

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021  
3:00 PM**

*NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19*

*In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021), the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Program Committee Members and staff participated in this meeting via Zoom teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public also participated electronically.*

**Committee Members Present:** Jan Palajac, David Furst

**Staff Present:** Mat Fuzie, Linda VanBuskirk, Fred Haldeman, Jill Kirk, Alexandra Ikeda, Julie Dreher, Patrick Lucky, Robert Sanchez, Jeffrey Schneider, Pamela Healy

**Members of the Public Present:** There were no members of the public present.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Program Committee held on October 21, 2021:** The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution No. 2726-d):** Resolution 2726-d was approved unanimously.
5. **May Nissen as a Community Center (A Brainstorming Session):** The discussion centered around the investment made to date at May Nissen, and the possibility of opening up a pop-up rec station. General Manager Mat Fuzie indicated this could conceivably include providing things like basketballs, board games, pickleball net rentals, etc. Committee members agreed that it would be worth considering pop-ups at that location, but more research is needed to determine the feasibility of more permanent recreation programs. Staff time investment, visioning and discussion with the community will be needed to explore this idea effectively. GM Fuzie also noted, while the building at May Nissen is not a community center, there is definite potential for pop up programs. Director Palajac suggested we may want to look at where else we can expand such offerings to public, adding that we should reach out to Southgate Recreation and Parks District regarding their programs and how they were able to implement something similar. Committee members agreed this idea merits further discussion.
6. **Arthritis Foundation's Walk With Ease Program:** Director Palajac mentioned seeing this article in the California Special Districts magazine. Walk With Ease is a six-week program, designed to help older adults, and those with health conditions, how to safely include physical activity in their lives. Committee members agreed that a similar program for walkers might be something we could do and would help put us out into the community. Community Services

Manager (CSM) Jill Kirk will pass the information on to Community Outreach Supervisor (COS) David Weisgerber.

7. **Update on Senior Activities Program:** CSM Kirk reviewed current class offerings (such as Zumba, line dancing). Classes are full and we continue to get new signups. Ravenswood has also been used as an alternate location. There will be a holiday concert. Day trips have also been popular and sign-ups fill up quickly with a lot of interest. Open Heart Kitchen is still very busy. Director Furst asked how we envisioned the activities program expanding if given the opportunity and more funding. CSM Kirk shared that COS Weisgerber has drafted a strategic plan, noting that we have been working with it. GM Fuzie acknowledged this, suggesting this should be also be presented to the Program Committee. Director Palajac mentioned receiving a copy of the Prime Time newsletter. Director Furst asked that all directors be included in newsletter distribution.
8. **Vaccine Mandate (Discussion and Update):** GM Fuzie shared that the federal government implemented a vaccine mandate that is scheduled to take effect January 4, 2022. The State of California responded to the mandate, stating that clarity is needed regarding who bears the costs. However, Cal OSHA said they will take no action until litigation has been completed. No action is required by the LARPD at this time. The Board of Directors are in a different category because of freedom of choice.
9. **COVID-19 Program Updates:** GM Fuzie shared that we are in a holding pattern with what programs we can offer now. December 28, 2021 is the date that our indoor mask mandate is currently scheduled to be lifted. However, there is a new surge occurring throughout the 50 states, so we are watching and waiting to see what happens. In Livermore, 82 % of eligible people are vaccinated. In our recent vaccination clinics, 750 people were vaccinated last Wednesday, 900 more on Thursday and 500 more last night. GM Fuzie noted that the mask mandate has not slowed down our children's programs, and our gym rentals have been steadily increasing.
10. **Directors' Reports and Announcements:** Director Furst asked if there has been any movement on community gardens. Parks and Facilities Manager Fred Haldeman shared that our biggest challenge has been finding the best location, adding that locations must be ADA accessible, with parking lots. He indicated he has come up with a design for a 20 plot location, but the appropriate location has yet to be identified. He discussed two potential locations: Christensen and Altamont Creek. Both of these locations only have street parking.

Director Palajac mentioned that the City of Livermore changed the lighting around the Carnegie building, changing colors with the seasons. She added that several events are being planned for the park, to get the community engaged. Committee members discussed the natural transition of the building back to the City.

GM Fuzie asked Business Services Manager Jeff Schneider to elaborate on the business loan for aquatics programs. He shared that the Aquatics programs are meeting their numbers, and are financially looking up. He also noted that their numbers were included in the financial packet recently given to the Board.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.