



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019

7:00 P.M.

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Pierpont

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Aizawa, Mathew Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Jeffrey Schneider, Linda VanBuskirk, Monica Streeter, Ranger Amy Wolitzer, Chief Ranger Pat Sotelo

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Steven & Shelly Cohen, Caitlyn Lung

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Pierpont. Chair Furst led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
3. **PRESENTATION**
 - 3.1 **READING RANGERS PROGRAM**
The Board received a presentation on the Reading Rangers Outreach Program from Ranger Amy Wolitzer. This program was inspired by a program that the National Park Service (NPS) held in conjunction with the San Francisco Public Library. Ranger Amy explained how LARPD took this program and modified it for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, developed partnerships, and ultimately had a great time sharing these programs at the Livermore Library. The culmination of the program involved a family field trip to Sycamore Grove Park in April. She introduced Caitlyn Lung with the Livermore Public Library, along with Steven and Shelly Cohen representing the Jerry Cohen Foundation. LARPD received a generous grant from the Jerry Cohen Foundation that paid for a bus and staff time to run the program.

Board members thanked the Jerry Cohen Foundation for making this wonderful event possible, and expressed interest in seeing this program offered again in the future. Chair Furst asked if Staff and Rangers could coordinate with the Tri-Valley Conservancy program on mutual beneficial introductions of elementary school children into our parks.

Mr. Steve Cohen, Jerry Cohen's son, addressed the Board. He introduced his daughter, Shelly Cohen, and provided information on the charter in the Foundation to fund science and education programs for local communities.

4. CONSENT ITEMS (Motion)

4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 26, 2019

4.2 General Manager's Monthly Report – July 2019

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

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

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5.1 RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 2019 AS "PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!" MONTH

Chair Furst stated that the Board would consider declaring July 2019 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month.

AGM Lord presented the staff report which provided a historical background of the National Recreation and Park Association's program, celebrating July as Parks and Recreation Month, since 1985. She reported that LARPD is teaming up this summer with the California Parks and Recreation Society, to provide a special program called "Agents of Discovery", an educational platform app that uses the latest in augmented reality to get residents active and engaged with the environment around them via site-specific geo-triggered challenges in the parks. She reported that 213 users were enjoying the app as of July 10th. Staff recommends the Board adopt a resolution declaring July as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month.

Chair Furst opened public comment. No comments were received. Closed public comment.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Palajac, adopted Resolution No. 2673, declaring July 2019 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Faltings, Wilson, Palajac, and Chair Furst*
NOES: *None*
ABSTENTIONS: *None*
ABSENT: *Director Pierpont*

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF LIGHT VEHICLE LEASE PROGRAM

Chair Furst stated the Board would consider a Master Lease Agreement for a Fleet Management Program.

GM Fuzie stated that the Board budgets for vehicle operation, and this will be a shift in direction for the District, should it choose to utilize this program, as other local special districts have been doing. He asked for Board feedback following the presentation.

Parks and Facilities Supervisor Bruce Aizawa introduced Kristy Wilhite from enterprise Fleet Management who gave a presentation to the Board which highlighted the District's current fleet situation and profile, and partnership objectives. A fleet planning analysis showed anticipated savings of \$430,538 over the next 10 years after implementing this program.

Director comments/discussion included: The first year would include an \$89K increase in Lease and Maintenance costs, which will be offset by savings in capital spend in Parts and Maintenance, resulting in a net savings in the budget for the year. No capital outlay for vehicles is assumed in the budget anymore. Leasing of individual vehicles will fall under Unit 7, Parks. No staff reduction. This will allow focus on heavy equipment and specialty items that are currently being sent out for service. In house maintenance can be regularly scheduled. This program includes flexibility in types of vehicles, such as vans, over short-term or long-term, depending upon District/program needs. Each vehicle is under its own lease, allowing flexibility in buying out of the lease, depending on District needs. Other benefits discussed included ability to track vehicle location, rate of speed, etc. Reports could be useful in case of an accident.

Chair Furst opened public comment. No public comments were received.
Closed public comment.

Board consensus was unanimously enthusiastic. The Board encouraged Staff to move forward with the program.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)

6.1 TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY BRIDGE UPDATE

The Board received a verbal update on the TVC Bridge from Executive Director, Laura Mercier. Teichert Construction has been awarded the contract. All permits are in place and the bridge is anticipated to be completed by November. Ms. Mercier commented on the great partnership between LARPD and TVC. A groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, July 22nd at 11am.

Chair Furst directed Staff to keep the website updated with Arroyo Road entrance closure information. AGM Lord acknowledged Chief Ranger Pat Sotelo

and his team on their efforts to work closely with TVC. They will continue to keep the public apprised of closures via the website and signage in the park.

Directors asked if the bridge placement could be videotaped for posterity.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Director Faltings reported on the July 3, 2019 Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting which she attended on behalf of Director Wilson.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

- 1) Director Palajac reported on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) for returning attendees July 7-9, 2019 in Napa, CA. She attended the Academy along with Chair Furst and AGM Patricia Lord. Classes attended included topics on the Brown Act, and policy making.
- 2) Director Palajac reported on the June 27, 2019 Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Series where the main topic was about B Corporations. She explained that Certified B Corporations are businesses that meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose.
- 3) Director Faltings announced that the Annual Ravenswood Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Ravenswood from noon to 4:00 p.m. She invited the community to attend and enjoy a nostalgic, Victorian Sunday afternoon, with ice cream, lemonade, and other goodies. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will provide entertainment, along with a petting zoo and pony rides. Special guests include the LARPD Rangers, and two local doll clubs showcasing a wonderful display of antique dolls, and providing crafts for the kids.
- 4) Chair Furst reported on his attendance at the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy on July 7-9, 2019, including classes on the Brown Act and Dealing with the Media.
- 5) Chair Furst reported on his attendance at Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Environmental Roundtable in San Ramon. He intends to go to these meetings quarterly.
- 6) Director Wilson reported on her attendance at the June 27, 2019 LVCC Luncheon.
- 7) Director Wilson announced that LARPD will host "My Health and Me – Medicare 101" next Monday morning, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 8) Chair Furst asked if the District would invite Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer – Kahan to come out and tour the LARPD facilities.

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- 1) On Monday, LARPD will add a new Recreation Supervisor, Joseph Benjamin.
- 2) Park Supervisor Tom Doyle announced that he will be leaving LARPD and moving with his family to Nevada to start a new adventure. He has accepted a job with the State of Nevada. He will be greatly missed.
- 3) The District is anticipating some retirements centering around workers compensation issues.
- 4) Four employees have been nominated to attend Leadership Livermore.
- 5) The General Manager of East Bay Regional Park District, Bob Doyle, visited LARPD for a tour of the facility today. It was his first time at the RLCC and Aquatics facility,

and he said he was very impressed with the range of services provided at these facilities for all ages. Arrangements will be made for liaison committee meetings between the park districts again soon.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Faltings announced that Carol Severin, who was a leading light in the field of Parks and Recreation, not only in the Bay Area - but also the state and country, passed away on Monday. She was 90 years old. She served for many years on the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District board, and the East Bay Regional Park District board. She lived in Castro Valley. Director Faltings and Chair Furst served with her on the CARPD board. Director Faltings asked Chair Furst if he would adjourn the meeting in Carol's memory.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. in memory of Carol Severin.

APPROVED,



David Furst
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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