



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, JANUARY 29, 2020**

7:00 P.M.

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Patricia Lord, Jeffrey Schneider, Stacey Kenison, Linda VanBuskirk, Monica Streeter

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All Directors were present. Chair Palajac led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Garry Rodrigue, a Livermore resident, addressed the Board regarding alleged inconsistencies with the LARPD special tax on rural properties within the jurisdiction of LARPD. He provided a 5-page handout to the Board which highlighted various properties around the Marina Avenue area of Alameda County and the taxes levied upon them. He stated that he believes the way the tax is being levied is incorrect, and asked that the matter be placed on a future agenda for possible resolution.
  - After some Board discussion, it was suggested that this matter be placed on the agenda and presented to the Finance Committee, then back to the full Board, if necessary. Staff was instructed to notify Mr. and Mrs. Rodrigue once the item is placed on the Finance Committee agenda.
3. **PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION**  
Chair Palajac read the District's Proclamation Supporting a Culture of Welcome, Inclusion, and Respect and presented it to General Manager Mathew Fuzie.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS (Motion)**

4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 8, 2020.

Director Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, and Director Pierpont seconded the motion. The Consent Agenda was approved by the following voice vote:

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

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 DISTRICT AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

Administrative Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider gave a brief background on the completed District Audit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. He then introduced David Becker, CPA and Partner with James Marta & Company LLP. Mr. Becker gave a presentation to the Board which provided an overview of the audit results. Discussion ensued and Mr. Becker responded to Board questions.

- Chair Palajac asked Mr. Becker if the Board could receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. [Staff will provide this to the Board.]
- Chair Palajac asked for a Board workshop to discuss the pension liabilities and the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). She suggested March/April. GM Fuzie stated that we can schedule this before the Final Budget analysis.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Pierpont moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 District Audit, seconded by Director Furst. The motion carried unanimously.

**5.2 RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT OF 2020 CENSUS**

Chair Palajac stated the Board would consider making a proclamation supporting the 2020 Census.

Assistant General Manager Patricia Lord presented the staff report which highlighted the requirement of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every 10 years. Staff recommended that the Board of Directors recognize the importance of the 2020 Census, and encourage all residents to be counted through collaborative efforts with the City of Livermore, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and the County of Alameda to ensure a fair and accurate count of all Californians, and declare April 19-25, 2020 to be "Livermore Counts!" Week.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Faltings, adopted Resolution No. 2681, approving a proclamation in support of Census 2020, by the following roll call vote:

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

### 5.3 ZONE 7/PATTERSON RANCH TRAIL NAMING

Chair Palajac announced the Board would consider approving the proposed trail names for the Zone 7/Patterson Ranch Trail.

GM Fuzie summarized the staff report by reporting that the Staff, volunteers and visitors were polled and three proposed trail names for Board consideration are:

- Patterson Ranch Trail
- Sage Trail
- Veteran's View Trail

Staff recommended the name "Patterson Ranch Trail" because it seemed to have the most supporting documentation and historic value. He went on to explain the history of the area as discussed in the staff report.

Director questions/comments included: It is an appropriate name as part of the Patterson Ranch; it is descriptive of the entire area; it is logical; in supporting of naming LARPD facilities after the place that they are located; it an historic name. The Board consensus is that the most appropriate name for this trail is the "Patterson Ranch Trail".

There was no public comment

Director Furst moved to name the new trail that goes into Zone 7's Patterson Ranch area as the Patterson Ranch Trail, seconded by Director Faltings. The motion carried unanimously.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Director Faltings reported that she and Director Pierpont attended the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020. Topics discussed were the District Audit, financial results through December, and approval of the Mid-Year Budget Calendar.
- b) Director Furst reported that he and Chair Palajac attended the Facilities Committee on January 23, 2020. Some topics discussed were revisiting the District's policy on lighting in parks and restriping tennis courts for pickleball use.
- c) Director Furst reported that he substituted for Director Faltings at the January 21, 2020 LARPD Foundation meeting. The Foundation is working on its mission

statement. They also have a sub-committee to work on the memorial and commemorative program.

- d) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast on January 27, 2020 in Pleasanton.
- e) Chair Palajac suggested updates to the committee list, i.e. add “Ad Hoc Personnel” and the “Safe Parking Program” can be removed as staff will be reporting to the Board on those meetings.
- f) Director Pierpont reported on the January Livermore Downtown, Inc. meeting. He spoke on the benefits of membership in the Livermore Downtown for local businesses.
- g) Director Pierpont reported that he and Director Wilson attended the Ad Hoc Committee on developing the Memorial and Commemorative Program. Much progress has been made to work out the details of pricing and procedures and identifying what future places will be offered. This program will supply fundraising support for the LARPD Foundation.

**7. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS**

None.

**8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) District legal counsel, Monica Streeter, distributed home-made chocolates from her colleague, Rod Attebery, and his wife Shelly. On behalf of the Attebery’s, she wished everyone a Happy New Year. Board members thanked Mr. and Mrs. Attebery in absentia.
- b) Concerns regarding the Safe Parking Program at the Bill Payne Park have been presented due to the lack of lighting and how that affects the perception from neighbors and participants. He reported that the Safe Parking Program has requested to look at May Nissen Park as an alternate area because there are both adequate parking, lighting, and restroom facilities there.
  - Director Furst suggested that the Safe Parking Program changes be presented and discussed at the Facilities Committee.
- c) Rodeo repairs are in the final design phase. Budgetary needs will be discussed with the Board for an increase to the budget, if needed, as laid out in the process.
- d) Costs for the May Nissen pools compliance project have come in significantly below the budget. Further cost savings will be reported to the Board as the project moves forward. This project is slated for completion in the spring.
- e) LARPD has received a request from Livermore Downtown, Inc. to occupy the lower level of the Carnegie Building with the provision that they would help support the building by drawing traffic in to the other tenants and assist them in their ability to be successful.
  - Director Furst suggested that this item also be presented to the Facilities Committee for discussion.


- f) LARPD now has hired Park Rangers Dawn Soles and Doug Souza as its two new Field Supervising Rangers. The Board asked GM Fuzie to relay its congratulations to Rangers Dawn and Doug on their new roles.
- g) The application period has now closed for the three vacant Park Ranger positions the Board had authorized. Over 100 applications were received. Interviews will be conducted by Community Services Manager Jill Kirk and the two Field Supervising Rangers above.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED,

  
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Jan Palajac  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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