

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS
September 2017**

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 maintaining an 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; several general public input meetings; and from emails received regarding the process. Following the recent review of three possible plans by the public (April 27, 2017), input received was used to create two potential plans, which the public reviewed and commented on at a meeting on July 25, 2017. The next step is for the consultant to develop a single preferred and recommended plan. The plan will be presented to the LARPD Board of Directors on Monday, September 11th 2017 at 7 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center located at 4444 East Avenue. The single proposed plan will be made available on the District's web site (WWW.LARPD.ORG) after September 12th, 2017. The final step will be for the consultant to use the input received to refine the single plan and then present it to City Council in October, 2017.

Notice of all public meetings will be posted on the District's website and will be advertised through other media sources, such as a news release and over 2,200 notices mailed to Springtown residents.

2. 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 \$150,000 in funding toward the project costs. TVC reports that the project plans, specifications and engineer's estimate is 90% completed. This includes grading plans, bridge plan with structural details and revegetation plan. The project team is submitting a Change Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) to FEMA and a supplemental CEQA document along

with permit applications to the Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

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 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. No contact or funding has been received from the Developer.

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. Roof design and plans have been completed. The next step is to develop an RFP, with work estimated to begin in November 2017.

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 for Big Trees Park and Pleasure Island Park and anticipates receiving the final technical specifications for both parks next week. The 90% construction documents for May Nissen Park have been reviewed and returned for revisions. We anticipate receiving the bid submittal drawings within two weeks, specifications will follow.

Staff anticipates that all four playground projects will be put out to bid this fall, 2017. More information and updates on the projects are posted on the District's website at <http://parks.larpd.org>. The plans are completed and a presentation will be scheduled for the Board of Directors meeting on September 13, 2017. At that meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the plans and authorize the General Manager to go out to bid.

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. A consultant is developing the final plans for the renovation, including asphalt surfacing.

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. Zone 7 has established a staff group to look into the request by LARPD.

3. Vasco Trail Extension by Ponderosa Homes – This is a City and developer built Project. The developer is in the process of constructing 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 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 District will assume the routine maintenance of this new trail section because it extends north from an existing trail section that LARPD maintains. The Developer has begun work on this trail project.

Notes:

1. Volunteer Trails Group - The District has formed a volunteer trails group whose members will assist with urban trail maintenance and enhancement projects and will help research and advise the District on various trail issues. Trail advocate and LARPD Foundation Trustee, Greg Davis, is helping LARPD staff to plan and organize the volunteer group. Information about the volunteer group and how to join the effort is available on the LARPD web site.

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