



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, MARCH 11, 2020**

7:00 P.M.

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Faltings, Furst, Pierpont, and Chair Palajac  
DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Wilson  
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mat Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Jeffrey Schneider, Allie Ikeda,  
Linda VanBuskirk, Monica Streeter

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

Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Wilson. Chair Palajac led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stephanie Busse, a Livermore resident, implored the Board to add animal welfare concerns regarding the rodeo to the next meeting agenda. She expressed her shock over certain rodeo events, such as "wild cow milking". She asked that the Board take animal welfare concerns seriously and asked that cruel events be banned at the Livermore Rodeo.

- Chair Palajac asked General Manager Fuzie to place this item on a Program Committee agenda.

Mike Ralph gave a recap of the Livermore Bike Park events that took place over the weekend on March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>. He said the general consensus was very supportive regarding the Bike Pump Track Public Outreach Meeting with American Ramp Company. Sixty-four tickets were sold for attendance to the fundraiser held at Shadow Puppet Brewing Company. Funds were raised to help enhance the bike park and more bike park features in general. Both events were a big hit.

Eric Mills, Coordinator at Action for Animals in Oakland, handed out copies of two display ads which ran in the East Bay Times on Tuesday, March 10, 2010 [sic] and February 27, 2020 along with other articles related to animal abuse. He spoke against the wild cow milking contest at rodeos and expressed surprise that LARPD does not have a rodeo animal welfare policy, as does the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, a copy of which was also included in the packet he distributed. He encouraged the Board to consider its own policy.

Ryan Day, a Livermore resident, addressed the board regarding the Livermore Bike Park. He reiterated that the outreach meeting was successful. He expressed excitement that the community is coming together within an area to ride bikes together.

Chair Palajac thanked the speakers for their comments.

### 3. CONSENT ITEMS

- 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2020
- 3.2 Minutes of the CIP Prioritization Workshop of November 13, 2019
- 3.3 General Manager's Monthly Report – March (#73-09)
- 3.4 Resolution No. 2684, Deleting Certain Fixed Assets from District Inventory.

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Furst, approved the Consent Agenda, by the following voice vote:

AYES: *Directors Faltings, Furst, Pierpont, and Chair Palajac*  
NOES: *None*  
ABSTENTIONS: *None*  
ABSENT: *Director Wilson*

### 4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

#### 4.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIORITIZATION

General Manager Mathew Fuzie stated that the Board and staff would review the list of Capital Improvement Projects and discuss moving them from the old process list into the new concept process, which was approved by the Board on November 13, 2019, after the CIP Prioritization Workshop held earlier that day. He reported that staff has implemented the new CIP project concept submittal process. The Board and staff discussed Minor and Major Capital Improvement Project flow charts and concepts, then reviewed the Project Concept Proposals, and provided the following direction:

	<p>General Notes: Minor CIP Project Flow Chart: Revisit – There should be a place where minor projects would go to the entire Board, i.e., project concept to go to committee for concept discussion, and if it is determined to become a project, it should come to the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ GM Fuzie to make this change (add it) on the flow chart.</li></ul>
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	<p>Director Pierpont suggested that all periphery conversations pertaining to a project concept be captured in detail on the concept proposal forms, so that when the Board reviews the form, all pertinent information is documented for clarity (esp. safety concerns, cost estimates).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Board consensus is that, going forward, this process will take place during a CIP Prioritization Workshop, as opposed to a regular Board Meeting.</li> </ul>
Project No. 106	<p>Robertson Park Equestrian Arena Renovation (covered and upper):          Minor Project Concept = Approved</p>
Project No. 422	<p>Independence Park Sports Field Irrigation Improvements:          Denied</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Each sports field should be assigned its own project number.</li> </ul>
Project No. 431	<p>Ernie Rodriguez Field Synthetic Turf:          Denied</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As above, re-submit this concept as a separate project.</li> </ul>
Project No. 444	<p>Ida Holm Park Improvements:          Minor Project Concept = Approved</p>
Project No. 501	<p>Robert Livermore Tot Lot:          Denied</p>
Project No. 628	<p>Spray Park – Scope Design – Recommended with City’s Springtown Open Space Plan:          Denied (This is a City project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Director Faltings does want a Spray Park facility established within LARPD’s boundaries, where feasible. Place this item on a future Facilities Committee meeting for discussion.</li> <li>➤ Re-write project with scope of investigating potential locations. Use same number, but take out all references to Springtown Open Space.</li> </ul>
Project No. 727	<p>May Nissen Bleacher Demo:          Minor Project Concept = Approved</p>
Project No. 727	<p>May Nissen Pool Fence:          Denied</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Build this item into budget model for Facilities Maintenance within Operating Budget, not CIP</li> </ul>

