

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, April 15, 2021
2:00 PM

NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, members of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Program Committee and staff participated in this meeting via Zoom teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public also participated in this meeting electronically.

Committee Members Present: Jan Palajac, David Furst

LARPD Staff Present: Mathew Fuzie, Allie Ikeda, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk, David Weisgerber, Joseph Benjamin, Linda VanBuskirk, Nancy Blair, Patrick Lucky, Robert Sanchez, Vicki Wiedenfeld

Others Present: None

COMMITTEE CHAIR: PALAJAC

COMMITTEE MEMBER: FURST

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There were no comments from the public.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Program Committee on March 18, 2021:**
The minutes of March 18, 2021 were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.
4. **E-bikes:**
GM Fuzie updated the Committee on efforts to revisit the District's regulations regarding e-bikes in light of the way park and recreation agencies react to them as they have evolved. Community Services Manager Jill Kirk reported that many other agencies [i.e., State Parks, EBRPD, Marin Open Space] have already begun to set policies in place, and she will be researching those policies and processes to incorporate into the District's Ordinance No. 8. She advised the Committee that there are three different classes of e-bikes. The classes include:

- Class 1: The Class 1 e-bike provides assistance only when you pedal, and stops assisting when you reach 20 mph — great for bike lanes, bike paths, roads or anywhere you'd take a traditional bike.
- Class 2: The Class 2 e-bike is equipped with a throttle which provides a boost without pedaling, and stops assisting at 20 mph.
- Class 3: The Class 3 e-bike is equipped with a speedometer, and only assists until the bike reaches 28 mph — an excellent choice for commuters. The most popular bikes fit into Class 1 or Class 3 because riders still want to pedal.

The group discussed the importance of controlling safety and movement on all trails, specifying which trails e-bikes may use, to include speed limits (suggested 15 m.p.h.) and the use of helmets for 18 and under.

- GM Fuzie suggested rangers log contacts with outcomes so we can see how much law enforcement is part of their job. Ms. Kirk will check in with the rangers on statistics.
- Ms. Kirk will get ranger input and complete further research [i.e., HARD, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District], then come back to both Facilities and Program Committees to discuss her findings.

5. Vaccination Clinics:

GM Fuzie informed the Committee on efforts relating to COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Robert Livermore and May Nissen Community Centers. These clinics are jointly sponsored by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), LARPD, and the City of Livermore, in partnership with Walgreens in March [one-time Johnson & Johnson shot], and Safeway NorCal Pharmacies in April [Pfizer shots], for a total of over 2300 shots. Additionally, we are sponsoring three FEMA clinics this week. Demand has not gone away, but it is slowing down.

Committee members concur that if there is still a need, especially in underserved populations, we should continue to provide a vaccination site in those communities. These vaccination clinics have been reported on via press releases on the news and Facebook feeds.

6. Matters Initiated:

- a) Member Furst asked to have a standing item on the Program Committee agenda to receive routine updates regarding LARPD programs as a result of the state and county health orders and how those anticipated changes will affect opening up of LARPD programs. GM Fuzie confirmed this will be a standing item on the agenda.
- b) Member Palajac inquired if LARPD can fill the demand for pool programming at Lifestyle Rx, Stanford Valley Healthcare's program that closed last Saturday. GM Fuzie advised that he had looked into that and found that they already have a business plan for that facility that includes more therapy-related uses and more medical office space. He did have a discussion, however, with Superintendent of Schools, Kelly Bowers, about the need to have a future discussion regarding LARPD partnering with the school district to program their fields and facilities for lap swim, etc.

- c) GM Fuzie asked managers to report out on how the current Health Order relates to their programs. We are now operating under the Orange Tier:
1. Recreation Department Manager Allie Ikeda reported that youth sports may return to game play, and teams may play games against bordering counties as long as they are within the same tier color or better. LARPD has extended facility rental revenue to reflect those organizations booking time for youth sports games. We are now permitted to expand outdoor camps. There is no longer a cohort number for outdoor activities and programs for youth activities -- the cohort only applies if we come inside, and then we must ensure physical/social distancing.
 2. Community Services Manager Jill Kirk reported her programs follow similarly to Recreation – in Open Space we have been able to add more families/people into our weekend programs. Regarding ESS, we continue within the same Health Order. Although we may increase our numbers, the kids must be 6' apart, which limits us because we simply do not have the space. We are getting a lot of wait lists and lots of anxious parents.
 3. GM Fuzie reported that Parks and Facilities Manager Fred Haldeman and his team have conducted interviews this week for park workers. They have five good candidates, with vacancies for three.
 4. Administrative Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider reported on new California regulations and current changes in the workplace related to COVID-19, LARPD's recruiting focus ramping up, and focus on pension obligation bonds.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.