

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

April 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 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. The item was reviewed at the February 28, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. TVC staff is continuing fundraising efforts and 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** – The majority of this project has been completed: trees have been planted, irrigation has been modified and woodchips have been added. Minor work on the turf and picnic tables remains.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**1. RLCC Pool Deck Repair** – Updated construction plans have been prepared by the consultants and will be submitted to the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health for approval. This project was moved from the District's CIP Priority B to 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 June of 2018, with work scheduled to commence in October 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. As the housing project is currently under construction, the District expects to receive the developer contribution in the coming months and staff will propose the Bill Clark Park Improvements to go from the unfunded capital project list to a priority list with a budget and timeline for completion.

**3. Ravenswood Historic Site Repairs** – The roofing on three of 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 work on the roofs of the gazebo, restroom building and the Carriage house has been completed. Work on the back stairs has also been completed. Other projects include design and construction of the rebuilt porch and upgrading the alarm/surveillance system for the building.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 value-engineering the designs to reduce costs and stay within the Board-approved budget. The value engineered designs were presented to the Board at their March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board reviewed several options and authorized additional funding in order to complete the four projects with the plans and specifications as authorized at the Special Board meeting held on September 22, 2017. Some design changes were authorized; 1) at Jane Addams Preschool (replace artificial turf and synthetic carpet surfacing with “Pour-in-Place” rubber surfacing) and 2) May Nissen Park (conversion of synthetic turf to “Pour-in-Place” surfacing and replace custom flower shade structures with shade sails). More information and updates on the projects are posted on the District’s website at <http://parks.larpd.org>.

**5. Shade Structures** – Staff is evaluating pricing options for materials and installation for various types of shade structures. Bothwell Park will be the first site to have the shade structures installed, and then subsequent sites will be considered. Staff presented size and color options at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Facilities Committee. Staff has identified a vendor, and will request Board approval on style and color at their April 11, 2018 meeting.

**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 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 begin now that the rainy weather is past.

**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 Summer 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. Staff provided a report at the January 31, Board of Directors meeting with cost estimates. Design and start of construction are planned for the 2018-19 fiscal year for Phase II improvements. Bob Tanaka, Landscape Architect, has been hired as Project Manager Consultant. 100% construction documents were submitted to the District on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The contractor is submitting a quote to the District and, if approved, construction will begin in late Spring.

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

**8. ESS Building Upgrades** – Staff is making upgrades to multiple ESS sites. Staff is also considering options for one or more building replacements. Staff will meet 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.

**9. Camp Shelly Restroom Upgrades-** RomTec is developing technical, to-build specifications for LARPD to review and has contacted El Dorado County Building Permit Office. LARPD has notified Forest Service. LARPD to approve specifications, quote for demolition of old restroom building and construction of new facility to be developed by RomTec and approved or rejected by LARPD. This was reviewed by the Facilities Committee on March 20, 2018 and the Program Committee on March 28, 2018. Construction is expected to begin mid-August.

## **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; Board will review this item to accept or reject bid at their Board of Directors meeting on April 11, 2018.

**2. Upper Sycamore Grove Trail Development** – The proposed loop trail over Zone 7's 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. The agreement will be reviewed by the Board for consideration at a future Board meeting. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018. RRM Design Group will then present a preferred conceptual plan for Board consideration this summer.

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