



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California
Sycamore Room

Directors Present: Directors Jan Palajac, David Furst, James Boswell
Vice Chair Maryalice Faltings, Chair Philip Pierpont

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Members Absent: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant
Jill Kirk, Community Services Manager
David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor (COS)
Marc Roberts, Land Agent / Planner
Julie Dreher, Finance Officer
Kendahl Hettick, Financial Analyst

Others Present: Matthew Cable

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All Directors were present. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period.

- a) Matthew Cable asked the Board to consider additional dirt jumps at the Sunken Gardens Pump Track project.

Chair Pierpont suggested he reach out to GM Fuzie and invited him to speak at a Facilities Committee meeting.

There were no further speakers. The public comment period was closed.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (Motion):

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 11, 2026.

Director Furst suggested this change: On page 3, item 6e, revise "...David Kent of Concannon Vineyard..." to "...David Kent of Darcie Kent and Concannon Vineyard..."

MOTION:

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Faltings, approved the Consent Agenda Item 3.1 as amended, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Directors Palajac, Furst, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (5)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan: Phase 3 Community Outreach and Engagement Recap

The Board reviewed Phase 3 community outreach and engagement efforts and additional survey data on households with children (Supplemental Item 4.1). They directed staff to document all outreach and stakeholder engagement activities, including those who did not attend. COS Weisgerber will include this information in the appendix of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan. After the meeting, COS Weisgerber provided a detailed summary of partner agency coordination meetings as an additional supplemental item.

➤ **Action:** This was a discussion only and no Board action was taken; however staff will prepare a summary of partner agency coordination meetings.

4.2 Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The Board discussed budget priorities for Fiscal year 2026-2027. GM Fuzie presented department priorities (Supplemental Item 4.2) and requested direction. The Board directed staff to prioritize trail connectivity, maintain appropriate reserve levels, evaluate financing options, address deferred maintenance needs, support employee competitive compensation, and no new projects.

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

4.3 2026 Board Meeting Schedule Revision

The Board discussed revising the 2026 Board Meeting Schedule, specifically the May 27, 2026 meeting, due to the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) conference. The Board agreed to cancel the May 27 meeting and hold a Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop on April 29, 2026, to follow the Regular Board Meeting.

➤ **Action:** The Board approved canceling the May 27, 2026 meeting and holding a Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop on April 29, 2026, to follow the Regular Board Meeting.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Director Palajac reported on her and Chair Pierpont’s attendance at the March 17, 2026, Facilities Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed and discussed the Pickleball Recycling Bin Proposal. The Committee moved forward to do a 3-month pilot program at Downs Park. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Boswell reported on his attendance at the March 16, 2026, Alameda County Agricultural SubCommittee on Trails meeting. The Subcommittee discussed the Subcommittee schedule, Doolan Canyon trail connector, and trail map updates.
- c) Director Faltings reported that she was unable to attend the March 19, 2026, Alameda County Special Districts Association Annual Dinner.

6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS:**
No reportable items.
7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER:** GM Fuzie announced that LARPD received \$101,196.99 donation from the Ruth C. Bauman Trust for Sycamore Grove Park. The Board asked how to inform the public that LARPD accepts these types of donations. *[GM Fuzie will ask the family if they agree to a press release].*
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED,

Philip Pierpont
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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

MF/Rvd



LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT **Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Update**



Phase 3: Community Outreach and Engagement Recap

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PROJECT TIMELINE

Current Status



Aug – Sept 2025

Oct – Nov 2025

Dec – Mar 2026

Apr – May 2026*

Jun – Jul 2026

Aug – Sept 2026



*Policy Framework Board Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

OUTREACH OVERVIEW



98%

Responded Parks, Recreation Facilities, and Programs are important to their quality of life.

48%

Use parks or recreation facilities more than once per week.

80%

Satisfied with Parks, Recreation Facilities and Programs in Livermore

Source: Statistically valid community-wide survey conducted by Probolsky Research

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND AREAS OF FOCUS



Desire for a mix of active and passive recreation opportunities



Continued investment in maintaining existing parks and facilities



Strong interest in trails, connectivity, and open space



High demand for field use and scheduling during peak times

PARTNER AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT

- Reinforced need for coordination and partnerships
- Identified shared challenges and opportunities
- Highlighted the role of collaboration in service delivery



INTERNAL STAFF INPUT



- Validated system strengths and pressures
- Highlighted operational realities

BALANCING PRIORITIES ACROSS THE SYSTEM



High use and demand
create pressure in
certain areas of the
system



Strong support for
investment, alongside
the need to prioritize
resources



Different user groups
utilize the system in
different ways

OUTREACH → POLICY DIRECTION



- Outreach identified key policy areas where direction will help guide future decisions
- Examples Include:
 - Investment in existing facilities vs. new projects
 - Program funding and cost recovery
 - Managing demand for fields and facilities

