns once again. LARPD recreation programs are anticipated to do well unless there is an outbreak once again.

10. Directors' Reports and Announcements:

- a) Committee members had no reports or announcements.
- b) GM Fuzie announced his nomination papers were submitted today to CSDA. This is regarding the upcoming election to the CSDA Board of Directors–Bay Area Network, Seat B for the 2023-2025 term.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.