



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

5:00 P.M.

NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Maryalice Faltings, Jan Palajac, Philip Pierpont, Vice Chair David Furst, Chair James Boswell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Fred Haldeman, Jill Kirk, Christine Cardosi, Linda VanBuskirk, Pamela Healy

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Rod Attebery and Thomas Terpstra, Jr. with Neumiller & Beardslee

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Boswell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. All Directors were present via Zoom. Chair Boswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- 3.1** Resolution No. 2774 determining to conduct meetings of the LARPD Board of Directors using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code 54953 as amended by AB 361;
- 3.2** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2023;

3.3 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board – February, 2023.

Chair Boswell opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Items, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Pierpont, Furst, Palajac, Faltings, and Chair Boswell (5)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *None (0)*

4. PRESENTATION:

The Board received a presentation on LARPD Open Space & Livermore Public Library 2022 Partnership Programs from LARPD Open Space Interpretive Ranger Christine Cardosi. The presentation highlighted 11 programs held throughout 2022, plus plans for Spring of 2023 and beyond. (A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.)

Director Questions/Comments:

- What is the Backpacking 101 Ranger Talk? *That will be an hour-long program at the Civic Center Library highlighting how to get into backpacking, which will include showing a sample packed backpack and how one might pack all the different gear as well as talking about what local places that would allow you to work up to an overnight backpacking trip.*
- The volunteer shown in a slide showing a snake to the crowd is Connie Naylor, who is not only active at Sycamore Grove Park, but has also taken over the historic tours program at Ravenswood Historic Site. She is an extremely dedicated LARPD volunteer!
- Wilderness Press publishes various One Night Wilderness books.
- Director Pierpont offered any props that the Rangers may need while presenting the Backpacking 101 courses, since he has a store full of them.
- Mixing the library and the park district together is a nice way to reach parts of the community that might not otherwise see or be visible to some of these activities. The collaboration is a great way to include more potential program participants.
- Board members thanked Ms. Cardosi for a wonderful presentation.

General Manager (GM) Mathew Fuzie pointed out that the District has been providing more Open Space programs now than it has ever done. The fact that LARPD has hired on two professional interpretive rangers has made an enormous difference in the community. GM Fuzie praised the Ranger staff for the outstanding work they are doing.

Chair Boswell opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

The Board of Directors had no further comments or questions. This was information only and no Board action was taken.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

None.

The Board of Directors had no comments or questions. Chair Boswell opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)

6.1 GENERAL FINANCIAL UPDATE

GM Fuzie reported good news that the audit is complete, and the results will be coming to the Board very soon. The District's Net Operating Result through January is favorable versus Budget. Programs are above prior to COVID levels, and staff continues to come up with new programs. The District is in excellent financial health.

Director Questions/Comments:

- o Is there a date for the Budget Workshop? *Yes, the Budget Workshop is scheduled for March 8, 2023 beginning at 3:30 p.m. to be held at the RLCC in the Sycamore Room.*

Chair Boswell opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

The Board of Directors had no further comments or questions. This was information only and no Board action was taken.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Director Palajac reported her attendance, along with Director Furst, at the January 31, 2023 Facilities Committee meeting. The committee agenda was included in the Board's agenda packet materials. Topics discussed included a presentation from Cal Water which will come to the full board once Cal Water receives approval from the City of Livermore; and 9-year-old Avery Kohn's letter to Director Palajac requesting monkey bars at Robertson Park. Miss Kohn was at the meeting, via Zoom, and spoke to the Committee.
- b) Chair Boswell reported his attendance, along with Director Faltings (alternate for Director Palajac who was on vacation), at the February 7, 2023 Personnel Committee meeting. The committee agenda was included in the Board's agenda packet materials. Topics discussed included a preliminary review of FY 23/24 Budget Assumptions. This information will be coming to the full Board.
- c) Director Furst reported his attendance at the February 1, 2023 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. The speaker was Marilyn Lucey, aide to State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.
- d) Director Furst reported his attendance at the February 1, 2023 Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) meeting. Former Superintendent of Schools for LVJUSD, Dr. Kelly Bowers, has been named as the new CEO and President of Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF), a relatively new foundation launched in November 2021. They connect local donors with local needs, with a special focus on local grantmaking and helping donors find worthy causes to support. Director Furst gave this information to Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber as the LARPD Foundation would benefit from registering with the 3VCF, and therefore when somebody comes with

money, the different non-profits such as LARPD Foundation will be on the 3VCF directory and possibly receive donations. The 3VCF currently has \$1.7million to give out in grant funding. Their goal is to have \$10million within the next 5-6 years.

- e) Director Palajac was out of town during the last meeting of the LARPD Foundation on February 6, 2023. GM Fuzie reported that the Foundation is preparing to adopt Updated By-Laws and is reviewing an MOU Update. This will be coming to the Board within the next few meetings.

