

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, December 16, 2021  
2:00 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, Jeffrey Schneider, Pamela Healy, David Weisgerber, Nancy Blair, Vicki Wiedenfeld

**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 2:01 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There were no members
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Program Committee held on November 18, 2021:** The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution No. 2729-d):** Resolution 2729-d was approved unanimously.
5. **Living Arroyos:** LARPD is currently the managing partner of Living Arroyos. The contract with all partners will expire in June 2022. The partnership currently includes the City of Livermore, the City of Pleasanton, the City of Dublin, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and Zone 7 Water Agency. All partners provide funding, LARPD houses the Arroyos. It is unclear if staff/interns are District employees. There has been a difficulty with keeping the program staffed because it was set up as an internship. It was noted that Living Arroyos is a Zone 7 program; as a partner we provide equipment, vehicles and house everything. The Committee discussed giving Zone 7 notice that we do not intend to renew the contract. No Committee action was taken; however, the following Action Item was suggested: GM Fuzie will give them notice of our intent and will report on this item at the next Program Committee meeting.
6. **Brainstorm Plans for Increasing Outdoor Programming/Activities:** GM Fuzie shared that Core staff met to discuss potential ideas for increasing outdoor programming. Ideas have included outdoor yoga pavilions, additional outdoor facilities, etc. They also identified a clear need for more programs for seniors. Recreation Supervisor Vicki Wiedenfeld added that we are doing more outdoor programming, to include yoga, ultimate frisbee, football camps, athlete development classes, after school programming at May Nissen and outdoor fitness classes here at RLCC. Providing regular programming at May Nissen is also being explored.

We will be hosting a March 2022 pre-school track meet. Youth Services Administrator (YSA) Nancy Blair commented that Youth Services will be offering a Mommy and Me class next year. The committee discussed using independent contractors, part-time staff and existing staff to support new programs. The Ravenswood space has been used extensively for outdoor programming. The committee discussed the idea of adding an outdoor pavilion at Ravenswood and shared some of the history behind the idea. Ravenswood is actually owned by the City of Livermore (COL), LARPD maintains it and provides programming there. COL would then have to approve of building a structure there, however, years ago COL was not amenable to the idea. With new people at COL now, it may be fruitful to suggest it all over again & see what happens. Director Palajac commented that Livermore Downtown requested that LARPD become more involved in activities, such as the booth at the Thursday/Sunday farmer's market, holiday parade, etc. GM Fuzie announced that there are plans underway for a January 26, 2022 Board Retreat (in lieu of the regular meeting).

Other topics discussed included looking at ways to reduce our water usage, adding facilities in strategic locations to increase outdoor programs and various ideas for possible programming out at the Springtown Golf Course. GM Fuzie commented that recent changes at open space have resulted in more programming than we have done previously, and programs are paying for themselves.

Director Furst asked if we have any policies on public art at our facilities. Executive Assistant Linda VanBuskirk responded with the applicable policy number, FAC-02-1758; a copy will be provided to the committee members.

**Action Items:**

- The committee suggested that staff follow up with the City of Livermore to re-open the discussion on adding an outdoor pavilion at Ravenswood.
- The committee requested that a liaison be assigned to work with Livermore Downtown regarding LARPD involvement in activities and to update the Program Committee on this topic in 2022.

7. **COVID-19 Program Updates:** There is a new Alameda County health order specific to K-8 sports: players on the court actively playing do not have to wear mask. For indoor adult fitness, a mask is required even while exercising. There are no changes for YS, all students and parents are required to wear masks, except for children actively exercising. Open Heart kitchen still providing a large number of meals, over 200/day. Staff were asked what the protocol is if a child tests positive for Covid. YSA Nancy Blair indicated that if a student in school tests positive, quarantine procedures go into effect. There has not been a positive case in our programs for many months.

GM Fuzie gave an update on Covid testing for employees: we have applied to a company for PCR tests and would proctor any employee giving themselves the test. If insured, the employee's insurance pays, if not, the state will pay with no cost to the employee or District. The Committee discussed the Omicron variant, that it is fast spreading. While cases are not as severe, the variant should still be taken seriously.

8. **Directors' Reports and Announcements:** Director Furst expressed his thanks and appreciation to staff for their help with the Program Committee throughout 2021. Director Palajac added her thanks. GM Fuzie shared that outgoing Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts will be finishing his term out with many projects.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.