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Resolution No.	Meeting Date	Resolution Title / Subject
n/a	1/10/24	Legal Counsel Andrew Shen was introduced and welcomed by the Board.
n/a	1/10/24	Director Faltings shared that she and GM Fuzie attended the Livermore Rotary meeting earlier that day. They awarded their educational grant (nearly \$16k) for outdoor sports.
n/a	1/10/24	GM Fuzie made the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the Board’s awareness, LARPD has received 18 responses to the Request for Qualifications for On-Call Professional Services (Engineering, Architectural Design, Construction Project Management.) ○ He has been getting a lot of comments at Rotary meetings about the Bothwell Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair Furst confirmed with Director Boswell (the 2024 Chair of the Facilities Committee) that he would like both of these topics (RFQ responses for contractors and Bothwell Center) to be slated for an upcoming Facilities Committee meeting agenda.
2803	1/10/24	A resolution approving revisions to Board Policy 2000: Personnel.
2804	1/31/24	A resolution proclaiming Boomer Bowers as 2024 Livermore Ambassadog.
Motion	1/31/24	MOTION: Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Pierpont, accepted the District Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as presented , by the following voice vote: AYES: Directors Boswell, Palajac, Pierpont, and Chair Furst (4) ABSENT: Director Faltings (1)
N/A	1/31/24	GM Fuzie made the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He will be meeting with the General Manager of Zone 7 on February 8, 2024 to discuss the Patterson Ranch. ○ Staff attended the City of Livermore’s Park Impact Fee Update Study kick-off meeting today. Consultant Willdan Financial Services is onboard. They are pushing for all of the studies to be done and to the City Council by June 2024. ○ David Weisgerber has advised that the LARPD website has been updated to include a translation button, allowing the website to be translated into 130+ languages.

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n/a	2/7/24	<p>Special Board Meeting: BOARD RETREAT: GOAL SETTING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING The BOD and the General Manager discussed goals and objectives in Finance, Facilities, Personnel and Programming. The BOD was happy with the previous work completed regarding Mission, Vision and Values. The BOD agreed that the draft Strategic Plan could be completed with edits during a future meeting working session.</p> <p>Also discussed was the LARPD Sphere of Influence. The BOD agreed to seek answers to questions raised during discussion with legal counsel in order to formulate a position in the near future.</p> <p>BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MANAGER – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES With Guidance from General Counsel Andrew Shen the BOD and the General Manager discussed how we could improve communication and clarified the Roles and Responsibilities of both the Directors and the General Manager. General Counsel will review the BOD Board Policy Manual and make recommendations based on the discussion.</p> <p>Next Steps: The General Manager will work with the Chair on scheduling the future working session for the Strategic Plan.</p>
n/a	2/14/24	<p>Director Palajac reported on her attendance at the February 5, 2024 LARPD Foundation meeting. 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.</p>
n/a	2/14/24	<p>GM Fuzie made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.
2805	2/28/24	GOLFA Termination Agreement - A resolution authorizing the Governments of Livermore Financing Authority (GOLFA) Termination Agreement.
n/a	2/28/24	Chair Furst announced that the Board would continue its review and editing of the Draft Strategic Plan . No Board action was taken at this time, but Chair Furst suggested fellow Board members turn in their edits/comments to GM Fuzie with a copy to COS Weisgerber and EA VanBuskirk no later than Friday, March 1 st .
n/a	2/28/24	Director Faltings reported her attendance at the February 27, 2024 Community Gardens meeting. There was a good turnout, including staff and approximately 25 existing plot renters. The focal point of the discussions revolved around the establishment of a new satellite community garden at Mocho Park, which is set to offer 20 regular plots and 2 ADA-accessible plots. (A copy of the plot map and agenda will be attached to the minutes.) GM Fuzie informed the group that the COL presented plans for a community garden in the Springtown area, with the intention of handing over the responsibility for LARPD to manage the proposed facility. Chair Furst suggested this item go to the Facilities Committee meeting.
n/a	2/28/24	GM Fuzie made the following announcements: On February 21 st GM Fuzie was re-appointed to the CAPRI Board of Directors.
n/a	3/13/24	<p>REVIEW OF DISTRICT’S ORDINANCES, ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, AND DISTRICT NOTICES</p> <p>GM Fuzie described this project of conducting a comprehensive legal review of the all the District’s policies, ordinances, and district notices, anticipating a positive result. He expressed gratitude to General Counsel (GC) Andrew Shen for spearheading this initiative.</p> <p>GC Shen provided an overview of the District’s existing series of overlapping policies and rules, consisting of ordinances, administrative policies, and District Notices. He initiated a review of these documents to ensure</p>

