



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California
Sycamore Room

- Directors Present: Directors Jan Palajac, David Furst
Vice Chair Maryalice Faltings, Chair Philip Pierpont
- Directors Absent: Director James Boswell
- Staff Present: David Weisgerber, Planning and Communications Manager (PCM)
Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant (EA)
- District Counsel: Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law Group (DC)
- Others Present: Zach Moore, Connor Moore, Mike Ralph, Andrew Ghali, Larry Gosselin

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. All Directors were present except for Director Boswell. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period.
 - a) Zach Moore and his son Connor Moore thanked the Board and District staff for the new Sunken Gardens Pump Track. Zach Moore requested the Board consider additional pump track amenities, including directional arrows, shade structures, benches, a water fountain closer to the track, a bike repair station, a community garden, a small playground, and an adjustment to the water presser at the new water fountain. Chair Pierpont suggested Zach Moore to provide contact information to EA Dalusong for follow-up regarding the requests.
 - b) Mike Ralph thanked the Board and District staff for the new Sunken Gardens Pump Track. Mike Ralph asked the Board to consider replacing the faded signs and renaming the pump track. Mike Ralph also suggested future improvements, including dirt jumps, a ramp, a smaller feature on the other side of the pump track, and a bicycle skills course.
 - c) Andrew Ghali thanked the Board, GM Fuzie, and District staff for the new Sunken Gardens Pump Track and encouraged continued investment in aging parks and infrastructure, as well as employee recruitment and retention.
 - d) A public comment was received via publiccomments@larpd.org on June 20, 2026 regarding the Sunken Gardens Pump Track (Supplemental Item 2d).

There were no further comments, and Chair Pierpont closed the public comment period.

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion):

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 10, 2026.
- 3.2 Approval of the Amended Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 13, 2026.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda Item 3.1 as submitted and Consent Agenda Item 3.2 as amended, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Directors Palajac, Furst, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (4)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Director Boswell (1)

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Working Draft Review and Feedback

The Board reviewed and provided feedback on the Draft Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan (Supplemental Item 4.1).

Director Furst requested that GM Fuzie share the City of Livermore's email with comments on the Administrative Draft Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan, and GM Fuzie forwarded it to the Board during the meeting.

PCM Weisgerber asked the Board to email additional edits to him by end of day on Monday, July 6, 2026.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Director Palajac reported attending the June 23, 2026, Facilities Committee meeting with Chair Pierpont. The Committee received an update on the research on Avenza Map Mobile App and Thronelabs self-contained public restroom, Capital Improvement Projects, and trails. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Boswell was absent and will report on the June 15, 2026, Alameda County Agricultural SubCommittee on Trails meeting at the next Board meeting.
- c) Director Furst will provide a report on the June 3, 2026, Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting at the next Board meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS:

- a) Director Furst noted a supplemental public comment about safety at the new Sunken Gardens Pump Track. GM Fuzie said staff will improve signage by clarifying the rules, continuing to advise bicyclists to wear helmets, adding directional arrows, and outlining expected track conduct.
- b) Vice Chair Faltings suggested updating the contact information in the City of Livermore newsletter to include "Parks – Contact LARPD." GM Fuzie will coordinate with the City Manager's Office.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER: GM Fuzie announced the promotion of Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber to Planning and Communications Manager.

8. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS 9.1 and 9.2 (Gov. Code, § 54957.7)

Chair Pierpont announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would convene a Closed Session to discuss items 9.1 and 9.2. Closed Session was convened at 6:30 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code, § 54957(b))

Title: General Manager

9.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code, § 54957.6)

Agency designated representative: Andrew Shen, Legal Counsel

Unrepresented employee: General Manager

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (Gov. Code, § 54957.1)

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 6:47 p.m.

Chair Pierpont stated that no reportable action was taken.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

The LARPD Board of Directors will consider the following item:

- 11.1 **Third Restated and Amended Employment Agreement between Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and the General Manager, Mathew L. Fuzie.**
DC Shen explained that the new employment agreement provides a 2% cost-of-living adjustment for the General Manager Mathew L. Fuzie, effective July 1, 2026 (Supplemental Item 11.1).

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Furst, adopted Resolution No. 2845, approving Third Restated and Amended Employment Agreement between LARPD and the General Manager, Mathew L. Fuzie.

AYES: Directors Palajac, Furst, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (4)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Director Boswell (1)

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

APPROVED,

Philip Pierpont
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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

MF/Rvd

From: [Kasimir Gabert](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); publiccomment@larpd.org
Subject: Head on collisions at new Sunken Gardens Pump Track
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2026 11:28:23 AM

Hello,

My child had a head on collision with another child on the new pump track. Many of the kids, and adults, are cutting around through the pump track and going at dangerous speeds and in all directions. To avoid a serious injury, it is pertinent that directionality be established, clearly marked, and enforced. This will bring the new pump track in line with thousands of others across the U.S.

Thanks,
Kasimir Gabert



LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Update



SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM 4.1
June 24, 2026

Phase 4: Administrative Draft Review

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Tonight's Objectives:



Confirm Board direction is accurately reflected



Discuss park service standards and framework decisions



Gather feedback on organization, readability, and presentation



Identify refinements in preparation of the final draft

Project Timeline

Current Status



Aug – Sept 2025

Oct – Nov 2025

Dec – Mar 2026

Apr - June 2026

Jul - Aug 2026

Aug – Sept 2026

1

Kick-off and Groundwork

Define scope and goals, assign roles, initiate park inventory, onboard CEQA team.

