

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS
June 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. Sycamore Grove Arroyo del Valle Pedestrian 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. LARPD Facilities Committee, at their Feb. 22nd meeting, reviewed and recommended that the Board accept the report and direct staff to conduct the 30-day comment period for the Draft Supplemental Initial Study (SIS). The item was reviewed at the February 28, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Draft Supplemental Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration CEQA Public Review Period was posted with a public review period of April 20, 2018 to May 21, 2018. Next steps for completing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process include: response to comments by WRA Environmental Consultants, Adoption of Final SIS, and Filing of Notice of Determination (NOD). TVC is planning for a groundbreaking event to take place mid-August 2018, with construction to be completed in late fall/early winter.

2. The Mocho Park Tree Planting and Turf Reduction Project – This project has been completed. Some seeding will continue in the fall.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. RLCC Aquatics Center Renovation – Updated construction plans have been prepared by the consultants and were approved by Alameda County Department of Environmental Health on May 15, 2018. This project was moved to the District's CIP Priority A project list with the mid-year budget review process. The design and specifications for the completed bid documents are anticipated to be issued in early summer of 2018, with work scheduled to commence in fall of 2018. It is anticipated that the Robert Livermore Aquatics Center may be closed for approximately six months while the work on the pool deck is underway. May Nissen Pool will be open to provide some aquatic programs while the RLCC complex is closed.

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. The District recently received the developer contribution. Staff will propose the Bill Clark Park

Improvements shift from the unfunded capital project list to Priority A list for design and implementation of ADA compliance measures and other improvements.

3. Ravenswood Historic Site Repairs – The new roofing on all buildings except the main house have been completed. The main house roofing is slated for replacement next year after the rental season. Plans for the porch repair/replacement are 90% complete. The upgrading of the alarm/surveillance system for the building is planned for FY 2018/19.

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, and two bids were received by the Jan. 17, 2018 deadline. Both bids were rejected as being over budget. Staff and consultants from O'Dell engineering completed a reduction in scope of the designs to reduce costs and stay within the Board-approved budget. The value engineered designs were presented to the Board at their March 28th meeting. The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2614 approving Option #1 to increase the budget to \$7,638,728; to go out to bid with the original Plans and Specifications as approved at the September 22, 2017 Special Meeting; and approved Option #1A (Attachment A to Jane Addams Preschool at Max Baer Park); (to replace artificial turf and synthetic carpet surfacing with “Pour-in-Place” rubber surfacing); and 2) Option #2 (Attachment G to May Nissen Park) (conversion of synthetic turf to “Pour-in-Place” surfacing.) The construction drawings and bid documents were updated. The projects were put out to bid on April 30, 2018; a pre-bid meeting was conducted on May 21, 2018, with a submission deadline of June 27, 2018. More information and updates on the projects are posted on the District's website at <http://parks.larpd.org>.

5. Shade Structures – Three shade structures have been ordered for Bothwell Park. These include two Double-Umbrella Cantilever shade structures for over both ends of the bocce courts and one Double Triangle Sail for over the 2-5 year-old Tot Lot. The powder coated posts will be dark brown and the Alnet fabric will be forest green. The structures are being drawn up for approval and permitting by the City of Livermore Engineering Department. Once they are approved, they will begin fabricating the structures with eventual installation happening later this summer.

6. Livermore Downs Park Pathway – Staff completed a major overhaul of the park irrigation system to achieve head-to-head coverage. Parking lot landscaping was also renovated as well as the turf. The path was completed in November 2017. The concrete retaining wall supporting the edge of the sport court and the court perimeter fence were completed in February 2018. The resurfacing of the court, along with the installation of four pickle ball nets and one additional

basketball backboard will be completed by early summer 2018. Livermore Downs Path renovations have been completed.

7. Sunset Park – The District’s attempt to receive grant funds, for a playground design to help offset playground replacement costs, were unsuccessful due to the higher-than-budgeted bids received.

