



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023

5:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Jan Palajac; Philip Pierpont (arrived at 5:19 p.m.)
Vice Chair David Furst, Chair James Boswell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Maryalice Summers Faltings

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Kirk, Jeff Schneider, David Weisgerber, Linda
VanBuskirk, Pamela Healy

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Tom Terpstra, Jr., and Andy Pinasco with Neumiller &
Beardslee

OTHERS PRESENT: LARPD Foundation President Marc Roberts, Vice
President Connie Campbell; LARPD Foundation Trustees
Tara Stevulak, Dave Muela

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Boswell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Faltings, and Director Pierpont, who arrived after the meeting began. Chair Boswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. PRESENTATION:

3.1 LARPD FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received a presentation on the LARPD Foundation Annual Report from LARPD Foundation President Marc Roberts and Community Outreach Supervisor (COS) David Weisgerber. Marc Roberts introduced himself and reviewed the following highlights from the presentation:

The LARPD Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 corporation. This year marks their 30th anniversary. Foundation members celebrated the thousands of dollars that have been

given back to the community and thousands of community members who have been helped.

Some administrative tasks accomplished by the Foundation include:

- Bylaws were updated to ensure the Foundation is doing what the bylaws say.
- An updated MOU between the LARPD Foundation and the LARPD was drafted and is an agenda item this evening.
- The Foundation's Mission Statement was updated.

Recent Events:

- 2022: WowWow Lemonade Fundraiser, Proud Pups Event, Unity Day Walk with a Cop
- 2023: Wine Down in the Grove, Art Under the Oaks at Alden Lane Nursery (sponsor). This year, the second annual Wine Down in the Grove fundraiser was held at Ravenswood. The event raised over \$30k (more than double the first year). Approximately \$80k raised this year includes the Wine Down in the Grove event, individual donations, the memorial program, the Cohen Foundation and the Rotary Grant.

Projects Funded:

- December 2022: Senior Holiday Luncheon
- February 2023: Two terreria for snake ambassadors, ten stereo microscopes for environmental education programs
- March 2023: construction materials for owl boxes at Sycamore Grove Park
- Ongoing: Community Support Program. This program, funded by the LARPD Foundation and the Rotary Foundation of Livermore has provided \$24k funds to the community to provide access to LARPD's recreation programs to all. Over 200 families were served through this program. This included 118 low-income children provided with swim lessons and 87 other individuals served via camps, classes and other programs.

Comments/Questions:

- Simply outstanding work! You are opening doors for people who may not have opportunities otherwise.
- We appreciate all the hard work the Foundation does. The community is benefitting from it.
- Director Palajac commented that she is pleased to serve as the current Liaison to the Foundation, as it gives her a behind-the-scenes look at the work being done for the Community.
- GM Fuzie commented, you are saving lives by supporting swim lessons.

This was for information only, and no Board action was taken.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 12, 2023;

MOTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Furst, approved the Consent Items, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Furst, Palajac and Chair Boswell (3)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *Directors Pierpont, Faltings (2)*

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT (LARPD) and THE LARPD FOUNDATION

The Board reviewed and discussed the MOU between LARPD and the LARPD Foundation. COS David Weisgerber presented the Staff Report that was included with the agenda packet. This draft MOU has been reviewed by LARPD Legal Counsel, by the LARPD Finance Committee in May 2023, by the LARPD Program Committee in June 2023 and by the LARPD Foundation Board.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board adopt this Resolution, authorizing General Manager Mat Fuzie to sign the MOU on behalf of the LARPD.

(Director Pierpont arrived at 5:19 p.m. and joined the meeting in progress.)

Comments/Questions:

- Director Furst commented, he is very pleased to see the MOU. He asked if the Foundation approved the draft with the most recent edits and whether the Foundation needed to review the draft again prior to signature. COS Weisgerber explained, the most recent edits were minor. LARPD Foundation President Marc Roberts added, the edits were within the scope of those already approved by the Foundation. The LARPD Board's approval of the Resolution authorizes GM Fuzie to sign the MOU. The document will go to the Foundation to sign, followed by GM Fuzie.
- Legal Counsel Tom Terpstra, Jr. was asked if there were any additional questions or concerns about this item. There were none.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Palajac, approved, and adopted Resolution No. 2793 authorizing the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between LARPD and the LARPD Foundation 501(c)3, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Pierpont, Palajac, Furst, and Chair Boswell (4)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *Director Faltings (1)*

Chair Boswell noted the Motion and the Second that were made made. Legal Counsel Tom Terpstra, Jr. interjected with a Point of Order: he clarified that the Motion authorized the General Manager to sign the MOU as well as authorizing the approval.