SUMMARY OF KEY TAKEAWAYS

Theme	Community Survey	Sports Organizations	Stakeholder Interviews	Partner Workshop	Internal Staff
Parks Are Highly Valued by the Community	✓			✓	✓
High Levels of Park and Facility Use	✓				✓
Overall Satisfaction with Parks and Recreation Services	✓				✓
Continued Investment in Facilities and Infrastructure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Field Capacity and Scheduling Considerations		✓			✓
Trail Connectivity and Access to Open Space	✓		✓		✓
Partnerships and Collaborative Opportunities			✓	✓	✓

NEXT STEPS

Policy Framework Workshop
April 29, 2026



LARPD Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Update
Partner Agency Coordination Meeting Summaries
January – February 2026

Note: Prepared in response to Board Inquiry at the Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Board Meeting

As part of Phase 3 outreach for the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan update, LARPD conducted coordination meetings with partner agencies and stakeholders. These meetings were intended to align planning considerations, identify opportunities and constraints, and ensure consistency with regional plans and initiatives.

The summaries below provide a brief overview of each coordination meeting.

Alameda County

Date: January 26, 2026

Attendees:

Alameda County: Liz McElligott, Assistant Planning Director

LARPD: Marc Roberts, Land Agent/Planner; David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor

Summary:

Discussion focused on planning considerations for unincorporated areas, including land use constraints, Measure D requirements, and coordination processes. Trails and passive recreation were generally supported, with an emphasis on early coordination and conceptual planning.

City of Livermore

Date: January 28, 2026

Attendees:

City of Livermore: Paul Spence, Assistant City Manager; Brent Smith, Community Development Director; Joel Waxdeck, City Engineer; Stephen Riley, Principal Planner; Andy Ross, Principal Planner

LARPD Staff: Marc Roberts, Land Agent/Planner; David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor

Summary:

Discussion focused on aligning park and trail planning with future growth areas, park access standards, and capital planning efforts. Key topics included park access in higher-density areas, coordination on park fee planning, shared open space stewardship, and identifying priority projects for future funding alignment.

Zone 7 Water Agency

Date: January 29, 2026

Attendees:

Zone 7 Water Agency: Valerie Pryor, General Manager, Chris Hentz, Assistant General Manager; Edward Reyes, Principal Engineer

LARPD: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager; Marc Roberts, Land Agent/Planner; David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor

Summary:

Discussion emphasized the importance of early coordination, clearly defined roles, and partnership frameworks when planning trails on Zone 7 lands. Potential trail opportunities were discussed at a conceptual level, with acknowledgment of operational, safety, and maintenance considerations.

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)

Date: February 3, 2026

Attendees:

EBRPD: Brian Holt, Acting Assistant General Manager, Becky Bremser, Division Lead of Land Acquisition, Neoma Lavalle, Principal Planner

LARPD: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager; Marc Roberts, Land Agent/Planner; David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor; Jill Kirk, Community Services Manager

Summary:

Discussion focused on how regional trail connections and shared priorities should be reflected in the Master Plan at a conceptual level. Emphasis was placed on maintaining flexibility, clearly distinguishing between conceptual and funded projects, and supporting ongoing coordination on regional trail opportunities.

Other Meetings:

Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Commission – Trails Subcommittee

Date: January 12, 2026

Attendees:

Trails Subcommittee: Richard Quigley, Dave Lunn, Steven Dunbar (City of Livermore), Larry Gosselin, and others

LARPD: Marc Roberts, Land Agent/Planner; David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor

Summary:

LARPD presented a draft trail map for review, with discussion focused on map accuracy and continued coordination and refinement of conceptual trail alignments.

IT

- Expenses mainly covered by the Cybersecurity Grant
- \$12k annual for Laptop Replacement – going to reevaluate this to see if this needs to be increased

PARKS

- Increased maintenance for sports courts
- John Deere Tractor needs to be replaced
- Mowing Tractor rental for as needed use
- Request for Dump Truck – dump trailer was budgeted for FY25/26 midyear
- Backflow replacement current estimate is \$41k
- Tot lot mulch replacement project to continue for all next fiscal year, after this is completed, it will be as needed only - \$3k/month, total \$36k

FACILITY RENTALS

- Larkspur flooring replacement \$40-50k
- Rental chair replacement (brown and red chairs) - \$60-101k

RECREATION

- Cayetano & RP3 Goal replacement – no estimated cost
- Court resurfacing for pickleball/tennis courts \$50-60k
- Max Baer outfield fencing needs new fabric - \$40-50k
- New scoreboards 2 at Ernie Rodriguez and 1 at Max Baer – will likely request funding from the foundation
- Cayetano Parking Expansion project

HR

- Alameda county medical fees increasing from 2% to 5%
- Medical Insurance increase est 7%
- Dental Insurance increase 5%
- New York Life increase 5%

ESS & PRESCHOOL

- Jane Addams Preschool renovations to allow for full day preschool – needs new flooring and windows
- Other sites need new flooring and other maintenance total approx. \$40k

AQUATICS

- Training AEDs, request for 6 at \$500 each

RLCC Roof Replacement - \$1m