



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

## REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Robert Livermore Community Center  
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California  
Sycamore Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors James Boswell, Philip Pierpont,  
Vice Chair Jan Palajac, Chair David Furst

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Maryalice Summers Faltings

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Linda VanBuskirk

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law Group  
Gary Bell, Esq. with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All Directors were present, except Director Faltings. Chair Furst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Furst opened the public comment period. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

#### 3. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 31, 2024;
- 3.2 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects – February 2024.

#### MOTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Boswell, approved the Consent Agenda by the following voice vote:

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

**4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

None.

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

None.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Director Boswell reported on his attendance, along with Chair Furst, at the February 14, 2024 Facilities Committee meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Palajac reported on her attendance, along with Chair Furst, at the February 12, 2024 Personnel Committee meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- c) Chair Furst reported on his attendance at the February 7, 2024 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. The guest speaker was David Stark, Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer with the East Bay Association of Realtors. Mr. Stark gave a presentation on residential real estate and mortgage rates in the Tri-Valley.
- d) Director Palajac reported on her attendance at the February 5, 2024 LARPD Foundation meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet. It was acknowledged that a donation in the sum of \$10,000 was made to the LARPD Foundation in honor of Linda Ann Allen to support scholarships for the inaugural Camp Shelly Summer Camp. Director Palajac reported that the Wine Down in the Grove event will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ravenswood Historic Site.
- e) Director Boswell reported that he did not attend the Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting on February 7, 2024. He did not receive the Agenda and accompanying information stating the location of the meeting. Chair Furst added that the LCAC had reserved a room at the RLCC, but the building was closed at that time, and the meeting was held elsewhere. GM Fuzie mentioned that the LARPD Board had a Special Board Meeting/Board Retreat on February 7, 2024 which may have affected the room reservation.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS**

None.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) There will be an atmospheric river this weekend. To prepare for this, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) resumed releases into Arroyo Valle from Lake Del Valle to mitigate higher flood releases due to impending storms. The lake is expected to get a significant amount of inflow in the coming days and DWR is preparing in advance. DWR is currently making releases of 550 cfs and plans to increase to 850 cfs this afternoon. Arroyo Valle is flowing in accordance with releases and Arroyo Mocho is naturally responding to recent rain events.
- b) The security camera system in this building is almost ready to go live. Additionally, we are saving approximately \$15k per month on IT now that we've switched to an internal IT

team who has carefully reviewed the previous billings and has made adjustments accordingly.

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

Chair Furst announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would be convening into Closed Session to discuss the item listed as 10.1 on the agenda. Open Session was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

**10.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – CONTRACT NEGOTIATION**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)  
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 6:28 p.m. and Chair Furst announced that there was no reportable action. Chair Furst then adjourned the meeting without a vote and by unanimous consent.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

APPROVED,

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David Furst  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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

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