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		<p>consistency and compliance with current legal requirements, considering that some were enacted many years ago. The primary goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring compliance with current legal requirements. • Simplifying ordinances, administrative policies, and District Notices for improved internal and public understanding. • Addressing inconsistencies in policy application and clarifying responsibility assignment. <p>Action and Next Steps: No Board action was taken at this time; however, the Board tentatively set a goal to complete the project by the end of the calendar year, understanding that it will be a gradual process.</p>
n/a	3/13/24	<p>a) Director Palajac raised the need for discussing e-bikes and electric motorcycles and their appropriate use in parks and on trails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ She suggested involving the Intergovernmental Committee as a potential solution involving collaboration with the school district, the City, and LARPD. Mentioning a recent meeting with Kristi Wang from the school board, Director Palajac noted the absence of educational materials for students regarding e-bike and electric motorcycle usage, proposing it as a starting point for awareness. Another avenue for discussion could be the Livermore Area Youth Advisory Council (LAYAC), which may offer innovative ideas. Despite the shared desire to provide recreational opportunities for youth, there is uncertainty about suitable locations. Chair Furst proposed referring the matter to the Facilities Committee pending Director Boswell’s approval. However, Director Boswell considered it a moot issue, emphasizing the challenges posed by the California Vehicle Code’s inadequate differentiation between various bicycle types. Thus, local law enforcement faces difficulties in enforcement due to the lack of clear delineation. <p>b) Chair Furst informed the Board about the ongoing stakeholder meetings concerning the Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan Project organized by the California State Parks system. These meetings include sessions for local agencies, recreation agencies, and environmental groups. Chair Furst will represent LARPD at a virtual meeting held for local agency stakeholders and recreation and access stakeholders on March 14, 2024, and he will represent the Friends of Open Space and Vineyards during an</p>

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		<p>upcoming meeting held for neighbors and natural, cultural, and historical resources stakeholders on March 16, 2024. GM Fuzie asked who is conducting those meetings? Chair Furst mentioned Alexandra Stehl, Deputy Director of Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division, among others. Chair Furst offered to share the meeting agendas with EA VanBuskirk for distribution if anyone is interested in those. For more information see Participate - Alameda-Tesla Plan (alamedateslaplan.com)</p>
n/a	3/13/24	<p>GM Fuzie made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 4th of July celebration is shaping up with the City of Livermore. The City is planning a celebration at the Livermore Airport, and LARPD is considering organizing a public event there as well. One idea is a morning fun run, which we are tentatively calling “The Runway Run.” Chair Furst noted that the City has decided not to host an evening fireworks display this year. ○ California Water met with Staff earlier this week to propose a new well at Sunset Park, within their property line. They are going to go to the City with it as well, but wanted to know if LARPD had any concerns. ○ Ten communication boards for parks have been ordered, each costing \$3,000, and they are expected to arrive soon. We are planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony (or ceremonies) in partnership with Rotary and the LARPD Foundation. The Library Foundation has also expressed interest in sponsoring one or two boards. The first board will be installed at May Nissen Park, potentially serving as a major event.
2806	3/27/24	<p>A resolution approving the second restated and amended employment agreement between the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and General Manager Mathew L. Fuzie.</p>
Motion	3/27/24	<p>MOTION: Moved by Director Boswell, seconded by Director Faltings, approved the Strategic Plan, with minor changes as discussed, by the following roll call vote: <i>AYES: Directors Palajac, Pierpont, Faltings, Boswell, and Chair Furst (5)</i></p>

