

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS
January 2018**

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 – On September 11, 2017, the Board of Directors received a presentation on the recommended Springtown Open Space Concept Plan from consultant RRM Design Group, received public comment, and provided staff and consultants with feedback and direction. The single proposed plan is available on the District's website (www.larpd.org). RRM Design Group made revisions to the plan and presented it at the October 25, 2017 Board Meeting. The final step was for the consultant to use the input received to refine the single plan and then presented it to City of Livermore City Council on December 11, 2017. RRM Design Group gave a presentation of the plan and the Director of Public Works, Darren Greenwood, provided the staff report. City Council received public comments and the City Council expressed appreciation of LARPD's effort, complimented the consultant, and voted unanimously in favor of the plan. The next step is to form a sub-committee between the City and the District to work on funding options and phasing. The City of Livermore will lead that process.

2. Sycamore Grove Bridge Project – Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) continues to work with potential donors and sponsors to complete the funding goal. TVC reports that the project plans, specifications and engineer's estimate is 95% completed. This includes grading plans, bridge plan with structural details and revegetation plan. The project team has secured most required permits. TVC staff is planning for a groundbreaking event to take place mid-August 2018, with construction to be completed in late fall/early winter.

3. The Mocho Park Tree Planting and Turf Reduction Project – A plan has been created and LARPD staff will cap select irrigation heads, make irrigation improvements, and aid in turf removal. A landscape contractor will be brought in to haul and spread clean woodchips to the areas converted from turf. This project is slated to be completed by March 2018 (weather permitting).

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. RLCC Pool Deck Repair – Updated construction plans have been prepared by the consultants. The next step will be to fund this project in the District’s CIP Plan and set a construction timeline. This project is currently included on the District’s CIP Priority B project list. The design and specifications for the completed RFP are anticipated to be issued in June of 2018, with work scheduled to commence in October of 2018.

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 – 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. A contractor was selected, and this project was scheduled to begin November 6th. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the contractor was unable to execute the contract. Staff must locate another contractor and squeeze the work in between rentals over the next 2-3 months. Other projects include design and construction of the rebuilt porch and upgrading the alarm/surveillance system for the building. Roof design and plans have been completed.

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 received final construction drawings and bid documents for Big Trees Park, Pleasure Island Park and May Nissen Park. The bid documents were reviewed, and completed in early November.

All four playground projects were put out to bid the week of Dec. 4, 2017. A public pre-proposal meeting was held on Thursday, December 14, to provide an opportunity to address any questions regarding and of the four projects. Deadline for bids is Jan. 17, 2018. More information and updates on the projects are posted on the District’s website at <http://parks.larpd.org>.

5. Shade Structures – Staff met with the shade structure vendor in early November to review options and pricing. Bothwell Park will be the first site to get the shade structure, and then subsequent sites will be considered. Different styles of shade structures will be considered. Staff met with another vendor in mid-December to obtain another estimate.

6. Livermore Downs Park Pathway – Staff recently completed a major overhaul of the park irrigation system to achieve head-to-head coverage. Parking lot landscaping was also renovated. The path was completed in November. Next, the sport court will be surfaced and a new 4-foot perimeter fence installed around the courts

7. Sunset Park – LARPD was selected to receive up to \$60,000 in matching funds to bring a pre-approved “Healthy Play Project” to the Livermore community. LARPD participated in a Healthy Play Funding Initiative and Training program, in partnership with PlayCore and Game Time, through California Park and Recreation Society. Livermore is one of 24 communities from around California to receive funding assistance; these 24 communities will also become part of an elite group of National Demonstration Sites, highlighting the best practices in design, installation and programming for their respective park amenities. The selected project site is Sunset Park, where a playground was removed to preserve the Valley Oak Tree. The grant will be used to install the Phase I, play equipment by March 2018. Two public meetings were held for review of the plans: 1) Facilities Committee meeting on November 30, and 2) Board of Directors meeting on December 13, 2017. The Board approved the conceptual plan for the grant-funded Sunset Park Play Trail, and directed staff to return to the Board with further information on projected costs for both Phase I and Phase II. Design and start of construction are planned for the 2018-19 fiscal year for Phase II improvements.

Pruning for the preserved Valley Oak Tree is likely to begin in early 2018, under the guidance of a Certified Arborist from HortScience. The plan is to have a contractor prune the tree in three phases over the next five to seven years resulting in 25% total removal of the tree’s canopy. The first phase will remove 10% - 15% of the canopy, and focus on end-weight and cleaning up the main uprights. Once pruned, a permanent fence will be placed around the canopy-edge of the tree.

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. EBRPD has accelerated its funding and all of the \$500,000 is now available. The LARPD Board has approved \$700,000 in District year-end balance to be moved to a reserve account as additional funding, if needed, for this project. This project is included in the list of District CIP projects funded for the 2017-18 fiscal year. O’Dell Engineering has submitted 90% plans for staff review. They will develop the RFP that the District will send out to secure a contractor for summer construction.

2. Upper Sycamore Grove Trail Development – The proposed loop trail over Zone 7’s property is approximately one mile in length and would come out of and return into Sycamore Grove Park. Zone 7 has established a staff group to look into the request by LARPD, which includes environmental review of the project. Staff is in the process of selecting a firm to conduct the environmental review of the trail route. Trail construction is planned for fiscal year 2018-19.

PLANNING

1. Bill Payne Park Master Plan – Staff developed an RFP for a consultant to develop a Park Master Plan. Proposals were received, and the Board approved a consultant agreement with RRM Design Group for the William J. Payne Park Master Plan. Staff met with RRM on December 12th to review the scope of work and determine timelines for deliverables. The Community Outreach Strategy includes Stakeholder interviews, which took place on January 10, 2018. The first Community Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Robert Livermore Community Center at 6:30 PM in the Cresta Blanca Ballroom.

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