

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

**10:00 A.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 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:** Maryalice Faltings, David Furst

**Staff Present:** Mat Fuzie, Linda VanBuskirk, Jill Kirk, David Weisgerber, Pamela Healy, Michelle Kleman, Patrick Lucky, Jeff Schneider

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

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Faltings called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment. Chair Faltings closed the public comment period.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution No. 2774-b):** Resolution No. 2774-b was approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Program Committee on December 21, 2022:** Director Furst requested clarification on certain items in the minutes. These questions are addressed below under item 7. There were no edits requested and no comments otherwise affecting the approval of the minutes as written.

**Action:** The Minutes from December 21, 2022 were approved unanimously.

5. **2022 Program Committee Meeting Recap:** GM Fuzie commented that every committee received a summary. It is intended as an informational recap of the previous year and is not an approval item. The committee agreed it was very informative. These synopses will be available for new and existing Board members annually.

**Action:** This was a discussion only and no Committee action was taken.

6. **Employee Discount Policy:** The current employee discount policy was revised and simplified. This policy only applies to current staff and a separate policy will be needed for retired LARPD employees and Board members. This needs to be a Board discussion.

**Committee Comments and Questions:**

- It makes sense in general that employee discounts are separated out from retirees, but Board members are considered employees, so why separate them? *Existing policy for*

*retirees and Board members would remain in effect until revised. The question as to whether or not Board members are considered employees is a foundational question that needs to be addressed and interpreted by legal counsel. If Board members are employees, then the 457 plan may be extended to them.*

**Recommendation:** Staff recommended this question be brought forward to the full Board and legal counsel for further review and discussion.

- Do we know how many employees avail themselves of the discounts? Are we conveying information out to staff? *This information will be published on our Intranet and will also be incorporated into new-hire orientation.*

**Actions:**

- GM Fuzie will engage legal counsel to obtain clarity around the question of whether or not Board members are considered in the category of employee.
- As written, this employee discount policy will be moved forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval. Staff will include information on how many employees are eligible.

**7. Directors' Reports and Announcements:**

- Director Furst requested clarification on several items from the December 21, 2022 Draft Program Committee meeting minutes (see item 4 above):
  - On page 1, item number 5, **The Role of LARPD in the Arts Community Based on the City's ABC Report**, the second bullet point reads, ***"In February 2023 staff will meet again with the COL"***.
    - Has staff met with the COL yet? Yes, GM Fuzie met with COL and LVJUSD in January, discussed bond issue. There is one more meeting scheduled for February.
  - On page 2, item number 6: The second bullet point reads, ***"Which of these events do the Board members get invited to as representatives of the District? How is this decided? ...[f]or community events, we try to get all of our partners to consider including all of our BOD. This is a good discussion for the Board Retreat."***
    - Was it discussed at the Board retreat? Board members are invited to all events, we try to target specific events, but it needs to be discussed further by the Board. Jill Kirk noted that all upcoming events are also included in each monthly report.
    - Was this information shared with Board in January? Yes.
  - On page 3, item number 8: **Update on Community Garden Program, Including the Second Garden at Mocho Park**, the second bullet point reads, ***"There is a slight change to the rules: no fruit vines are allowed."***
    - Why was this noted? They are invasive, hard to control. This was a decision made quite a while ago.

**Action:** This was a request for clarification only and no action was taken.

- Director Furst shared that he would like to discuss the role of the Program Committee and larger Board in determining what programs are going to be held during the year.

**Action:** Staff were asked to add this item for discussion at the next Program committee meeting.

- GM Fuzie shared that the public has expressed interest in additional information regarding Sycamore Grove damage and restrictions. Several parts of the trail have damage and Sycamore Grove will not be the same for quite a while. We have been keeping the public up to date via social media and email on the ongoing status of the storm damage. We will be working with FEMA and Cal OES on funding options for damage repair. We are also working with the City of Livermore (COL) Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Director Furst requested that as Sycamore Grove is a regional trail, we should ask EBRPD to pay for it in its entirety, as they are responsible for regional trails.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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