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n/a	3/27/24	Community Services Manager Jill Kirk made the following announcements: We had a very successful first day of summer registration. COS Weisgerber provided the statistics: Over 2200 individuals signed up today, resulting in a significant increase in program revenue compared to last year. By 4:30 p.m., revenue had reached \$532k, compared to \$453k on the first day last year. Impressively, within just five minutes of opening this morning, revenue had already exceeded \$100k. This rapid response from the community demonstrates strong recognition of LARPD’s offerings, particularly evident in events like Muffins with Bunny and our summer camps. CSM Kirk noted substantial growth in “littles” – preschool-age group registrations, indicating the success of our expanded programs in meeting community demand. COS Weisgerber pointed out that these revenue figures did not include swim lessons or non-residents!
n/a	4/10/24	Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence Report , Prepared by RSG Solutions for the Local Agency Formation Commission of Alameda County. DIRECTION: Directors were instructed to provide their edits or specific comments to GC Bell for incorporation into the letter to Ms. Jones at LAFCO and RSG, Inc.
n/a	4/10/24	GM Fuzie made the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informed the Board to be aware of the Springtown Open Space initiative. The City will update the Board at a future meeting. ○ He will be participating in a panel at the League of California Cities, Cal Cities 2024 City Leaders Summit on Friday, April 19, 2024 in Sacramento along with the Livermore City Manager and Livermore Superintendent of Schools. ○ The Strategic Plan is now available on the District’s website.
2807	4/24/24	A resolution calling for the District's General Election on November 5, 2024 and requesting that the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County permit consolidation with the statewide General Election on November 5, 2024.

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n/a	4/24/24	GM Fuzie made the following announcements: Announced an email correspondence on April 16, 2024 from Matt Duarte, Executive Director of California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD), that Chair David Furst received the Outstanding Board Member of the Year award . The award will be presented at the CARPD Conference on May 23, 2024.
n/a	5/8/24	Discussion and Direction Regarding a District Policy on Artificial Intelligence. ACTION: The Board agreed to have the Discussion and Direction Regarding a District Policy on Artificial Intelligence item return to a future Board Meeting within six months.
n/a	5/8/24	GM Fuzie discussed the following proposed park locations and reason for each one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bruno Canziani – unique design that includes a retention basin and dog park ○ Ravenswood Park – not the Ravenswood historic site, but the neighborhood park. Proposed twice but never selected due to the COVID pandemic. ○ Vista Meadows – has never been visited for a Meeting in the Park.
2808	5/29/24	A Resolution Adopting the Final Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
2809	5/29/24	A Resolution Renewing Special Tax 97-1 and Setting the Equivalent Dwelling Unit Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
2810	5/29/24	A Resolution Establishing the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Appropriations Limit.
2811	5/29/24	A Resolution Approving 401(h) Account Pursuant to Section 31592.
n/a	5/29/24	Discussion and Direction Regarding Springtown Open Space Improvements The Board received a presentation update from CE Joel Waxdeck regarding the Springtown Open Space Improvements. Discussion and Direction Regarding Bothwell Recreation Center Feasibility The Board discussed the uses for the Bothwell Center including hiring a consultant for a feasibility study.

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n/a	6/21/24	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.
n/a	6/26/24	GM Fuzie the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LARPD staff has been working with General Counsel to issue a Temporary Restraining Order against a visitor who has been creating some havoc. ○ The park playground replacements at Jack Williams Park, Ida Holm Park and Bill Clark Park have been installed. Completion occurred while two of our board members were out of the country. We will arrange a ribbon-cutting ceremony once the board members return. GM Fuzie will coordinate with the board. We have a suitable location for the event. ○ Communication boards will be shipped next week. We will hold an event with the Livermore Rotary, the LARPD Foundation, and our Board to unveil the first board. This event will be scheduled for next month. ○ Destination Shelly was a tremendous success. We are incredibly happy with the outcome and will be looking to do that more often. All of the participants enjoyed it as well as the visiting bear. Participants were 12-14 years old.
2812	7/10/2024	A resolution approving the Tri-Valley Intergovernmental Reciprocal Services Master Agreement and authorizing the General Manager to sign on behalf of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.
2813	7/31/2024	A Resolution authorizing the General to execute the Contract Between Zone 7 of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for a Treated Water Supply, for a 30-year Term.
n/a	7/31/24	Grazing Pilot Program: GM Fuzie provided an update on the Grazing Pilot Program, which is set to begin on Upper Sycamore Grove in collaboration with the Faglianos. The program aims to use cattle grazing as a land management tool, following a grazing policy adopted by the Board years ago. The pilot will last five years during which the District will learn the best practices for grazing on public land, including fencing and cattle management. This was informational only and no Board action was taken.

