



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

7:00 P.M.

NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021), members of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference (Zoom). In the interest of maintaining proper social distancing, members of the public also participated in this meeting electronically.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, David Weisgerber, Linda VanBuskirk, Pamela Healy

GENERAL COUNSEL: Rod Attebery with Neumiller & Beardslee

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Goodman, Evan Branning, Stacey Kenison
[PUBLIC MEMBERS]: Larry Altman

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

Chair Faltings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Directors were present via Zoom. Chair Faltings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Manager Mathew Fuzie announced that Item 5.1 Potential Acquisition of Property Near Garaventa Wetlands will be pulled from the Agenda as the item is not ready for a discussion.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 LARPD FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

The Board received a presentation from LARPD Foundation President Steve Goodman and Trustee Evan Branning. The presentation highlighted the upcoming fundraiser entitled “Wine Down in the Grove” to be held at Sycamore Grove Park on May 21, 2022 between 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Arroyo Road park entrance. The primary goal of this fundraiser is to raise \$50,000 to fund the Community Support Program. Tickets are on sale online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-down-in-the-grove-fundraiser-tickets-308225860847> Mr. Goodman thanked Director Furst for his contribution and encouraged Board members to become involved through sponsorship, promotion through their network, or attendance at the event. Mr. Goodman stated that after the fundraiser takes place, the LARPD Foundation will return with its annual report at the May 25, 2022 Board meeting.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

- 4.1 Resolution No. 2744 determining to conduct meetings of the LARPD Board of Directors using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code 54953 as amended by AB 361
- 4.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 30, 2022
- 4.3 General Manager’s Monthly Update to the Board – April 2022
- 4.4 General Manager’s Goals and Objectives

MOTION:

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Furst, Pierpont, Palajac, Boswell, and Chair Faltings (5)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *None (0)*

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

The LARPD Board of Directors reviewed and discussed taking appropriate action or inaction with respect to the following matters:

5.1 POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY NEAR GARAVENTA WETLANDS

Chair Faltings stated this item was removed from the Agenda and will be discussed at a later meeting.

5.2 DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

GM Fuzie and Executive Assistant Linda VanBuskirk reported that the District holds its elections in concurrence with the State General Election which will be on November 8, 2022. Three seats on the Board of Directors (currently occupied by Chair Faltings, Director Furst, and Director Pierpont) will be up for re-election in November 2022. The three seats to be filled are for four-year terms, ending in December 2026.

Recommendation: Staff recommended that the Board of Directors consider a resolution a) calling for the District’s election for three Director seats on November 8,

2022, b) authorizing a charge to candidates for costs associated with Candidate Statements in the amount of \$500, said sum to be credited by the District against the costs of the Candidate's Statements as determined by the Registrar of Voters, c) requesting that the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County permit consolidation with the statewide general election on November 8, 2022, d) determining that the election precincts, polling places, voting booths and election officials in each of the precincts shall be the same as provided for the statewide election, and e) authorizing the County of Alameda to canvass the returns of said election and mail the results to the District as soon as the result of the canvass is determined.

Director Questions/Comments: Director Pierpont requested that, with regard to elections or other official matters like this, staff spell his name as Philip rather than Phil.

Public Comment: Chair Faltings opened public comment. No public comments were received. Chair Faltings closed the public comment period.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Boswell, adopted Resolution No. 2745, calling for the District's election on November 8, 2022 and requesting that the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County permit consolidation with the statewide general election on November 8, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Pierpont, Furst, Boswell, Palajac, and Chair Faltings (5)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *None (0)*

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

6.1 **GENERAL FINANCIAL UPDATE**

GM Fuzie reported that the District has been tracking its financials very closely and taking decisive action on them. The District has successfully weathered the storm through the COVID emergency. Revenues are on the rise; however, the cost of goods and labor is going up. Business Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider added that an update of actual results through March will be ready for the Board at its next meeting. LARPD can move forward with the synthetic turf fields at Robertson Park, and that work will be underway soon. A Board Budget Workshop will be held in late May, followed by a proposal for the final budget to be presented to the Board at its June 8, 2022 meeting.

The Board of Directors had no comments or questions. This was information only and no Board action was taken.

6.2 **COVID-19 PROGRAM UPDATES**

GM Fuzie reported that all COVID-related restrictions have been lifted. The demand for program is there, so LARPD has created several new programs that were successful during COVID and will continue forward with them. Through the pandemic we have refined our decision-making processes and better defined what people want. As a result, the Robert Livermore Community Center and

parks have been busy. The District has been receiving positive feedback, and experienced record signups on the first day of registration for summer programs.

GM Fuzie further provided an update on the school district: COVID did provide a change in the school day, and as a result the state government is providing additional funds for before and after school programs. LARPD has taken on those programs for the school district to the tune of \$1 million extra dollars for this fiscal year, and LARPD should see that increase in its revenues based on those programs.

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7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Director Furst reported his attendance, along with Director Palajac, at the April 7, 2022 Facilities Committee meeting. The agenda was included in the Board meeting agenda packet.
- b) Director Furst reported his attendance, along with Director Boswell, at the April 12, 2022 Personnel Committee meeting. The agenda was included in the Board meeting agenda packet.
- c) Director Furst reported his attendance at the April 6, 2022 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting.
- d) Chair Faltings reported her attendance at the April 4, 2022 LARPD Foundation meeting. The major topic of discussion was the upcoming Wine Down in the Grove fundraiser event.
- e) Director Palajac reported her attendance at the April 6, 2022 Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- a) Chair Faltings announced that she and GM Fuzie attended the Youth in Government event at the new City Council Chambers today followed by a luncheon at the Robert Livermore Community Center provided by the Livermore Rotary. She and GM Fuzie were paired with three students who were interested in learning about local government.
- b) Chair Faltings expressed an interest in returning to in person meetings beginning with the upcoming Board Retreat on April 20, 2022. In response to a question about the possibility of holding hybrid meetings, District Legal Counsel Rod Attebery advised that as long as the state of emergency continues to exist, the Board may continue to adopt the AB 361 resolution which makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of the Board. A hybrid meeting will be at the discretion of the Board. This resolution gives the District the opportunity to do both. LARPD staff is working to provide the technology in its meeting rooms to provide this service.
- c) Director Furst inquired if a Board member may ask if fellow Board members and staff attending in person meetings have been vaccinated and boosted. District Counsel Attebery advised that this is a medical issue and people do not have to reveal that information, but they may volunteer the information. People do need to follow the state, federal and local regulations. [By rescinding Order 21-06 (Indoor Face Masking Mandate), Alameda County aligns itself with State, following California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance on face coverings.]

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) LARPD has received the Livermore Rodeo Parade information and sign-up sheet and will be participating this year. He asked if each board member could let him know whether they would like to ride along either on the LARPD float or in a convertible. He will send out more information regarding times and commitment involved on that day.
- b) After 35 years with the City of Livermore, City Manager Marc Roberts will retire in June. Friday, June 3rd will be his last day in office.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED,

Maryalice Summers Faltings
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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

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