



Livermore Area
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LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors, Furst, Palajac, Pierpont, Wilson and Chair Faltings

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Streeter, Tim Barry, Patricia Lord, Jeffrey Schneider, Patrick Sotelo, Bruce Aizawa, Tom Doyle, Linda VanBuskirk

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Faltings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Directors were present.

2. RECOGNITION: None.

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 THE MANY BENEFITS OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Board received a presentation on The Many Benefits of Parks and Recreation by Assistant General Manager Patricia Lord. The presentation included information on how parks and recreation programs, services and facilities improve the quality of life for residents. LARPD manages about 2,000 acres of parks, trails and open space for people to enjoy. Annual events such as Dogtoberfest create a sense of community; sports parks and aquatic facilities provide opportunities for fitness; and a variety of facilities offer event rentals for community gatherings.

Chair Faltings and Director Wilson thanked AGM Lord for the excellent presentation and suggested giving this presentation to other local groups, such as the Livermore Cultural Arts Council.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Faltings opened public comment. No public comment. Closed public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion)

5.1 BOARD MINUTES

5.1.1 Regular Meeting of March 28, 2018.

5.2 COMMUNICATIONS

5.2.1 General Manager's Monthly Report (71/9).

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda by the following voice vote:

AYES:	<i>Wilson, Furst, Pierpont, Palajac, and Chair Faltings</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTENTIONS:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</i>

6. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Resolution No. 2617, adopting a revised 2017/2018 Salary Schedule.

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Furst, adopted Resolution No. 2617, adopting the revised 2017/2018 Salary Schedule by the following voice vote:

AYES:	<i>Wilson, Furst, Pierpont, Palajac, and Chair Faltings</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTENTIONS:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</i>

7. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 ARROYO DEL VALLE TRAIL RENOVATION PROJECT, LARPD PROJECT NO. 603

Chair Faltings stated that the Board will consider accepting the bid and approving the award of contract for the construction of the Arroyo Del Valle Trail Renovation at Sycamore Grove Park, LARPD Project No. 603.

AGM Lord reported that three bids were opened on March 26, 2018 with Grade Tech, Inc. being the apparent lowest and most responsible bidder. The project is described as a trail renovation for the purpose of repaving the 2.5-mile length of the Arroyo del Valle Trail located in Sycamore Grove Park. Staff recommended that the Board award the contract for construction of renovations at the Arroyo Del Valle Trail at Sycamore Grove Park to Grade Tech, Inc. The funding for this project is available in the District's Capital Improvement Plan budget under Project No. 603.

Director comments and questions included: When will the work begin and how long will it take to complete; how will the work disrupt use of the trails; what type of projects did Grade Tech, Inc. work on previously for LARPD and how long ago was

that; this matter was brought before the Facilities Committee and there was discussion on the path being torn out all at once as opposed to section by section and how does that affect access; what is the plan for notifying the public about the upcoming construction project; when completed, the public can enjoy a beautiful new trail.

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Pierpont, adopted Resolution No. 2618, accepting the bid and approving the award of contract to Grade Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$1,018,692.32 for the construction of the Arroyo Del Valle Trail Renovation at Sycamore Grove Park, LARPD Project No. 603, by the following voice vote:

AYES:	<i>Wilson, Furst, Pierpont, Palajac, and Chair Faltings</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTENTIONS:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</i>

9.2 SHADE STRUCTURES FOR BOTHWELL PARK

Chair Faltings stated that the Board will receive a report on proposed shade structures for Bothwell Park and provide direction on style and color options.

AGM Lord reported that this item was presented to the Facilities Committee on March 20, 2018 for their recommendation on color options and shade fabrics, which were discussed at length. The consensus was a recommendation of brown poles and either latte or green shades to best blend in with surrounding trees. AGM Lord introduced Park Supervisor Tom Doyle who provided additional handouts and details on the project.

Director comments and questions included: Will the shade structures be placed for maximum efficiency, i.e. where people are standing during bocce ball play at either end of the courts; functionality is important. Consensus was reached that dark brown poles and forest green shade cloth is best for blending in with the surrounding trees.

9.3 PRIORITY A CIP PROJECT: “DOG PARK IMPROVEMENTS”

Chair Faltings stated that the Board will consider a resolution authorizing the creation of a Priority A Capital Improvement Project, “Dog Park Improvements” and authorize funding of \$100,000 for improvements in five identified existing dog parks providing a separation of large and small dogs.

AGM Lord explained that recent public interest has prompted LARPD to look at the costs associated with separating some of the District’s existing dog parks to create areas for large and small dog sections. Staff presented the findings to the Facilities Committee at its March 20, 2018 meeting. The Committee recommended moving forward with the separations at five dog parks, with the priorities being Bruno Canziani Dog Park and Vista Meadows Dog Park. AGM Lord introduced Park Supervisor Tom Doyle and Parks and Facilities Manager Bruce Aizawa, who provided further details on the project. Staff asked for Board approval of funding necessary for the two priority dog parks during this fiscal year, then taking up the balance in the context of the whole capital plan proposal for the next fiscal year, so that staff could better refine the numbers for the remaining dog parks.