At the May 9, 2018 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved an option for the Sunset Park Playground that will allow for a new design with community input and better value. Discontinuing the current work for the Sunset Park project will allow the District to develop a new design and placement of the playground. The new process will include a neighborhood meeting as well as public planning meetings. LARPD anticipates having a new design and going out to bid for the project next year.

Pruning for the preserved Valley Oak Tree has been completed and a permanent fence will be placed around the canopy-edge of the tree following construction of a playground area.

8. ESS Building Upgrades – Staff is making upgrades to multiple ESS sites and is also considering options for one or more building replacements. Staff met with LVJUSD and Teeter Architectural and Engineering in March 2018 to evaluate four ESS sites for possible building replacements. It is difficult to make significant progress while the ESS program is in session; staff is investigating the possibility of relocating individual programs for finite periods during the summer break while they make the needed facility improvements. Multiple sites can be grouped over a specific time frame, making this project more attractive to contractors. Four ESS sites were visited and evaluated on April 25th to determine the most viable for building replacement.

9. Camp Shelly Restroom Upgrades – RomTec, an approved CMASS Vendor, developed technical, to-build specifications for LARPD’s review and has contacted El Dorado County Building Permit Office. LARPD has notified Forest Service and has reviewed technical specifications for the new restroom and has submitted comments to RomTec for the technical design review. A quote for demolition and restroom construction was developed by RomTec based on the design review comments and is higher than estimates. The quote of an was reviewed by the Facilities Committee on May 1, 2018 and approved by the Board on May 9, 2018. Approval of an additional \$165,000 for the \$350,000 project will allow for the addition of a utility room, a timber frame design to match the existing restrooms, privacy walls at restroom entrances and a changing room for each shower. Currently, the project is awaiting approval from the Forest Service. Construction is expected to begin late summer 2018 with estimated completion early winter 2018.

TRAILS

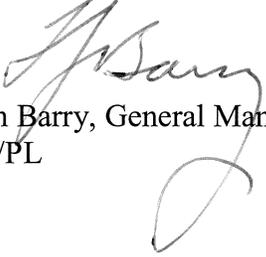
1. Re-pavement of the Arroyo Del Valle Regional Trail in Sycamore Grove Park – The funding agreement with EBRPD for a 10-year period was finalized in 2015. EBRPD has accelerated its funding and all of the \$500,000 is now available. The LARPD Board has approved \$700,000 in District year-end balance 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 completed the plan with an engineer’s estimate of approximately \$1M for the project, which is within budget. The RFP has

been completed. Bid opening was conducted on March 26, 2018. The Board accepted the bid from Grade Tech at their Board of Directors meeting on April 11, 2018. LARPD, Grade Tech, Inc., and O'Dell Engineering (acting as Project Manager) will coordinate planning for the start of construction summer 2018. Park staff will use signage during construction to direct the public to open parts of the park.

2. Upper Sycamore Grove Trail Development – The proposed loop trail over Zone 7's Patterson Ranch property is approximately one mile in length, originating from and entering back into Sycamore Grove Park. Staff hired the environmental consulting firm WRA to evaluate and recommend the trail route and conduct the environmental review of the trail route. Staff is also discussing a draft agreement with Zone 7 for the use of the Patterson Ranch property for this trail. Staff met onsite in May with Zone 7 representatives to review options for the trail route.

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. An online survey was conducted to gather public input which yielded 344 responses. The first Community Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Following the first community meeting and review of survey data, the consultant prepared three design alternatives that were presented at the Facilities Committee meeting on March 20, 2018. A second community workshop was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. An additional stakeholder meeting was held with representatives from the soccer and baseball organizations. An option to construct additional baseball fields at Robert Livermore Park was reviewed and recommended by the Facilities Committee on May 21, 2018. With the assumption of additional baseball fields at another location, and BMX moving to the Sunken Gardens Park area, RRM Design Group will present a preferred conceptual plan for Board consideration this summer.



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