



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
*An independent special district*

## REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

5:00 P.M.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Jeffrey Schneider, Michelle Kleman, Linda VanBuskirk

DISTRICT COUNSEL: 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 Maryalice Faltings, who arrived at 5:12 p.m. Chair Boswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

#### 3. CONSENT ITEMS

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting/Board Retreat on June 14, 2023;
- 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting/Public Meeting in the Park on July 19, 2023;
- 3.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 26, 2023;
- 3.4 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board – August 2023

Director Palajac pulled Item 3.3 for correction to Item 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS on Page 4 of the Draft Minutes. She stated that at the second bullet point, the last sentence should read, "Director Palajac also noted that she went out with **Dave Lunn** ~~the City of Livermore (COL)~~ to view the City of Livermore's (COL) plans for a new **connector trail** within Robertson Park as part of the earlier winter storm damage."

Director Furst added that also on Item 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS on the same second bullet point, it should read “. . . East Bay Regional **Park** District” not “East Bay Regional **Parks** District (EBRPD).”

**MOTION:**

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Items, as amended, by the following roll call vote:

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

In response to a question from Director Furst, District Counsel Thomas Terpstra advised that it is not necessary to call for a roll call vote now that the Board is meeting in person. It is the preference of the Board to do it this way, but it is not necessary. The Board may do a standard voice vote if it would like to.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) In Director Faltings’ absence, Director Furst reported his attendance, along with Director Faltings, at the August 8, 2023 Program Committee meeting. The committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Palajac reported on her attendance, along with Director Furst, at the August 3, 2023 Facilities Committee meeting. The committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.  
[Director Faltings arrived on the dais at 5:12 p.m.]
- c) Chair Boswell reported his attendance, along with Director Palajac, at the August 8, 2023 Personnel Committee meeting. The committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet. Topics discussed included a year in review with the HR team, and a summer hiring recap. Chair Boswell requested that this information be presented to the full Board.
- d) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the August 2, 2023 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert was a guest speaker where he talked about beginning a municipal advisory commission for unincorporated Alameda County, specifically east county. Some Board members expressed an interest in LARPD being represented here.
- e) Director Palajac reported on her attendance at the August 7, 2023 LARPD Foundation meeting. Dr. Kelly Bowers gave a presentation on the Three Valleys Community Foundation. The Foundation agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- f) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the August 2, 2023 Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) meeting. This was a special mixer meeting between the LCAC, the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and also the Livermore Arts Commission.

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

- a) Director Palajac asked about the Board Policy Manual. She stated the Board used to receive updates each year. Hard copy revisions have not been included in the binders since 2019. She requested to get a hard copy update to the Board Policy Manuals as there have been recent questions having to do with some of the policies that have been updated. Executive Assistant Linda VanBuskirk will check on current revisions and

Board actions and will send out a complete hard copy revised version of the Board Policy Manual.

- b) Director Palajac discussed a recent LARPD Foundation meeting during which Community Outreach Supervisor (COS) David Weisgerber provided an update on the code developed to facilitate underserved families' simultaneous registration for swim lessons, ensuring equitable access. They are exploring the possibility of extending this approach to all classes and camps, aiming to maximize the use of funds received from a Rotary grant and the proceeds from the Wine Down in the Grove event. COS Weisgerber expressed his willingness to investigate this further.
- c) Director Pierpont mentioned that he thought the Little League World Series was a great event. He and Police Chief Jeramy Young threw out the first pitch for one of the weekend games. Chair Boswell and GM Fuzie also threw out first pitches at other games in the series.
- d) Director Faltings apologized for her late arrival to the meeting. She had issues with Uber.
- e) Chair Boswell recently traveled to the Los Angeles/Huntington Beach area for business. While there, he attempted to locate the lifeguard chair where GM Fuzie used to reside, but unfortunately, he could not find it. However, he did manage to explore some of the nearby ball fields where his daughter and her teammates competed in the National Championships at [Great Park in the city of Irvine](#). Impressed by the park's facilities, he enthusiastically recommended that his fellow board members visit it, as he considered it one of the most exceptional parks in the state, boasting three stadium fields and an immense, awe-inspiring layout.

## 6. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) A kickoff meeting was initiated with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) to explore a potential partnership aimed at overseeing the use and reservations of certain school facilities during non-school hours. This initiative is aligned with the Master Property Agreement established with the City of Livermore (COL). The initial meeting primarily involved theoretical discussions. Subsequently, our respective staff members will collaborate on crafting a formal agreement. Chair Boswell emphasized the importance of establishing an efficient system, as the school district currently lacks a structured approach. GM Fuzie will formalize this topic on an upcoming agenda for the Facilities and/or Program Committees.
- b) During the middle of the summer, the slide at the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center unexpectedly closed down. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the stairs were in a state of disrepair and deemed unsafe for use. The staff is now assessing the cost of repairing the slide and considering the future of the facility. One possibility being explored is the creation of a spray park or another attraction that can make use of the existing infrastructure. It is worth noting that our community currently lacks an above-ground spray park, making this a potential opportunity to address that need. The final decision on this matter will be made through the CIP process and presented to the full board for consideration.

## 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

### 7.1 BOARD RETREAT

- A) Board Roles and Responsibilities
- B) Strategic Planning

**ACTION:**

Chair Boswell suggested that this item be deferred to another meeting due to time constraints with the Special Board Meeting immediately following this one. The item will be revisited at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

APPROVED,

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James Boswell  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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

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