



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
*An independent special district*

## REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Robert Livermore Community Center  
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California  
Sycamore Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Philip Pierpont, Maryalice Faltings, James Boswell,  
Vice Chair Jan Palajac, Chair David Furst

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)  
Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant  
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law Group (DC)  
Gary Bell, with Colantuono, Highsmith and Whatley, PC

OTHERS PRESENT: Zach Moore, Connor Moore, Mike Ralph, Jeramy Monroe

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Pierpont, who arrived on the dais at 5:05 p.m. Chair Furst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zach Moore and Connor Moore provided a comment recommending expanding the Sunken Gardens Bike Pump Track to the adjacent open space.

Mike Ralph provided a public comment in response to Zach Moore's comment, who supported the expansion of the Sunken Gardens Bike Pump Track.

Jeramy Monroe provided a public comment in support of expanding the Sunken Gardens Bike Pump Track.

GM Fuzie asked Zach Moore to reach out to the General Manager's Office regarding his proposal.

### 3. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 14, 2024
- 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Meeting in Vista Meadows Park on August 21, 2024

#### MOTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.2, by the following voice vote:

AYES: *Directors Palajac, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Furst (4)*

NOES: *None (0)*

ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*

ABSENT: *Director Pierpont (1)*

### 4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Report, Prepared by RSG Solutions for the Local Agency Formation Commission of Alameda County**

Prior to the continued discussion regarding the revised draft Municipal Service Review (MSR), GM Fuzie noted, however not yet confirmed, that the MSR agenda item will not be discussed at the Local Agency Formation Commission of Alameda County (LAFCo) meeting on September 12, 2024.

GC Bell reiterated his recommendations to the Board to request from LAFCo a special study analyzing the overlapping boundaries and services provided and Tax Sharing Agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District.

The Board of Directors continued their discussion regarding the revised draft MSR provided by LAFCo. Below is a brief synopsis.

- Chair Furst had questions and cited incorrect information in the August 27th letter and requested updates and changes.
- Several conversations took place regarding the MSR process and when the letter was due to the LAFCo Board.

#### DIRECTION:

- a) Chair Furst directed staff to research and confirm the amounts mentioned in the August 27<sup>th</sup> letter.
- b) The Board asked GC Bell to initiate a letter to LAFCo recommending a special study analyzing the overlapping boundaries and services provided and to include the specific numerical data that LARPD transfers through the Property Tax Sharing Agreement to East Bay Regional Park District prior to the LAFCo September 12, 2024 meeting.
- c) Chair Furst suggested the Board meet to discuss talking points at a special session to be determined.

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)**

- 5.1 Bruno Canziani Park Update  
GM Fuzie updated the Board regarding the status of the water issue at Bruno Canziani Park. The District is continuing to work with the City and Wente, however there are no improvements from Wente. The City and the District are using traditional watering methods and extending watering intervals. GM Fuzie noted a possible city water connection on an as needed basis and clarified details are still in its infancy. The costs of the connection would be covered by AB1600.
- 5.2 Patterson Ranch Trail Update  
GM Fuzie gave a brief update regarding the Patterson Ranch Trail. The District is actively working with Zone 7 on an agreement, insurance, and signer approvals. The trail update is expected to be completed at the end of the calendar year.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Director Pierpont reported on his attendance, along with Director Palajac, at the August 26, 2024 Finance Committee meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet. The Committee discussed the preliminary budget results, potential transition from Great Plains Accounting System, and the new budget tool to assist in streamlining the creation of budget models.
- b) Director Furst reported on his attendance, along with Director Palajac, at the August 28, 2024 Intergovernmental Committee meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet. The items discussed were the Fourth of July and Community Service Day events and the state of the school district.
- c) Director Pierpont reported on his attendance at the August 7, 2024 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. Brandi Lombardi, Executive Director of Livermore Valley Wine Community (also known as Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association) gave a presentation on the history of wine and alcohol tax.
- d) Director Pierpont reported his attendance at the August 20, 2024 Livermore Downtown Inc. (LDI) meeting. The LDI gave an update on downtown construction and “Sip with Us Livermore” program.
- e) Director Palajac was unable to attend the August 19, 2024 Alameda County Agricultural Subcommittee for Trails meeting due to traffic. The subcommittee continued its work on editing the PowerPoint presentation about the South Bay Aquaduct trail.
- f) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the August 22, 2024 Tri-Valley Mayor’s Summit Luncheon at Blackhawk Museum in Danville.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS:** Board Members had no comments.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER:** GM Fuzie made no announcements.

**9. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.7**

Chair Furst announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would be convening into Closed Session to discuss the item listed at 10.1 on the agenda. Open Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**


- 10.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Title: General Manager

**11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1**

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 6:55 p.m. and Chair Furst announced that there was no reportable action. Chair Furst then adjourned the meeting without a vote and by unanimous consent.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED,

  
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David Furst  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Mathew L. Fuzie  
General Manager and  
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors

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