

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

2:00 PM

NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021), the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Program Committee Members and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Jan Palajac, David Furst

LARPD Staff Present: Mathew Fuzie, Allie Ikeda, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, Fred Haldeman, Julie Dreher, David Weisgerber, Joseph Benjamin, Linda VanBuskirk, Nancy Blair, Patrick Lucky, Vicki Wiedenfeld, Pamela Healy

Others Present: None

COMMITTEE CHAIR: PALAJAC

COMMITTEE MEMBER: FURST

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There were no members of the public present, and the Public Comment period was closed.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Program Committee on September 16, 2021:** Director Furst requested the minutes be corrected to remove the words “see attachment” from page 2, item number 5, line 3: “Multi-use Court Rental and Use Process”.

Action: The minutes of September 16, 2021, were approved, with this revision.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution No. 2723-d):**

GM Fuzie explained the process for approval of this Resolution at each meeting to approve Teleconferencing as a valid method of conducting meetings moving forward.

Action: Resolution No. 2723-d was unanimously approved.

5. **Multi-use Court Rental and Use Process – Update:** Recreation Manager Alexandra Ikeda gave a presentation on current options for use of the courts, including both drop-in play and advance reservations. For tournaments and commercial rentals, there is also an option to

reserve multiple courts by contacting the Sports Division, completing an application, providing insurance, and paying fees. Recreation Manager Ikeda then reviewed current hourly rental fees, including those for surrounding agencies. There was subsequent discussion regarding the current usage at each park location, fees and added costs associated with larger groups and tournaments. Currently, the courts are open for anyone, with no fees, and no formal rental process. GM Fuzie commented that staff have requested community input for this program, however, interest is mainly with Pickleball players. May Nissen and Livermore Downs park locations are impacted every day. GM Fuzie stressed that renting is primarily for convenience to the public, as it guarantees court availability. It is not intended as a revenue generation source. He noted that we will have to be prepared to enforce reservations once we move forward with the reservation process. Director Furst requested that we implement this as a pilot program, noting that we are willing to make changes as needed. GM Fuzie expressed agreement with this approach, indicating this will be implemented as a pilot program.

Action: Staff were asked to implement the Multi-use Court Rental and Use Process as a pilot program.

- 6. Parking Control – RLCC:** GM Fuzie shared that a neighbor across from the RLCC has been sending emails about concerns over parking control during events. He has recommended the individual work with the City to get permits so that local parking restrictions will be enforced. To date, we have put information in our permits on where to properly park and have conducted parking lot security. So far, the only complaint is from one individual. There is enough parking on Loyola for these events, however, many people aren't parking there. Director Furst suggested the issue should be brought to the full Board. GM Fuzie explained that if brought to the full Board, there will be opportunity for public comment; however, the complainant has been invited to give comment several times and so far, has not done so. Committee members concurred that the complainant has already been offered a solution, along with several opportunities to provide public comment. Further conversation ensued over the pros/cons of adding a one way pass through to the Loyola parking lot from the East Avenue parking lot.

Action: No Committee action was taken.

- 7. COVID-19 Program Updates:** GM Fuzie opened the discussion by sharing that we are still enforcing masks indoors and are waiting for the indoor mask mandate to be lifted. We are doing well financially, we are recovering. He elaborated that ESS is starting to grow, and we are starting to get busier with events. There was further discussion about the continued indoor mask mandates and enforcement. GM Fuzie added that we are seeing people go other places for activities (private locations) where the mandate may not be enforced. Director Palajac commented that the indoor mask mandate is unlikely to be lifted any time soon because of the specific requirements necessary to do so. Director Furst asked GM Fuzie to confirm the actual Alameda County requirements for the mask mandate. GM Fuzie noted that as of Monday there were 6.2 cases per 100,000, with a vaccination rate of 70%.

Action: General Manager Fuzie was asked to verify the specific requirements for lifting the indoor mask mandate.

8. Directors' Reports and Announcements:

There were no Director announcements. Chair Palajac asked if any staff members had anything else to share.

GM Fuzie discussed the preliminary Bike Pump Track Project estimate from O'Dell Engineering. He noted cost increases due to both inflationary costs and an overall post-Covid supply cost increase. Director Palajac asked if this included an estimate for construction management and was informed it did not. Director Furst asked if this item has been shared with both the Facilities and Finance Committees. GM Fuzie responded that it has been reviewed with the Facilities Committee and now will be brought to the full Board.

Business Services Manager Jeff Schneider gave an update on the LIFT Program. The District has a 3-year agreement with Comcast involving the deployment of enhanced Wi-Fi bandwidth here at RLCC. There is no cost to the District for this program. The focus is improving Wi-Fi accessibility for children who do not have Wi-Fi at home or who may otherwise benefit from increased access. The enhancement to our existing Wi-Fi will be throughout public areas of the RLCC and the Recreation building, except those areas that are not focused on children (such as the billiards area). The LIFT program will not be deployed to school sites, only to community centers due to the parameters of the agreement. Recreation Manager Ikeda added that the implementation of the LIFT program has been shared to social media, and there are plans to do additional marketing.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

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