GM Fuzie thanked the Foundation members for their work on the MOU, adding that he looks forward to their continued collaboration and partnership.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Director Pierpont reported that he did not attend the Livermore Downtown, Inc. (7/18) as he was on vacation and had issues with Wi-Fi access.
- Director Palajac reported on the Alameda County Agricultural Sub Committee for Trails (7/17). Twelve (12) people attended, attendees included representatives of Zone 7 and East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD). Four (4) trails were identified by the Sub Committee to focus on, including: Brushy Peak, Doolan Canyon, South Bay Aqueduct and the Tesla Connector Trail. Director Palajac also noted that she went out with David Lunn to view the the City of Livermore's (COL) plan for new connector trails within Robertson Park as part of the earlier winter storm damage.
- Director Pierpont reported on the Visit Tri-Valley Destination Strategic Planning Steering Committee (7/26). Discussion centered on potential events, and on a review of consultant data and analysis on potential multi-use facilities. No minutes are available, but they provide a detailed presentation deck for each meeting. Next meeting date is the last Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM (August 30th).
- Director Furst reported on New Campaign Contribution Regulations (7/13), presentation was via a Zoom meeting. SB 1439 (Glazer) modified the previous Political Reform Act. This was informational only. Legal Counsel Tom Terpstra Jr. added, this information is good for the Board to be aware of; however, it is applicable to appointed members of a Board and LARPD Board members are elected.
- Director Boswell reported on his attendance at the annual Board of Supervisors Barbeque in Pleasanton. There was some discussion on a potential Tri-Valley event center, although it was unclear who the primary stakeholders are.

Chair Boswell opened the public comment period. There was no public comment. Chair Boswell closed the public comment period.

This was for information only and no Board action was taken.

7. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

None.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Fuzie announced the following:

- The ACERA policy action is a huge win for our employees.
- The Master Property Agreement was approved by the COL on Monday.
- The Little League World Series (LLWS) begins this Saturday with a ceremony at Stockmens' Park.
- Update on 4th of July: The COL spent approximately \$160k and brought in \$20k parking revenue. It was deemed a great success; however, they do not wish to have it again next year. The Placer AI program that we run in our parks to count visitors showed a lower percentage of resident vs non-resident attendees.

9. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.7

District Counsel Tom Terpstra, Jr. announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would be convening into Closed Session to discuss the items listed at 10.1 and 10.2 on the agenda. Open Session was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION:

10.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: General Manager

10.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code: (1 Potential Case)

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1

The Board came out of Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. District Counsel Tom Terpstra, Jr. announced that no reportable action had been taken in Closed Session.


12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

APPROVED,



James Boswell
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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

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LARPD FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23



MARC ROBERTS, LARPD FOUNDATION PRESIDENT
LARPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 26, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the quality of life throughout the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District through advocacy, collaboration, and financial assistance, primarily focused on providing recreation and wellness opportunities for the underserved and enhancing parks and open space.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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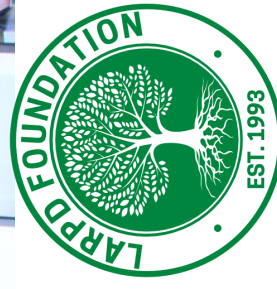
LARPD Representatives

Jan Palajac

Board Liaison

David Weisgerber

Staff Liaison



ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRESSES

01

**Updated
By-Laws**

02

**Drafted MOU
with LARPD**

03

**Updated Mission
Statement**



EVENTS

AUGUST 2022

Wow Wow Lemonade Fundraiser

OCTOBER 2022

Proud Pups (Livermore Pride)

