

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021  
2:30 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), the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Facilities 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 in the meeting electronically.*

**Committee Members Present:** Maryalice Faltings, Jan Palajac

**Staff Present:** Mat Fuzie, Linda VanBuskirk, Fred Haldeman, Vicki Wiedenfeld, Jill Kirk, Julie Dreher, Robert Sanchez, Jeffrey Schneider, Pamela Healy, Michelle Newbould

**Members of the Public Present:** There were no members of the public present.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Director Faltings.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on November 4, 2021:**  
The minutes were approved.
4. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution 2729-a):** General Manager Mat Fuzie explained that to continue with meetings in a remote manner, a resolution is required to be passed, every 30 days. Committee meetings do not have a consent agenda, therefore Committee Members are asked to vote to approve the Resolution each time.  
**Action:** Both Director Faltings and Director Palajac voted “yes” to approve **Resolution 2729-a**.
5. **Horseshoe Pits:** Staff followed up with the original complainant, who was unhappy with the previous discussion by the committee. Complainant has collected signatures from neighbors (7 households so far) who all agree it is a problem. Complaint was that groups of people have been playing horseshoes, loud music at all hours, creating an ongoing noise issue. An initial solution considered was to move the horseshoe pit but was cost-prohibitive without Board approval (approx. 30k). Committee members agreed this issue should be brought before the full Board for further review and discussion.

**Action:** The committee recommended this issue be brought to the Board for review.

6. **Camp Shelly Update:** Discussion centered around the status of Camp Shelly at the close of the 2021 season. Community Services Manager Jill Kirk shared that we opened in June, had facilities staff and rangers there prior to opening to do maintenance, ended up closing mid-August due to fire evacuations. When we were able to return, further maintenance was done. The plan is to re-open next year in June, with prep beginning in May. Overall, the season was a huge success.
7. **CIP Updates:** The discussion focused on the Robertson Park Synthetic Fields project, which will be brought to the Board next week. We expected bids around 1 million per field, but bids came in to replace both fields for around 1.5 million due to changes in technology. We also plan to install a pad underneath the field, this is for increased safety and will extend the life of each field. Pad has a 30 year warranty, so it won't need to be replaced every time the field is. Estimates include removal of existing turf. Bid also includes an option for continued maintenance. Plan is to replace Robertson Park first, Cayetano Park in about a year. BSM Schneider add that we are well positioned financially for this project.
8. **Trail Connectors Update:** Trail connectors are in our master planning document, meaning we cannot take independent action without the other party agency. There are 9 in our master plan, none are completed yet. The Arroyo Rd connector will be on next week's Board agenda.
9. **Patterson Trail Update:** Manager Jill Kirk shared that we had three successful work days in the creation of the trail, that it was a fun community event. The trail still needs to be fine-tuned and the trough has to be moved. It was noted that language approved by Zone 7 states that no bikes or equestrians will be allowed.
10. **Status of Second Community Garden:** Parks and Facilities Manager Haldeman recapped the plan to add approximately 22 plots, potentially with ADA accessible beds. He noted that he has been in contact with City of Livermore engineers to further explore how difficult it would be to add accessible parking. The engineers will work with us in January to review this in detail. If it will be a new facility, it is required to be ADA accessible.
11. **Directors' Reports or Announcements:** Director Palajac mentioned a new bill that takes effect in January 2024 requiring landscapers to use electric equipment. She asked how this bill will affect the District. Manager Haldeman explained that we have some electric equipment, limited by run time on batteries and overall performance. We have electric string trimmers that work well. He has also been looking at electric mowers, adding they could potentially work for us.  
  
GM Fuzie commented on the many activities going on at the RLCC today, noting that it is nice to see the community center being used by our community. Director Palajac asked if we are still doing vaccination clinics. GM Fuzie responded that we have held several second shot vaccination clinics for 5–12-year-olds, with another one to be held next week.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

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