



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

5:00 P.M.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jan Palajac

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Kirk, Jeffrey Schneider, Michelle Kleman, Fred Haldeman, Linda VanBuskirk

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Rod Attebery and Tom 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, except Director Jan Palajac. Chair Boswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2023;
- 3.2 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board – July 2023

MOTION:

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

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

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4.1 AFTER ACTION REPORT ON “SALUTE TO THE 4TH OF JULY” COMMUNITY FIREWORKS SHOW AT ROBERTSON PARK

The Board reviewed and discussed the results of the recently held community event “Salute to the 4th of July” and analyzed its overall success, challenges, lessons learned, and areas for improvement/recommendations for future events.

Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM) Fred Haldeman provided an overview of the “Salute to the 4th of July” Community Fireworks show at Robertson Park. LARPD initially had reservations but allowed the City of Livermore (COL) to host the event, for the first time since 2011, at Robertson Park under certain conditions. The COL took on fiscal responsibility and all liability for the event plus operation of the event, as well as maintaining the condition of the fields and facilities.

The setup was coordinated well, with parking services, food vendors, and entertainment provided. The event had a positive atmosphere, with families enjoying picnics and playing games.

The main complaints were related to parking congestion, a lack of restrooms, and restrictions on bringing chairs into certain areas.

The event was well-attended, attracting over 12,000 people, including visitors from outside LARPD’s service area:

Breakdown of Residence:

1. Livermore 40.4% (4.9k people)
2. San Ramon 7.3% (894 people)
3. Pleasanton 6.3% (767 people)
4. Dublin 6.3% (766 people)
5. Fremont 6.0% (741 people)
6. Oakland 5.5% (669 people)
7. Tracy 3.8% (462 people)
8. Danville 3.3% (403 people)
9. San Jose 2.8% (336 people)
10. Castro Valley 2.5% (305 people)

Board member comments included: Chair Boswell mentioned positive feedback was received about the event. Some issues were raised, including insufficient restroom facilities and a drone flying through the launch area during the fireworks show. The fire marshal also expressed satisfaction with the event. The condition of the fields after the fireworks show was reported to be fine with no damage. Director Pierpont mentioned gathering feedback from Livermore Downtown, Inc. and reporting further at the next Board meeting. Director Faltings shared comments from the public, including concerns about parking charges and some misunderstandings about ticket prices. Despite these issues, the overall tone was positive, with people expressing satisfaction and excitement about having the event back at Robertson Park.

Overall, the event was considered successful and well-received by attendees.

ACTION:

This was a discussion only and no Board action was taken.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Boswell announced that there were no standing committee or community outreach liaison meetings held since the Board Meeting of June 28th to report upon.

6. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

None

7. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

Acting General Manager Jill Kirk announced that summer programs are in full swing and are getting positive feedback.

8. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.7

District Counsel Rod Attebery announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would be convening into Closed Session to discuss the items listed at 9.1 and 9.2 on the agenda. Open Session was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

9.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

9.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code: (1 Potential Case)

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1

The Board came out of Closed Session at 6:32 p.m. District Counsel Rod Attebery announced that no reportable action had been taken in Closed Session.


11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED,



James Boswell
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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

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