Project No. 525	Community Gardens (in North Livermore): Denied (This is a City project) ➤ Board suggested this item be placed on a future Facilities Committee agenda to discuss where this could go besides Springtown Open Space.
Project No. 538	Bill Clark Playground Renovation: Major Project Concept = Approved ➤ Moved to Design and Permitting Phase
Item 8/Project No. 452	Girls Softball Fields: Director Faltings suggested this item stay on a project concept list. GM Fuzie noted that LARPD is looking at adding ball field capacity at Robert Livermore Park. LARPD works very hard to ensure that all players have equal access to the ball fields, and adheres to the requirements of Title IX accordingly.
Item 29/Project No. 804	Sunken Gardens Park – master plan for bicycle use Director Pierpont pointed out that this line item appears incorrect, in light of the current project underway there. GM Fuzie reported that this was originally in response to the Bill Payne Master Plan. We are going about this in a different way, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Director Furst had questions regarding progress reports for a couple of action items listed within the Minutes of the CIP Prioritization Workshop of November 13, 2019, approved within Item 3 Consent Items above. On page 2:

- *“Find out if Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan can provide funding for LARPD parks, as she did for the cities of Dublin and Lafayette. . .”* GM Fuzie reported that we have had conversations with her staff. Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan has come out to some of LARPD’s recent events. She is very interested in our Senior Program and ESS Programs. Director Furst will be attending her Environmental Roundtable and will put in a good word for LARPD.
- *“CSDA holds a bus tour annually for staffers of legislators. HARD was on the last bus tour. We need to find out how LARPD can be a part of the next bus tour with these gatekeepers to the legislators.”* Staff will look into this and report back.

Director Pierpont thanked the Board and Staff for their time on this item. He stated the District has made good progress. He excused himself from the remainder of the meeting, and left the dais at 8:31 p.m.

## 5. INFORMATION ITEMS ONLY

### 5.1 FY 2019-2020 MID-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

GM Fuzie reported that the District is doing very well by operating within its budget, with some savings for redistribution by the Board later in the year.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) Director Faltings reported on the March 2, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. Minutes were included in the Board agenda packet.
- 2) Director Furst reported on the March 4, 2020 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting.
- 3) Director Furst reported on the February 27, 2020 Facilities Committee meeting. Minutes were included in the Board agenda packet.
- 4) Chair Palajac stated that since Director Wilson is not present, the Board will receive her report on the March 4, 2020 Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting at the next Board meeting.

**7. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS**

- 1) Director Faltings reported that the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Alameda County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.
- 2) Director Faltings stated that in regards to the bus tour mentioned above, the District can contact Colleen Haley at CSDA to get details about the upcoming tour.
- 3) Director Faltings announced that the Annual Victorian Tea at Ravenswood is now taking reservations. Forms are available at the Robert Livermore Community Center, or by calling Director Faltings at (925) 443-0238. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020.
- 4) Chair Palajac announced that LARPD Board and Staff are monitoring COVID-19 updates daily. The District may have to cancel classes and take other measures. She advised the public to check the LARPD website daily.

**8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

GM Fuzie reported that the District is paying attention daily/hourly to the COVID-19 situation as it unfolds. Any of LARPD's program offerings that fall within the recommendations of Alameda County Department of Public Health may be cancelled. The District will be reducing the number of board, committee, and public meetings to try to help with those efforts; only essential meetings will be held at this time. The LARPD website and social media accounts will be updated on a regular basis, and will include links to the Alameda County health alerts.


**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Palajac adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

APPROVED,

  
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Jan Palajac  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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