

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023
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: Chair Palajac, Director Furst

Staff Present: Mat Fuzie, Jill Kirk, Fred Haldeman, Jeff Schneider, Julie Dreher, Pamela Healy, Linda VanBuskirk, David Weisgerber, Nancy Blair, Michelle Newbould

Members of the Public Present (Cal Water): John Freeman, Jr., Jordan Dickson, Anthony Salgado, Jr., Robert Seeley, D Battaion, JT Gardiner, Darin Duncan

Other Members of the Public: David Lunn, Kohn Family

1. Call to Order:

Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment:

Chair Palajac opened the public comment period.

Member of the public David Lunn shared that he recently observed a sign on the Mocho Trail stating the trail area was flooded, although this was no longer the case. He requested that we please remove these signs.

Chair Palajac closed the public comment period.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconference During a Proclaimed State of Emergency (Resolution 2773-a): Resolution No. 2773-a was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on January 5, 2023 (Action):

Action: The Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on January 5, 2023 were approved unanimously.

5. **Cal Water Presentation:** Cal Water District Manager John Freeman, Jr. greeted the Committee and introduced other Cal Water staff members present. He then reviewed the presentation that was provided with the agenda.

Committee Comments and Questions:

- Is Cal Water looking to purchase this land as opposed to an easement? *Yes.*
- What is the process for LARPD to sell land to a private organization? *Parks in Livermore are developed in conjunction with developer. The City of Livermore (COL) has traditionally turned parks over to us; some we own, some we operate. In this case, the COL owns Mocho Park and we operate it. To purchase any part of this land, there would have to be an agreement between COL, LARPD and Cal Water. Public entities cannot sell land unless it is for market value. There is a process for doing so.*
- Is one of the potential sites shown on the lower left corner of the Cal Water diagram close to existing homes? *Yes, it appears that may be so.*
- Will the immediate neighborhood need to be noticed and given an opportunity to weigh in on this? *Yes.*
- The style of well/pump building selected will be based on what COL permitting requires. The preference is for a submersible well pump.
- Are the pump houses fenced? *Yes. They are fenced and secured to Homeland Security requirements.*
- Are there areas of Mocho Park that the public will be prohibited from using or accessing? *Within the perimeter of the park there would be a fence line that would have prohibited access all the way up to the fence line.*

GM Fuzie shared his screen to display the FEMA map of Mocho Park, including the 100-year Flood Plain, the identified access area for a planned cell tower and the designated space for the new Community Garden. He then explained that the next step was for the Committee to indicate whether they had any objections to moving this item forward to the full Board. Committee members had no stated objections and suggested this item be brought to an upcoming Board meeting with Committee approval.

Action:

- This item will be brought to an upcoming Board meeting with Committee approval.

6. **Avery Kohn Letter re: Robertson Park (Discussion):**

The Committee discussed the letter received from Livermore resident, Avery Kohn. Avery Kohn was present for the meeting and spoke in favor of adding monkey bars to Robertson Park.

Chair Palajac thanked Avery Kohn for her letter and stated we would keep her informed of any decisions made with regards to her request.

Committee Questions and Comments:

- Have we looked into any options yet? Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM) *Haldeman responded, not yet; if the committee would like staff to open a Project Evaluation Form (PEF) they will do so. Staff are currently researching to see if other parks have a version of monkey bars to add on to what we have. Director Palajac indicated she was in favor of this, as it looks like there might be space for monkey bars.*

- Does the school district have them?
- We need to look at what we can provide and what our insurance will allow.

Action: Staff were requested to begin with a PEF to research options.

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

General Manager (GM) Fuzie shared the following updates:

- **Patterson Ranch Trail:** Zone 7 GM Valerie Pryor has indicated to GM Fuzie that for the project to proceed, fencing will be required. Without fencing, we would be limited to once-a-month guided hikes.

