

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

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Information contained in this report is intended to help keep the Board of Directors informed on current projects and study issues. Reported below is the most current and available information. Since work on these items is ongoing, the information is subject to rapid change. If a project or issue has not changed from the previous month's report, the information provided may be the same as was previously reported. Please note that some projects are not directed or managed by LARPD, but they are included below as informational only.

AGREEMENTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Springtown Open Space Conceptual Plan – LARPD and the City of Livermore are committed to maintaining a very open and transparent study of the Springtown Open Space property and what future public use might be made of it, as an open space. To help accomplish this, LARPD, as a subject matter expert in parks and open space, has agreed to lead the Springtown Open Space Conceptual Planning process for the City. LARPD will consider potential involvement in the development and operation of the site ... IF it is directly related to LARPD's recreation and park goals and IF there is adequate and ongoing funding to support LARPD's involvement. LARPD may have an interest in operating this property but, like all government agencies, the District has a finite budget and it is not possible to take on the work load and cost of developing and/or maintaining an additional 85+ acres of land without additional financial resources.

The consultant for this project, RRM Design Group, researched the site and collected additional information from: a number of local stakeholder groups; two general public input meetings held on January 30 and 31; and from a conceptual design plan review meeting held April 27, 2017. These meetings involved receiving feedback from the community about how they would like to see the open space property used in the future and opinions on potential design elements. RRM Design Group is now using data collected from these meetings and from the email/mail comments received, to develop two conceptual designs to present to the public . A final recommended design will be presented in late summer, to the LARPD Board of Directors and to City Council. Notice of all public meetings will be posted on the District's website and will be advertised through other media sources.

2. District Asset Management – The consultant for this project, Kayuga Solution, developed an asset management plan for the District. The plan includes: a detailed inventory and condition assessment of the District's physical assets (buildings, parks, trails, equipment, (etc.); estimates for the cost of repairs and/or replacement; identifying the areas of immediate need and how to address them; a methodology for prioritizing the repair/replacement needs; and a plan for long-term asset management. This project is completed and has been discussed with both the Finance and Facilities Committees.

3. Sycamore Grove Bridge Project – Tri-Valley Conservancy continues to work with potential donors and sponsors to complete the funding goal. The LARPD Board has approved the concept design for the bridge and TVC is creating the final construction and bid specifications for the project. The design of the bridge reflects requirements by regulatory agencies, accommodates District trail maintenance vehicles (ATVs) and will complement future improvements to the entire regional trail and other bridge crossings. The project consultants are also working to complete required studies (nesting birds, bats, 100 year flood requirements, etc.) and obtain the required construction permits. These studies, permit processes and design changes have increased costs and extended the length of time required to complete this project. Due to the project cost increasing by an estimated \$250,000, the LARPD Board of Directors has approved a request from TVC for an additional \$50,000 in support funding from the District to be paid in Fiscal Year 2017-18. TVC is now working with the County to help research and apply for additional grant funding.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. RLCC Pool Deck Repair – Additional and necessary improvements were added to the project scope (pool re-plastering, stairway construction). The task order for the additional consultant services required to complete the updated plans was approved on 2/22/17 and the updated construction plans have been prepared by the consultants. The next step will be to fund this project and set a construction time line. This project is included on the CIP Priority B project list.

2. Bill Clark Park – Signature Homes approached the District with a proposal to renovate part of the Bill Clark Park playground. The Developer is willing to fund work to make the playgrounds ADA compliant, to upgrade the play equipment and to construct a shade structure over part of the equipment. The Board of Directors approved the acceptance of \$100,000 from Signature Homes for play area improvements at their January 13, 2016 meeting. This project was recently approved by the City and, once the Developer paid funds are received, staff will propose a CIP Project to accomplish the funded improvements.

3. Ravenswood Historic Site Repairs – CIP and Facilities staff have conducted a walkthrough with the project consultants, to review the scope of repairs and work needed on the site. All of the roofing on the five buildings and the porch and rails on the Main House are to be replaced, with work to be scheduled between future rental dates. The bid documents will be for three separate projects: 1. replacement of all roofs 2. design and construction of the rebuilt porch and 3. upgrade alarm/surveillance system for the building. Staff has requested a project schedule and fee proposal from the consultants. The scope of work for the bid package will be finalized after the estimates for project construction costs have been received and reviewed by staff. To accommodate the existing rental activities, staff is contemplating that the roof work be done later this year.

4. Playground Renovation Projects – Conceptual plans and preliminary project budgets for playground renovations at Jane Addams Preschool site, May Nissen Park, Big Trees Park and Pleasure Island Park were approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 27, 2016.

The final plans and specifications for the Jane Addams Playground Renovation were approved by the LARPD Board; a bid opening was conducted on June 5th. There was only one proposal, and it was considered too high, so the project will be re-bid with several other playground projects in hopes of getting a lower cost proposal. Staff will receive bid submittal drawings for review this week, which contain the estimates and technical specifications. After review and final changes, staff will submit for a final bid submittal and set of drawings and specifications. The May Nissen construction documents are at 90% completion and staff will review and finalize changes for the bid submittal set of drawings and specifications. Staff anticipates that all four playground projects will be put out to bid this summer, 2017. More information and updates on the projects are posted on the District's website at <http://parks.larpd.org>.

TRAILS

1. Re-pavement of the Arroyo Del Valle Regional Trail in Sycamore Grove Park – The funding agreement with EBRPD for a 10-year period was finalized in 2015. LARPD has requested that EBRPD consider accelerating the payments to LARPD. The LARPD Board has approved \$700,000 in District year-end balance to be moved to a reserve account as additional funding for this project. This project is included in the list of District CIP projects and staff is requesting that the project be funded for the 2017-18 fiscal year. A consultant is developing plans and specifications for this trail improvement project.

2. Upper Sycamore Grove Trail Development – Staff met with Zone 7 and EBRPD to discuss possible trail connections from Upper Sycamore Grove on to Zone 7's Del Valle property (the former Patterson Ranch) and an on-site viewing of the potential route for the Facilities Committee took place on Dec. 20, 2016. In preparation for presenting a proposed CIP project to the LARPD Board of Directors, staff has sent a letter to Zone 7, requesting their consideration of an LARPD constructed trail on Zone 7's Del Valle property. The proposed loop trail is approximately 1 mile in length and would come out of and return into Sycamore Grove Park. Also, Vo-Cal volunteers completed construction of a new trail within the upper park on April 29 and 30, 2017. Well over 100 volunteers worked on Saturday and over 30 worked on Sunday to complete the project.

3. Vasco Trail Extension by Ponderosa Homes – This is a City and developer built Project. The developer will construct a 1,200 ft. trail segment that will extend the existing trail on Vasco Road (Trail Segment A in the South Livermore Trail System) north, to East Ave. as an amenity for the Vines development project. The proposed trail extension will be an 8-foot wide paved asphalt path with 2-ft clear zones on either side, except for a small section that requires a narrow trail because of existing large trees. The development project has been approved, and staff has reviewed and commented on preliminary trail design plans. The District will assume the routine maintenance of this new trail section because it extends north from an existing trail section that LARPD maintains.

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