Director comments and questions included: The Facilities Committee recommended to leave Robertson Park Dog Park unchanged; what prompted the ranking of highest priority; how much area will be added to existing dog park areas; the size of small to large dog park areas will generally be a 1/3 to 2/3 ratio; signage for dog weight limits; rehabilitating or shy dog considerations; self-regulating of dog owners; how will expanding the dog park area potentially impact the human beings; Vista Meadows contains sloped areas; what is the cost breakdown of the remaining parks to be improved during FY 2018-19; a specific budget process with multiple meetings between Staff, Finance Committee, and Board to discuss FY 2018-19 should be followed. The Board directed Staff to bring a revised report to the Board at its next meeting to clarify specific design and cost information. The Board expressed its support of moving forward with Bruno Canziani first, then Vista Meadows second.

9.4 ENDORSEMENT OF SENATE BILL 1316, OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICULAR RECREATION: CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA: ALAMEDA-TESLA EXPANSION AREA

Chair Faltings stated that the Board will consider a resolution endorsing Senate Bill 1316, an act to add Section 5090.42 to the Public Resources Code, relating to parks and recreation.

GM Barry summarized the legislation proposed by Senator Glazer and co-authored by Assemblywoman Baker, stating that the endorsement along with a letter of support was first proposed by Director Palajac.

Chair Faltings opened public comment. David Lunn, a resident of Livermore, addressed the Board in support of endorsement of the SB 1316. He expressed disappointment that a letter was not attached, but urged the Board to post its support letter so that others in the community can see it and also express their support. Chair Faltings closed public comment.

Director questions and comments included: What is the timeline for sending a letter of support; Senator Glazer along with chairs of other various senate committees should receive the letter; EBRPD has passed a resolution and sent a letter of support; language in the bill states that if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest, this portion of land known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" will be permanently preserved for conservation purposes.

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Palajac, adopted Resolution No. 2619, endorsing Senate Bill 1316: Off-Highway Vehicular Recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area, by the following voice vote:

AYES:	<i>Wilson, Furst, Pierpont, Palajac, and Chair Faltings</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTENTIONS:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</i>

9.5 JUAN BAUTISTA DE ANZA TRAIL

AGM Lord reported that in 2018, America will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act, which creates and protects trails. With the passage of the National Trails System Act in 1968, certain trails allow a walk through history, such as the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. A segment of the Anza Trail runs through LARPD's Sycamore Grove Park. Staff recommended the Board consider certification of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, "Anza Trail" segment in Sycamore Grove Park. Certification is a partnership that helps land owners protect and preserve their historic trail properties, and share them with others. Director Furst provided two brochures; "The Anza Expedition of 1776" by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD); and "Juan Bautista de Anza" by the National Park Service.

Chair Faltings opened public comment. David Lunn, a resident of Livermore, addressed the Board in support of historic trail signs posted on LARPD trails. Chair Faltings closed public comment.

Directors expressed approval of the certification process and directed staff to work with the National Park Service for certification of the Anza Trail segment through Sycamore Grove Park, and to post historic Anza trail markers.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Director Palajac reported on the March 30, 2018 Finance Committee meeting.
- 2) Director Furst reported on the Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 26th.
- 3) Chair Faltings reported on the April 3, 2018 LARPD Foundation meeting.
- 4) Director Wilson reported on the April 4, 2018 Livermore Cultural Arts Council.

11. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- 1) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the California Trails and Greenways Conference of 2018, March 27-29 in Rohnert Park. He suggested a line item in the budget for diversity and discussed the importance of an outreach program to encourage minority children to become invested in parks and recreation.
- 2) Director Wilson also reported on her attendance at the California Trails and Greenways Conference of 2018, which included sessions on the Marin Trail Education Program; Using Social Media to Engage Latinos; and Tips for Trails: Applying to the Active Transportation Program. As a result, she scheduled a meeting with Alameda County Supervisor Haggerty to discuss ways LARPD may apply for a grant with the Active Transportation Program.
- 3) Chair Faltings reported that the Ravenswood Victorian Tea has sold out amazingly fast.

12. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barry made the following announcements:


- 1) On Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center (RLCC), LARPD will host a Bill Payne Sports Park Master Plan Community Outreach meeting to receive input on the new park design;
- 2) On Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, Park Rangers Claire and Doug will lead a program about monarch butterflies. Call the Ranger Office to reserve a spot, (925) 960-2400;

- 3) Group reservations for Camp Shelly in Lake Tahoe begin April 11, and reservations for the general public begin April 21 at 8:00 a.m. Camping season opens June 8th and goes through August 12th this year. A restroom replacement project is underway;
- 4) Saturday, April 21st beginning at noon is the Big Splash at the RLCC pool, to include rubber ducky races!
- 5) Assemblywoman Catharine Baker will conduct a Walk & Talk Town Hall meeting on Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. This is hosted by LARPD and co-sponsored with the Tri-Valley Conservancy at the Arroyo Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park;
- 6) In response to a question from Chair Faltings, AGM Lord reported that LARPD is partnering with the City of Livermore to participate in the Livermore Community Service Day on Saturday, April 21st where approximately 1,000 volunteers are anticipated. LARPD will have a group dedicated to providing assignments to improve the rodeo grounds. The Livermore Rotary will be planting trees. Volunteers can check in at 8:00 am at Carnegie Park. Breakfast will be provided. Once assignments are complete, participants will arrive back at Carnegie Park around noon for lunch and festivities. Sign-ups will be taken through the City of Livermore.

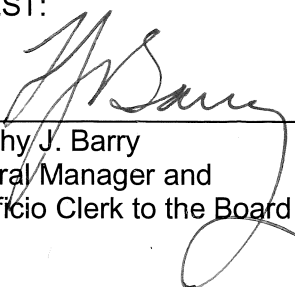
13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED,


Maryalice Summers Faltings
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Timothy J. Barry
General Manager and
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors