

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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 Zoom teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public also participated in the meeting electronically.

Committee Members Present: Director Furst, Director Palajac

Staff Present: Mat Fuzie, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, Fred Haldeman, Julie Dreher, Pamela Healy, Linda VanBuskirk, David Weisgerber

Members of the Public Present: None

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Director Furst closed the public comment period.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution 2768-b): Resolution No. 2768-b was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on November 3, 2022 (Action):

Action: The Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on November 3, 2022 were approved.

5. List of Projects for the LARPD Foundation: General Manager (GM) Fuzie commented, while preliminary discussions are being held internally, it would be premature to provide the Foundation with a list of projects at this time. Foundation members are also in the beginning stages of discussing this topic and are not positioned for large fundraising efforts right now.

Community Outreach Supervisor (COS) David Weisgerber added, some of the core items the Foundation fundraises for include the Community Support Program (scholarships) and

supplies for our programs. Their plan is to get more aggressive with fundraising efforts over time. Several fundraising ideas have been discussed that are community facing; we would like to help get the Foundation's name out into the community.

Committee Comments and Questions:

- Should there be three categories for fundraising, such as short-term, smaller projects, medium sized and larger projects? *This has yet to be determined. As this discussion continues, a list will develop, but we are at the very preliminary phase of discussion.*

Action: This item will be placed on an upcoming 2023 Facilities Committee agenda for continued discussion and review.

6. **Cal Water Well:** Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM) Fred Haldeman shared that Cal Water was informed that the options explored at Robertson Park will not work. We suggested other locations; they are now looking at Mocho Park in an area that is not grass, not an existing play area. They want to purchase or lease and though we do want to work with them, this may be difficult. Any such proposal will be brought to the Board for review and consideration.

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

7. **Rodeo Grounds/Progress on Covered Arena:**

PFM Haldeman shared an update on the canopy. Staff are currently working with a project manager to get proposals to complete the work. We are expecting the proposals at any time and the goal is to get work done by the end of December before our current permit expires.

Community Services Manager (CSM) Jill Kirk discussed the covered arena. Currently, we are allowing groups to reserve and use the facility **as is**, the user has to do set up and cleanup. We are not allowing drop-ins at all. In the future we would like to bring in a concessionaire. GM Fuzie added, staff conducted surveys with the known end-user community and consulted with the Rodeo Association who confirmed that the current condition is fine for regular (not high-level) usage.

Committee Comments and Questions:

There were no questions or comments from the Committee.

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

8. **Patterson Ranch Trail – Letter to Zone 7:**

GM Fuzie shared that he sent an email (rather than a letter) to Zone 7 last week. He offered to continue negotiations and discussion regarding ways to complete the trail and keep it open, such as restricting access to guided hikes. He made it clear we are not interested in paying for fencing, that our Facilities Committee does not feel a fence, nor the associated expense is warranted. He has not received a response yet. He will make a phone call in the next week or so and send a follow up email to continue the discussion with Zone 7.

Committee Comments and Questions:

There were no questions or comments from the Committee.

Action: GM Fuzie will continue the discussion with Zone 7 and will keep the Committee apprised.

9. Permit Requirements for Paved Trails:

The Committee asked for clarification on this item. A few months ago, permanent marks were made on the Mocho Trail for a sanctioned race. Director Palajac had asked if there were any permit requirements prohibiting permanent markings on trails.

Action: Staff were asked to carry this item over to the January Facilities Committee meeting, renamed as “Permit Requirements for Use of Trails”.

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

General Manager (GM) Fuzie shared the following updates:

- **T6 Trail:** The builder is ready to pull permits. Director Furst asked if there were any constraints on the timeline. The builder asked the City of Livermore (COL) if they could post a bond; the City would then be able to pull it to ensure the trail will get completed as per their satisfaction.
- **Arroyo Trail, bridge and accompanying COL trail:** Representatives from Alameda County, the COL and LARPD recently met for the first time to review timeline and plans. The COL plans to put a bridge into Sycamore Grove that we will have the responsibility to maintain, located off of Wente’s property. This may be a temporary winter bridge to use as a detour. The COL still has to work out an agreement with Wente. Start date is expected to be sometime in 2024.
- **Vallecitos Trail Realignment:** This item is currently under discussion with homeowners for right of way.
- **Extension of water line down Tesla:** The intent is for this to be a multi-use trail, after the extension goes in. GM Fuzie will be attending a meeting to discuss future needs, next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The preliminary map has some expansions out to Greenville road, so there may be opportunities for sports fields.

Action: When there is any movement or change on this topic, updates will be brought back to the Facilities Committee.

11. CIP Updates (Standing Item):

Community Outreach Supervisor (COS) David Weisgerber gave updates on the following:

- Bike Pump Track – approved at 11/9 meeting, project will move forward
- Rodeo Stadium Improvements (discussed above)
- Restrooms at Sycamore Grove Park
- Addition of a 2nd Community Garden at Mocho Park: *(PFM) Fred Haldeman noted, the conceptual design from AT&T included an ADA pathway and access ramp, however, there was an issue with curb cuts Curb cuts relate to the ADA accessible ramp from the street. The existing sidewalk is cut, and a ramp is poured to allow wheelchairs to get to the sidewalk from the street.*

GM Fuzie shared that Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM) Fred Haldeman is putting together a proposal to bring to the Facilities Committee in the near future to discuss a potential playground replacement program. Conceptually, there would be no change to an existing footprint, just equipment. When we recently looked into the cost to replace a play structure,

estimates were around \$200k. Since there would be no CEQA involved, for \$600k we could potentially do 3 parks per year. The concept is, we invest in a program so we have the budget to replace “x” number of playgrounds.

Committee Comments and Questions:

- Does the estimated replacement cost include rubberized surfacing? *No, it does not. Engineered wood fiber is preferred (ADA Compliant) because maintenance cost for rubberized surfacing and wear and tear is significant. There are other options to consider.*
- While wood fiber is ADA compliant, the surface is impractical to maneuver on with a wheelchair.
- Has this discussion gone to the Finance Committee yet? *No. It will go to each committee that has input. We are trying to prepare for discussion with the COL and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) for future planning. Within our own budget, this planning should enable us to prepare for deferred maintenance.*

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

12. Directors’ and/or General Manager’s Reports or Announcements:

- Director Furst shared that Supervisor Haubert is interested in a partnership between the City of Livermore (COL), Alameda County (ACO) and LARPD to establish a warming center. GM Fuzie noted that he is also in discussion with Supervisor Haubert’s office, and has a meeting today at 4:00 p.m. The Veteran’s Memorial Building was suggested for the location of the warming center as there is very little programming in that building. He will keep the Committee and Board apprised of the outcome of the discussion.

Action: GM Fuzie was asked to send Director Furst and Director Palajac an email following his meeting, summarizing the outcome.

13. Adjournment: Director Furst adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

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