

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, March 14, 2024

2:00 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: Mat Fuzie, Fred Haldeman, Kendahl Hettick,
Jill Kirk, Linda VanBuskirk, Patrick Lucky

Members of the Public Present: None

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Committee Chair Boswell called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Boswell opened the Public Comment period. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.
- 3. FACILITY RENTALS:** Chair Boswell requested to add this item to the agenda to initiate discussions regarding field rentals, focusing on softball, baseball, and soccer fields. Additionally, he would like to explore the possibility of LARPD assuming control of rentals for certain fields owned by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD). Would it be beneficial for LARPD to collaborate with LVJUSD for field management? How can we improve the current system?

GM Fuzie reported that he and the Superintendent of Schools, Chris Van Schaack, are in agreement; therefore they are working with LVJUSD Bond Program Director Kim McNeely on a Master Property Agreement.

Chair Boswell raised concerns about field conditions, Title IX compliance at the high schools, and exclusive arrangements with private entities. The discussion highlighted numerous issues with field availability and the need for a more transparent system. There were discussions about cancellation policies, with suggestions for stricter enforcement to deter abuse of the system.

The committee agreed to consider policy changes, with a focus on addressing inventory shortages and unfair practices. They also touched upon the need to address lock box access and the issue of dogs on sports fields. The committee acknowledged the need for better management of resources throughout the community and emphasized the importance of community input and support, possibly through a bond measure. They also discussed the importance of education and enforcement regarding field usage regulations, such as leash laws.

For field rentals at LVJUSD: Go online to the LVJUSD website to apply for a civic permit for facility rentals [Maintenance, Operations & Facilities / Community Use & Facility Rental \(livermoreschools.org\)](https://www.livermoreschools.org), or contact the Business Services Dept. at (925) 606-4888;
For field rentals at LARPD: You may reach the Sports Office Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. by email at sports@larpd.org or (925) 373-5733.

Action:

- The Committee suggested staff draft and present a revised cancellation policy as demand for fields has outpaced supply
- Explore solutions for field maintenance (for renters after a game) and usage policies

4. PLANNING FOR FUTURE TRAILS AND TRAIL CONNECTORS (Standing Item):

GM Fuzie announced that CEMEX has submitted their plans for the trail at Lake A that will eventually become a connector trail. This is one of the last requirements before they exit. They have to create the trail and it will come to LARPD afterwards. Chair Boswell asked if they will pave the trail? [Yes.]

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 from Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM) Fred Haldeman on current CIP Project Updates (see attached supplemental table). He discussed current projects recently worked on and completed projects.

Action:

This was a discussion only; no committee action was taken.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / MATTERS INITIATED / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) GM Fuzie announced that he met with Diana Roberts, Conservation Manager with the Tri-Valley Conservancy. Roberts is developing various land conservation projects that could be presented to the board as potential acquisitions. One particularly promising project is located in Contra Costa County, adjacent to Doolan Canyon. Further research would be necessary before proceeding with this opportunity.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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