Committee Comments and Questions:

- Do we have the option to purchase that land and if so, would we have to install fencing anyway? *That would depend on what we purchase. Where they are asking us to put it, there is no fencing. The amount of land we would need to buy would exceed the amount we would pay for fencing.*
 - Director Furst asked if we can look into determining what area we would want to purchase to present to Zone 7. He added, the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC) is open to the idea of hearing our request for assistance for purchasing land. *The purchase price would have to be at market value. Additionally, property, if purchased, would have to be pedestrian only, no motorized or bicycle access.*
 - Once a month guided hikes without a fence are the best option being provided so far. However, this is not what we had in mind when we spent the money for CEQA and for adding the trail.
 - Do we know if Zone 7 Board members have been part of this conversation? *So far, the discussion has only involved GM Fuzie, Zone 7 GM Pryor, the rancher and the engineer.*
- **T6 Trail:** The developer has applied for permits.

Public Comment: David Lunn asked if we had any information on the schedule for fixing the Arroyo Mocho Trail.

GM Fuzie responded, no, not yet. The COL is responsible for any capital repairs. We can assist with minor repairs (for example, mud cleanup). PFM Haldeman added, he is meeting with the COL on Thursday to talk about Arroyo Mocho trail maintenance. GM Fuzie reported that we are in the middle of serious discussion with COL and LVJUSD for a 2024 Bond issue, and we included trail connectors as one of our priority needs.

Action:

- For the Patterson Ranch Trail, staff were asked to research and determine what area we would want to purchase to present to Zone 7.

8. CIP Updates (Standing Item):

Community Outreach Supervisor (COS) David Weisgerber shared his screen and reported on the current status of Capital Improvement Projects as outlined in the attached supplemental presentation material.

Action: Committee members requested to have a copy of the presentation included with the minutes.

9. Directors' and/or General Manager's Reports or Announcements: None.

10. Adjournment: Director Palajac adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

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CIP Project Updates - Facility Committee, 01/31/23

Project Name	Project Update	Tenatative Start Date	Bugeted Current FY	Current Bid
Addition of 2nd Community Garden at Mocho Park	AT&T project still in permit process with City of Livermore. LARPD can begin once the AT&T permit is approved	Spring 2023	\$90k	TBD
Bike Pump Track	In the permit review process with the City of Livermore.	Spring 2023	\$817k	\$817k
ESS Buildings Remodel	Completed siding replacement with LARPD staff. Future classroom updates on hold.	TBD	\$100k	No current bid
HVAC at Trevarno / Little House	Work being done by LARPD staff.	In progress	\$50k	\$40k (in-house)
Joe Michell Building	Received final approval from Division of State Architect (DSA)	Completed	\$0k	NA
Patterson Ranch Trail	Ongoing discussions with GM from LARPD and Zone 7.			
Restrooms at Sycamore Grove park	CEQA Comment Period Ends on Tuesday, 2/7. Project scheduled to begin 4/1 and completed by 6/1.	Spring 2023	\$350k	\$195k
Rodeo Stadium Improvements	Project underway. Preparing for inspections.	Project began December 2022	\$277,750	\$234k
Senior Lobby Flooring at RLCC	Staff is evaluating materials options.	Feb-23	\$25k	No current bid
Shade Structure at Mocho park	Bids came in higher than expected. Likely will postpone until spring.	Spring 2023	\$60k	\$70-100k
Syntehtic Turf at Robertson Park	Project Complete	Complete	\$1.6M	\$1.6M
Trevarno Road Water/Sewer Assessment District	Connectors to Little House is complete. Merritt Building is in progress. Main sewer line scheduled for later this spring.	Spring 2023	\$77k	\$77k
Trevarno Roof	Immediate issues repaired. Replacement postponed.	2024	\$40k	\$60-70k
Sycamore Flood Damage - Wetmore Path	Contacted Gordian for an engineer assessment and estimate for repairs.	Spring 2023		
Sycamore Flood Damage - Paved Path Erosion between Olivina and Kingfisher Crossing	Reached out to contractor for bid.	Spring 2023		