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		However, the following was suggested: The Board discussed the need for transparency and regular updates as the program progresses. While the board has already approved the grazing policy, GM Fuzie agreed to keep the board informed, especially during key milestones like signing of the agreement with the Faglianos, fence installation, etc.
n/a	7/31/24	Little League International World Series: Director Pierpont shared that he will be throwing the first pitch at one of the Little League Intermediate World Series games. GM Fuzie added that the fields were in excellent condition. Moreover, bark was added outside the fence which was well used by ESPN by placing jumbotrons for the event.
2814	8/14/2024	A Resolution Amending Ordinance No. 8: District Rules and Regulations.
n/a	8/14/24	<p>Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Report, Prepared by RSG Solutions for the Local Agency Formation Commission of Alameda County</p> <p>The Board of Directors and staff reviewed and discussed the revised draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) provided by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Alameda County (LAFCo). General Counsel (GC) Bell asked the Board for edits and feedback prior to the upcoming LAFCo meeting on September 12, 2024.</p> <p>DIRECTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Directors asked GC Bell to initiate a letter to LAFCo recommending a special study analyzing the overlapping boundaries and services provided and to include the specific numerical data that LARPD transfers through the Property Tax Sharing Agreement to East Bay Regional Park District prior to the LAFCo September 12, 2024 meeting. b) GM Fuzie suggested forwarding LARPD’s response to the LAFCo MSR survey along with the letter to LAFCo. c) Chair Furst noted he will be out of the country on September 12, 2024 and encouraged the rest of the Board to prepare comments for and to attend the upcoming LAFCo meeting. d) Chair Furst directed staff to add this item to the next agenda to discuss talking points.

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n/a	8/14/24	<p>Selection of Auditors DIRECTION: a) The Board directed staff to go out for an RFP regarding the selection of auditors. b) The Board directed staff to draft a policy on the selection of auditors, in accordance with the California Government Code. The policy will include a provision that requires the Board to consider the selection of auditors as an agenda item at least every six (6) years or sooner.</p>
n/a	8/14/24	<p>GM Fuzie made the following announcement: ○ The Community Service Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2024 at various project sites from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The day will culminate in a celebratory event at Las Positas College from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. where volunteers and donors will be treated to a Volunteer Opportunities Fair, complimentary lunch, and live entertainment by local band Crawdad Republic. The Volunteer Opportunities Fair allows community members to learn more about local nonprofits and year-round volunteer opportunities.</p>
2815	9/25/2024	A Resolution Proclaiming October 2024 as Bullying Prevention Month and October 15, 2024 as Unity Day / Resolution and Proclamation.
2816	9/25/2024	A Resolution Nominating the General Manager, Mathew Fuzie, for Election to the California Association for Park and Recreation Indemnity Board of Directors “At Large” Seat for the January 2025 – January 2028 Term Resolution and Call for Nominations Letter.
n/a	9/25/24	<p>GM Fuzie made the following announcements: ○ FY23-24 Audit has been completed. Staff will evaluate the timing for a presentation to the Finance Committee, followed by a presentation to the Board at a regular or special meeting with a request for approval. ○ Staff is close to completing the request for proposals for the 2016 Master Plan Update and will seek the Board’s guidance on the next steps.</p>
2817	10/30/2024	A Resolution Approving Amendments to the District's Conflict of Interest Code.

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n/a	10/30/24	GM Fuzie made the following announcements: The Patterson Ranch Trail work is going well and on track to open before the beginning of the year.
Motion	11/13/24	District Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Boswell, accepted the District Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as presented, by the following voice vote: <i>AYES: Directors Boswell, Pierpont, Faltings, Palajac, and Furst (5)</i>
2818	12/11/2024	Resolution Approving District Notice 0012 - Disposition of Surplus Assets.
2819	12/11/2024	Resolution Approving District Notice 0013 - Unclaimed Property.