Chair Boswell opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

The Directors had no matters initiated or announcements to make.

Chair Boswell opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) Alameda LAFCO is accepting applications for two Commission positions: The first available position applies to special districts = the Special District Member Seat on the Alameda LAFCO. Candidate nominations are due by **Friday, May 5, 2023**. For this election, each independent special district is entitled to nominate one board member for the LAFCO special district **non-enterprise seat**. We will bring this information to the full Board at its February 22, 2023 meeting.

The second position is for the Alternate Public Member seat. The deadline for filing an application is Friday, March 3, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The Alternate Public Member cannot be a current board member of a Special District in Alameda County.

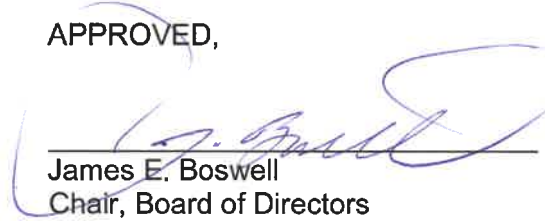
GM Fuzie will forward the February 6, 2023 letter from LAFCO to the Board members.

- b) California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is sending out a Call for Nominations for Seat C on its Board of Directors. The deadline for receiving nominations for the Bay Area Network is **April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** We will be bringing this information to the full Board at its February 22, 2023 meeting.
- c) Neumiller & Beardslee will be working on the revisions needed to Board Policy 5020 Board Meeting Agenda. Once completed, the revisions will come back to the full Board for review.
- d) The District received a Public Records Act request from Kevin Johnston regarding the restroom project at Sycamore Grove Park. Mr. Johnston then sent in a second (vague) request this week for anything associated with a trail from Charlotte Road to Tesla Road. GM Fuzie reached out to Mr. Johnston to clarify specifics and offered that if he wanted to withdraw his PRA and instead have a conversation about what the problem is, that he would be willing to meet with him. A meeting is scheduled for next week on the subject trail. His preliminary research shows that this may be a City of Livermore issue, but we will work with this citizen accordingly to arrive at a solution that all parties can agree to.

Chair Boswell opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

APPROVED,



James E. Boswell
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Mathew L. Fuzie
General Manager and
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors

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**LARPD Open Space
& Livermore Public Library
2022 Partnership Programs**



2022 Partnership Programs

- 4/30/22 – Rangers tabled for the El Día de los Niños celebration at the Library
- 6/10/22 – Nature Storytime at the Hobbit Tree at Sycamore Grove Park (30)
- 7/8/22 – Nature Storytime at the Creek at Sycamore Grove Park (92)
- 7/16/22 – Field Trip to Sycamore Grove Park (88)
- 7/17/22 – Map & Compass 101 program for adults at Sycamore Grove Park (5)
- 7/26/22 – Springtown Nature Nearby program at Springtown Library Branch (30)
- 8/6/22 – Field Trip to Sycamore Grove Park (67)
- 8/12/22 – Spooky Campfire program for young teens at Sycamore Grove Park (25)
- June to August – Storywalk at Sycamore Grove Park installation
- 11/5/22 – Rangers tabled for the Día de los Muertos celebration at the Library (120)
- 11/6/22 – Nature Storytime at Sycamore Grove Park (14)

Nature Storytimes







Storywalk

Part of the Library's "Read off the Beaten Path" summer reading program.

Librarian Caitlyn Jung selected the book *Señorita Mariposa*, a cute rhyming story in English and Spanish that teaches kids about the monarch butterfly migration.

Loop ended in Sycamore Grove Park's native garden, where native milkweed that the monarchs depend on was in bloom

SYCAMORE GROVE



FIELD TRIPS

Saturday July 16
11:00 - 3:00

Enjoy a day in the park!

Saturday August 6
11:00 - 3:00

1051 WETMORE ROAD

- FREE BUS TRANSPORT
- CRAFTS AND STORYTIMES
- RANGER-LED ACTIVITIES
- ALL AGES WELCOME

Registration required for bus transportation. Space is limited. Call 925-373-5505 to sign up. Bus picks up and drops off at all three library branches twice during the field trip. Attendees not using the bus need not register.

Questions? Please call (925) 373-5505 or visit the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net









2023 Spring Plans

- **FEB:** Birding for All Ranger Program @ Civic Center Library
- **MAR:** Nature Storytime @ Sycamore Grove
- **APR:**
 - Nature Storytime @ Sycamore Grove
 - Rock Talk Ranger Program @ Springtown Branch
- **MAY:** Backpacking 101 Ranger Talk @ Civic Center Library

Future Plans

- **2023** Field Trip to Sycamore Grove Park
- Revival of Reading Rangers Program
- More permanent Storywalk installations