

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2022

2:30 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 Facilities Committee Members and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public may participate in the meeting by teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Directors Furst and Palajac

Staff Present: Mat Fuzie, Jill Kirk, Linda VanBuskirk, Pamela Healy, Fred Haldemann

Members of the Public Present: David Lunn

1. Call to Order:

Director Furst called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment:

There was no initial public comment.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution No. 2758-b):

Resolution 2758-b was approved, unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on July 14, 2022 (Action):

Director Furst requested to edit the following information on Page 2 of the minutes, to add clarifying information as follows:

Item 5 - Update on Patterson Ranch Trail/Zone 7 Meeting (Original Version):

“GM Fuzie met last week with Owner of WP Cattle Co., Paul Banke and Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor at the Patterson Ranch Trail. During that meeting, Mr. Banke indicated that 4200 feet of cattle grade fencing will be needed, though he did not provide the exact location. Zone 7 will pay for half of the fence.”

Requested Changes:

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Item 6 - CIP Updates (Standing Item) – Original Version:

- **Restroom at Sycamore Grove Park:** Staff are in research mode for this project.

Requested Changes:

- **Reservable Picnic Area Restroom at Sycamore Grove Park:** Staff are in research mode for this project.

Action: The Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on July 14, 2022 were approved with these corrections.

5. Planning for Future Trails and Trail Connectors (Standing Item):

General Manager (GM) Fuzie shared that the regular monthly meeting with Andy Ross from the City of Livermore (COL) did not occur due to vacations. There were no new updates on this item.

Member of the Public David Lunn joined the meeting. Director Furst asked if he wanted to provide any comments on this item. Mr. Lunn asked questions about the T13 (Arroyo) trail and the T15 (Vineyard) trail and asked for the status of guided hikes on the Patterson Ranch Trail.

Committee Questions and Comments:

- While out hiking, Director Furst noticed that some of the trails in Sycamore Grove need maintenance. He will record his observations and refer them to staff.
- Is there any update on the Patterson Ranch Trail? No, nothing further. We are awaiting feedback from Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor regarding infrastructure/fencing before allowing guided hikes on the Patterson Ranch Trail.

Action: GM Fuzie will review the T15 (Vineyard) trail issue with staff and bring back to a future meeting for discussion.

6. CIP Updates (Standing Item):

The following CIP projects were discussed:

- **Rodeo Stadium Improvements:** Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM) Haldeman shared that the bid opened today for this project. The initial project cost estimate done by O'Dell Engineering was \$330,476k, however, bids have come in higher. There is a tentative construction start date of October 2022. The Board still needs to approve the final bid.
- **Covered Arena:** There is a staff meeting later today to review information on this project.

- **Pump Track:** This project will go through the permitting process with the COL and will include CEQA. A preliminary Negative Declaration is anticipated. Board previously gave approval up to certain dollar amount. The next Board review/approval will come after CEQA.
- **Holmes Street Undercrossing:** Mr. Lunn asked if debris removal at this location is included as part of our maintenance agreement with the COL, and what the mitigation cost is. GM Fuzie explained that debris removal is not the LARPD's responsibility. Our maintenance agreement with the COL expired in June and has not been updated yet. However, the COL made it clear that debris removal is the responsibility of both Zone 7 and the COL. LARPD only does routine maintenance when needed. The COL needs to determine what they want to do. Mr. Lunn asked if it was possible to find out the cost for the permit for mitigation and was referred to contact the COL/Andy Ross or COL/Public Works for additional information.

Action: Director Palajac requested that staff follow up with O'Dell Engineering regarding the Rodeo Stadium Infrastructure Improvements project to ask their assessment of why bids came in higher.

7. **Future Movies in the Park (Discussion):** Community Services Manager (CSM) Jill Kirk shared that we had a very successful movie in the park a few months ago. The COL Library wants us to partner with them over at the May Nissen library. The next movie event is scheduled for September. There will be 3 more over the next 12 months. More information to follow as it is available.

Committee Questions and Comments:

- What is the library's interest in collaborating on this? Reasons discussed included: the overall effectiveness of our Ranger Programs, the new Library Director, a general feeling that our partnerships with other community groups are strong, we are all collaborating on common goals. Additionally, our social media footprint is getting better, we are generating more interest in our programs in general.

Action: Director Furst requested that staff update the Board with additional details on future movie events when they are available.

8. **Lap Swim (Discussion):** CSM Kirk shared this is the first summer since Covid began that we have been fully open for lap swim. Staff have done an exceptional job programming both the Robert Livermore Aquatics Center (RLAC) and May Nissen pools. More people are interested and attending lap swim. Due to increased programming, fewer lanes are available at the RLAC, but several are available over at May Nissen.

Committee Questions and Comments:

- Is there any update on the broken heater at May Nissen? The diagnosis should be ready tomorrow. The issue should be fixed within the next day or so.

Action: This was a discussion only, no committee action was requested or taken.

9. **Directors' and/or General Manager's Reports or Announcements:**

- GM Fuzie announced that at the GM roundtable yesterday, a GM from another District thanked him for sharing information about our camps at a previous meeting. As a result of that discussion, camps became a primary source of revenue for that district.

Committee Questions and Comments:

- Camps are a big deal. Having staff to run them is also very important.
- There is significant community pride in having camps for kids to attend.
- Camps also provide leadership training and development for staff.
- How long are camps? Generally, one week, however, for some sports camps, kids are here all summer.

Action: Director Furst asked GM Fuzie to give an update on the potential Park Planner position next month.

10. **Adjournment:** Director Furst adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

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