Unity Day Walk with a Cop

MAY 2023

Wine Down in the Grove

JULY 2023

Art Under the Oaks at Alden Lane Nursery



2ND ANNUAL WINE DOWN IN THE GROVE

01

Live Auction



02

Fund-A-Need



03

Silent Auction



04

\$30k Raised



FUNDRAISING

\$80K*

*APPROXIMATELY

Cohen Foundation

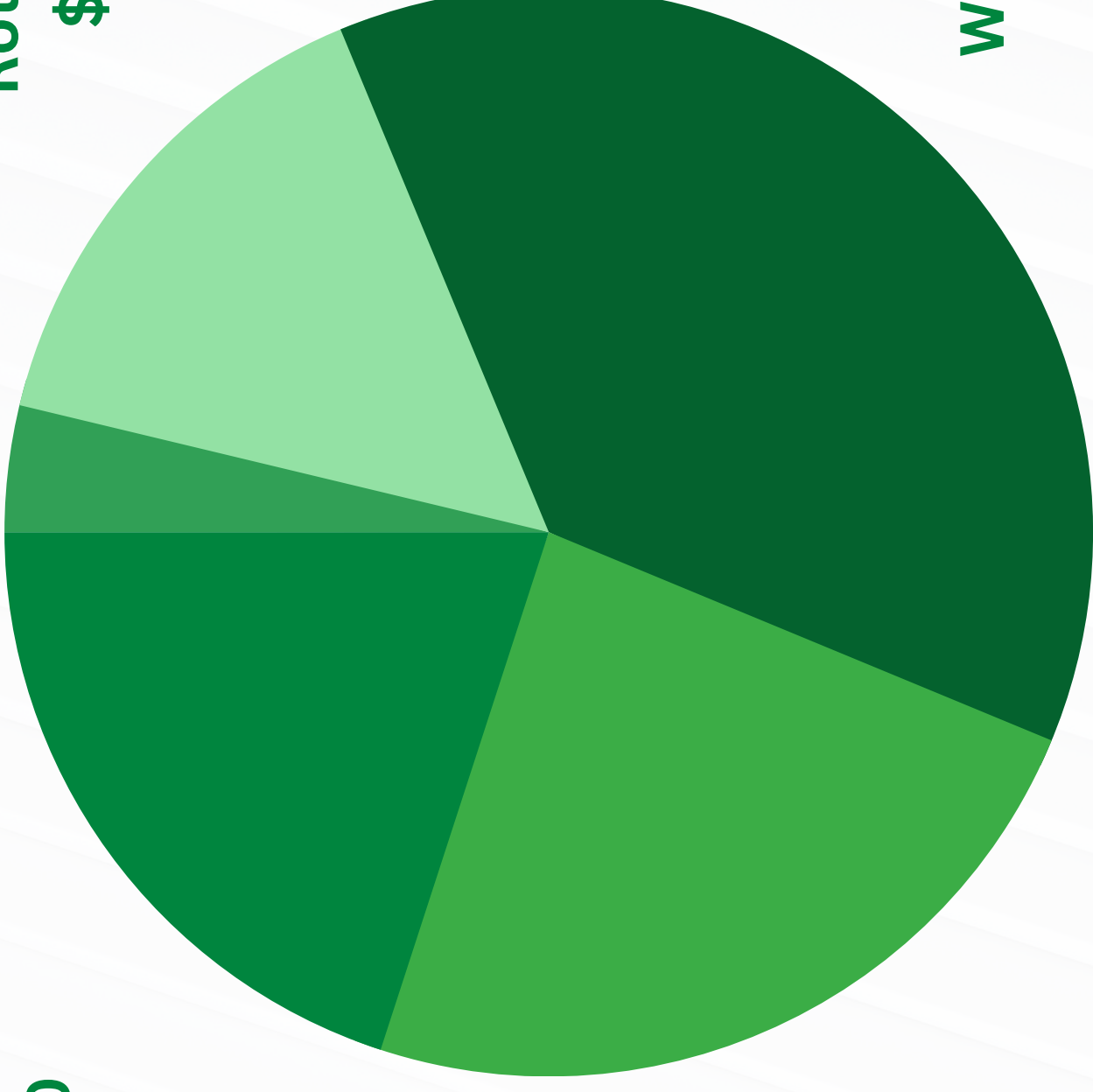
\$3,000

Memorial Program

\$16,000

Rotary Grant

\$12,000



Individual Donations

\$19,000

Wine Down in the Grove

\$30,000

PROJETS FUNDED

DECEMBER 2022

Senior Holiday Luncheon (\$1,000)

FEBRUARY 2023

Two Terreria for Snake Ambassadors (\$1,200)