2

Baseline Assessment

Finalize inventory, review demographics, confirm service standards.

3

Outreach and Engagement

Surveys, pop-ups, stakeholder meetings, public input.

4

Draft the Plan

Draft full plan using data collected, feedback, and goals.

5

Review and Environmental

Board reviews full draft, finalize CEQA compliance.

6

Final Adoption

Final edits, Board adoption, and public release.

How we got here:

System Assessment



- Park and Facility condition
- Trail condition
- Program and services
- Recreation capacity analysis
- Service standards review

How we got here:

Community Outreach and Engagement

- Stakeholder Agency Interviews (COL, EBRPD, Zone 7, Alameda County)
- Statistically Valid Community Survey (400 Responses)
- Open Survey Link (425 Responses)
- In-Person Community Outreach Events (6)
- Sports User Group Questionnaire (22 Responses)
- Partner Organization Workshop (23 Attendees)
- Internal Staff Workshop (25 Attendees)

Board policy workshops

May 4 and May 13 Policy Workshops

- LARPD role in Open space
- Trail and facility project priorities
- Lifecycle planning
- Park and facility condition standards
- Recreation-Based Arts Programming
- Project readiness framework
- Partnerships and joint use
- Cost recovery

What is included in this draft:

Working Draft Chapters:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Goals and Policies
- Standards and Existing Conditions
- Recommendations

Sections still under development

Main Document

- Trail network maps
- Priority trail maps
- Final graphics
- Updated cost estimates

Apendicies

- A. Outreach and Engagement Summary
- B. Parks and Facilities Summary
- C. Programs and Services Summary
- D. 2024 Strategic Plan

Board direction in document:

Board Direction	Location in Draft
Expanded role in open space stewardship	Goal R.1, Policy R.1.2 (p. 32-33); Future Open Space Opportunities Recommendation (p. 71)
Trail connectivity and closing gaps	Planning Actions P.1-B (p. 28); Priority Trail Projects (pp. 67–69)
0% Poor Condition goal	Parks and Facility Condition Standard (pp. 56)
Lifecycle planning and asset management	Policy F.1.2 (p. 38)
Project Readiness Framework	Recommendations (p. 66)
Joint-use partnerships and regional coordination	Goal R.1 (pp. 32-33); LVJUSD Joint Use Recommendation (p. 70)
Balanced cost recovery	Goal F.2 and Policies F.2.1–F.2.4 (pp. 39)
Recreation-based arts and enrichment programming	Policy PS.1.4 (pp. 44)
Statistically valid survey every five years	Action P.1-D (p. 28)

DISCUSSION ITEM #1: LOCAL PARK SERVICE STANDARDS

Current Standard:

- Neighborhood: 2.0 acres/1000
- Community: 2.0 acres/1000
- Special Use: 2.0 acres/1000

Proposed Standard:

- Neighborhood: 1.5 acres/1000
- Community: 3.5 acres/1000
- Special Use: 1.0 acres/1000

The overall standard remains 6 acres per 1,000 residents. The proposed change redistributes acreage among classifications to better reflect the District's current and planned park system.

DISCUSSION ITEM #1: LOCAL PARK SERVICE STANDARDS

Current Acreage:

- Neighborhood Parks: 171.27 acres (1.84 acres/1,000)
- Community Parks: 152.19 acres (1.63 acres/1,000)
- Special Use Facilities: 119.33 acres (1.28 acres/1,000)

Proposed changes:

- Neighborhood Parks: 141.87 acres (1.52 acres/1,000)
- Community Parks: 328.39 acres (3.53 acres/1,000)
- Special Use Facilities: 62.53 acres (0.67 acres/1,000)

DISCUSSION ITEM #1: LOCAL PARK SERVICE STANDARDS

Major Changes

- Bill Payne → Community
- Cayetano → Community
- Ernie Rodrigues → Community
- Independence → Community
- Max Baer → Community
- Springtown Community Park (+90 acres)

Proposed Standard:

- Future growth expected in more compact development areas
- Emphasis on walkability, trail connectivity, and access to nearby community parks
- Reclassification better reflects how these parks function today

DISCUSSION ITEM #2: CONDITION STANDARD TERMINOLOGY



GREEN – Asset is in good working condition; only routine, scheduled maintenance is required.

YELLOW – Asset is functional but shows wear; repairs, refurbishment, or upgrades will be needed to restore optimal condition.

RED – Asset requires significant repair or replacement within the next few years based on manufacturer recommendation and field evaluation.

Current:

- Green
- Yellow
- **Red**

Proposed:

- Green
- Yellow
- **Orange**



DISCUSSION ITEM #3: OVERALL DIRECTION AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Does the document accurately reflect the priorities discussed during the workshop process?
- Are there policy areas that need additional emphasis or clarification?
- Is there anything that feels inconsistent with Board direction?

ADDITIONAL SECTION: HOW PROJECTS ARE FUNDED

Reinvestment	Expansion
General Fund	AB1600
Deferred Maintenance Reserve	Grants
Lifecycle Funding	Partnerships
One-Time Revenues	Development Contributions

DISCUSSION ITEM #4: LAYOUT, GRAPHICS AND READABILITY

- Is the document easy to navigate?
- Is information presented clearly?
- Are there opportunities to improve usability?

Send any edits or suggestions by end of day on Monday, July 6

NEXT STEPS

Late Summer:

- Complete Maps
- Refine Photos/Graphics
- Complete Appendices
- Incorporate Board Feedback
- Complete Draft Environmental Review

Early Fall:

- Incorporate final edits
- Present for approval