

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

2:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Chair Palajac, Director Furst

Staff Present: Fred Haldeman, Michelle Kleman, Jeff Schneider, Linda VanBuskirk, Pamela Healy, David Weisgerber

Members of the Public Present: None

1. Call to Order:

Chair Palajac called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. Public Comment:

Chair Palajac opened the public comment period. There were no members of the public present and no public comments. Chair Palajac closed the public comment period.

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

➤ **Action:** The minutes of May 4, 2023 were approved unanimously.

4. Camp Shelly (Discussion): As of last week, Camp Shelly is still flooded. The 2023 summer season has been canceled. This item is on the agenda to explore ideas related to the future operation of Camp Shelly. As GM Fuzie was not present at today's meeting to weigh in on this topic, the Committee requested to table this item for further discussion at the next meeting.

➤ **Actions:**

- This item will be tabled to the next Facilities Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.
- The committee requested the following of staff:
 - to prepare a staff report for committee review, detailing costs for remaining at Camp Shelly vs costs to remove District involvement, as well as information on proposed maintenance (such as tree removal) during off season/downtime.
 - to explore whether or not we have the ability and/or staffing to institute a program to bring at risk youth to Camp Shelly during the week
 - to gather information on operations at Camp Concord and other semi-private campgrounds near to Camp Shelly.
 - to post additional photos of Camp Shelly on social media.

5. Update on Monkey Bars at Robertson Park:

Parks and Facilities Manager (PFM) Fred Haldeman reviewed a handout with the Committee members, depicting a draft sketch of the fall zone and proposed location for installing the monkey bars. There is an existing shade structure that may be relocated or removed.

- **Action:** Staff were asked to report again on this next month.

6. **Amphitheater (Discussion):**

Community Outreach Supervisor (COS) David Weisgerber commented that this is in the conceptual phase. The old Ledford House will undergo planned demolition and the proposed amphitheater will be built in its place. The idea is to use it as rental space and/or potential outdoor programming for up to 200-250 people.

The Committee is in favor of moving this concept forward.

- **Action:** The Committee expressed their support in moving this forward for further exploration and asked that staff bring this item back for further discussion to this committee.

7. **Donations for Park Renovations/Replacement Project (Discussion):** At the May 10th Board Meeting, Director Pierpont asked if the LARPD had ever sought private donations for renovating or replacing playground structures. He had recently visited a park in Southern California that was mostly funded by private donors. This topic has been brought forward to this agenda to be vetted at the committee level.

Committee Questions and Comments:

- This discussion might be better suited to the LARPD Foundation to identify projects suitable for donations.

Actions:

- This item will be brought to the LARPD Foundation at their regular meeting later this evening, for further review and discussion.
- The outcome of the discussion at the LARPD Foundation meeting will be reviewed and discussed at an upcoming Facilities Committee meeting.

8. **E-Sports (Discussion):**

This topic was discussed at the CARPD Conference last month. The firm giving the presentation on community centers discussed E-Sports as a potential programming option for community rooms. The *New York Times* article included with this agenda indicates that E-Sports is waning, however, locally this has been implemented in high schools and at the college level with greater interest. Instituting this kind of program at the District would depend on available staffing levels. The Virtual Reality (VR) component of E-Sports is of interest over simple video games.

Committee Questions and Comments:

- Can we explore if anyone else in the City or Tri-Valley is currently doing this?

- **Action:** Staff were asked to bring this back to GM Fuzie for further review and with his approval, explore whether anyone else in the Tri-Valley is doing this (looking at costs, staffing etc.) and bring this back to a future meeting for further discussion.

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

PFM Haldeman shared that there is a meeting later today with COL planners on trails and trail connectors. He will forward an email from the COL with photos to the Committee members.

- **Action:** PFM Haldeman will forward an email from the COL with photos to the Committee members. This item will be carried forward to the next agenda.

10. CIP Updates (Standing Item):

COS Weisgerber reported on the following Capital Improvement Projects:

- Sunken Gardens Bike Pump Track: *The contractor is working with the City of Livermore (COL) to address comments in plan review. We may need to add additional parking to the Scope of Work.*
- Restrooms at Sycamore Grove Park: *This project is still in plan review.*

- **Action:** This was a discussion only; no Committee action was taken.

11. Directors' and/or General Manager's Reports or Announcements:

- Director Furst asked to confirm the date/time of next month's meeting. It will be held Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment: Director Palajac adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

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