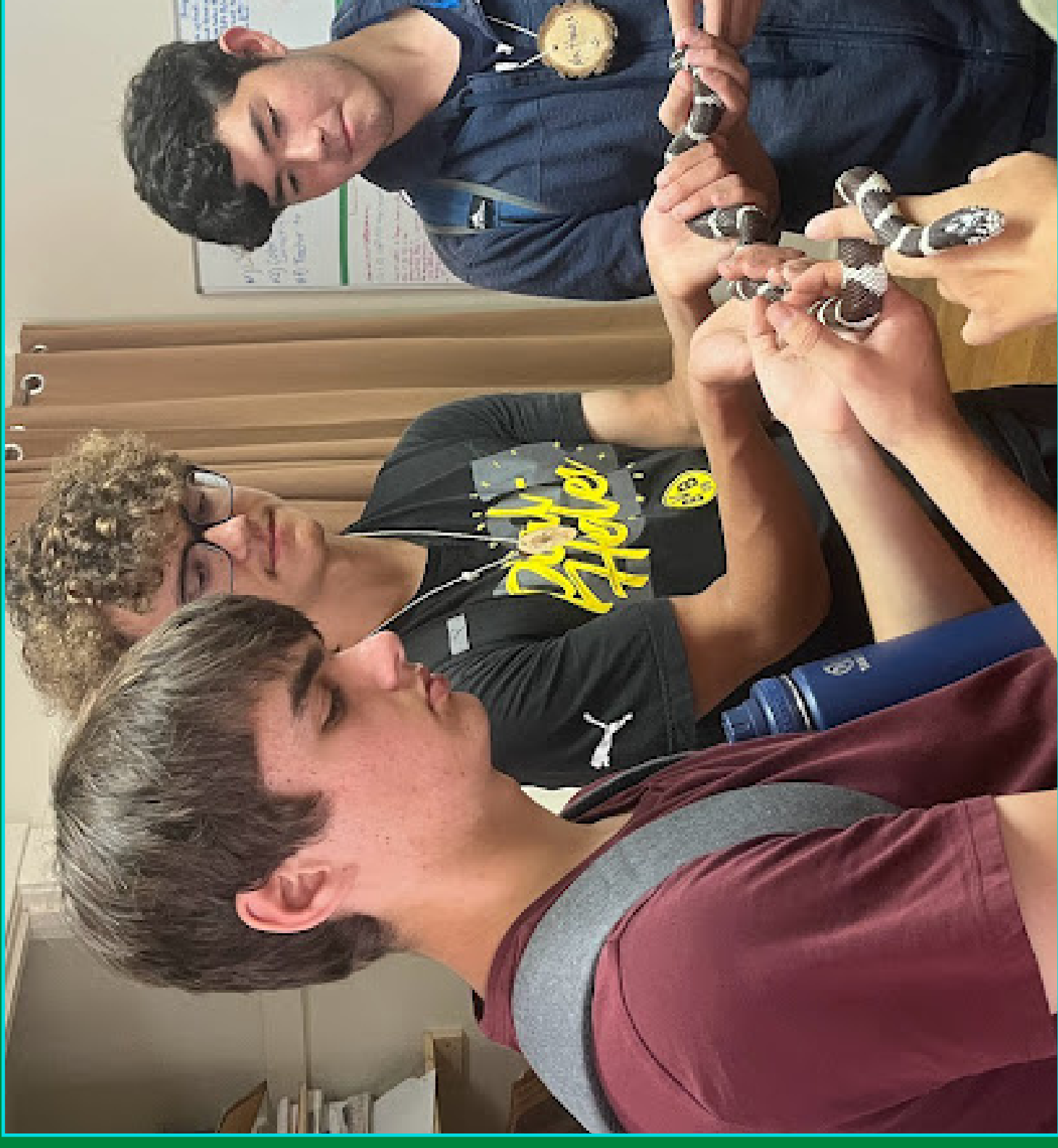
Ten Stereo Microscopes for Environmental
Education Programs (\$2,500)

MARCH 2023

Construction Materials for five Owl
Boxes at Sycamore Grove (\$2,000)

ONGOING

Community Support Program
(\$24,000 up from \$6,000 in 2021-22)



COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Community Support Scholarship Program is funded by the LARPD Foundation and the Rotary Foundation of Livermore to provide access to LARPD's recreation programs to everyone.

205

Families Served

118

Swim Lessons

87

**Camps, Classes, and
Drop-In Programs**



QUESTIONS

