



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
*An independent special district*

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021**

2:00 P.M.

*NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19*

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Directors James Boswell, David Furst, Jan Palajac,  
Vice Chair Maryalice Faltings, and Chair Philip Pierpont

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mathew Fuzie, Allie Ikeda, Jeffrey Schneider, Jill Kirk,  
David Weisgerber, Julie Dreher, Linda VanBuskirk,  
Lynn Loucks, Megan Shannon, Nancy Blair,  
Robert Sanchez, Vicki Wiedenfeld

**GENERAL COUNSEL:** Rod Attebery, Allison Felkins with Neumiller & Beardslee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lisa Margherita, Nina Robles, Stacey Swanson

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

Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. All Directors were present, via Zoom. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**3. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**3.1** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 28, 2021.

**3.2** General Manager's Update to the Board of Directors on Issues and Projects – August 2021.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Faltings, approved the Consent Items, as amended, by the following roll call vote:

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

**4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:** None.

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)**

**5.1 GENERAL FINANCIAL UPDATE**

GM Fuzie reported that the District is trending in the right direction. Business Services Manager Jeffrey Schneider agreed and noted that staff is carefully monitoring hiring plans vs. the budget, watching trends, and determining what programs are able to generate. July actuals will be ready at the next Board meeting. During the upcoming Finance Committee meeting set for Monday, August 16, 2021, the group will be discussing the Pension Obligation Bond financial impact and accounting.

GM Fuzie concluded that District staff, along with the Board, have worked hard toward LARPD's reopening and on the pension obligation bond issuance. Operational matters were the focus throughout summer. As we move into fall, our focus will be returning to high-level actions regarding projects, Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) and other policy issues.

This was information only and no action was taken.

**5.2 COVID-19 PROGRAM UPDATES**

GM Fuzie reported that LARPD was very successful being ahead of the curve getting programs open as it relates to COVID-19 protocols, working very closely with the County Health Officers. Staff remains vigilant as they monitor new statutes, impacts, or new actions by the County Health Officer. As of Monday, the COVID-19 cases have been rising. In Livermore, there were 21 cases per 100,000 rolling average, which would have placed us within the purple tier if we were still within the tier settings. We've seen mask mandates return. As of today, the state has said that teachers will be required to be vaccinated or be tested on a regular basis. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District came out with a statement that they were not going to require masks indoors, but this could change. LARPD is making sure that our programs are communicating with each other, and we are being consistent throughout. We are making sure that if we are requiring masks in our youth programs that we are requiring them in all programs. In the last week of camp, some participants advised that they received a positive COVID-19 test result. This influenced some programs. The HR Department has reported an uptick in positive COVID-19 test results for employees and the use of COVID-19 sick leave. CVS Pharmacies and other pharmacies are selling COVID-19 home kit tests. The reviews on these test kits are not good due to the false positive results.

Director Furst stated he is pleased that the District is acting conservatively vs. opening too quickly, especially regarding youth programs. Chair Pierpont echoed this comment, complimenting staff for continued efforts to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. In response to Chair Pierpont's question about the public's response to the return of mask mandates, GM Fuzie responded that aside from some parents voicing their concern about children wearing masks, the public compliance has been very good.

This was information only and no action was taken.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Director Faltings reported her attendance at the August 5, 2021 Facilities Committee meeting. She spoke about the proposed addition of community gardens in addition to the main garden located at the Robert Livermore Community Center.
- b) Director Palajac reported her attendance at the August 5, 2021 Facilities Committee meeting. She provided details about the projects moving forward through the Project Evaluation Form process, which will be coming to the full Board as they move through the process. She also provided information on the update the Committee received on trail connectors as listed in the Trails Master Plan.
- c) Director Faltings reported her attendance at the August 2, 2021 LARPD Foundation meeting.
- d) Director Furst reported his attendance, along with Director Boswell, at the August 10, 2021 Personnel Committee meeting. LARPD's successful hiring, discussed in the Human Resources presentation, will be presented to the full Board.
- e) Director Furst reported his attendance at the August 4, 2021 Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting.
  - Director Furst asked Executive Assistant Linda VanBuskirk to provide him with a picture involving LARPD participants in action. The LCAC is looking for photos to be placed on a banner for their upcoming Art Walk event.

## **7. DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) Director Palajac spoke on a topic which she would like to discuss at an upcoming Facilities Committee meeting. She expressed concern about the drought and would like to discuss measures LARPD has put into place to reduce irrigation in its parks, and what plans the District has in place to mitigate a severe drought. She stated the City has asked for a 15% cut in water use.
- b) Director Boswell would like to discuss fire abatement options in the parks on a future agenda.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER:**

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) Supervisor Haubert's office will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheater, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue. Enter at Yellow Gate on Pleasanton Avenue. Please park at the ACE Train Parking lot.] There will be guest speakers and a special guest speaker. Director Furst asked if this information could be posted on the LARPD website.
- b) The District responded to the County Assessor's changes to land use code 5300 by issuing a refund for the current tax year to the owners of the affected parcels. Those

letters were sent out during the latter part of July. This matter is now considered to be concluded.

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

Chair Pierpont announced the Board would adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Item 10.1 listed below. Open Session was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

**10.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

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

The Board came out of Closed Session at 3:15 p.m. and General Counsel Rod Attebery announced that no reportable action had been taken in Closed Session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

APPROVED,

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Philip Pierpont  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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