

# LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**Monday, October 7, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m.**

Robert Livermore Community Center  
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550-5053  
West Wing Conference Room

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Philip Pierpont, Director James Boswell

**Staff Present:** Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)  
Jill Kirk, Community Services Manager (CSM)  
Michelle Kleman, Human Resources Manager (HRM)  
David Weisberger, Community Outreach Supervisor (COS)  
Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant  
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant  
Vicki Wiedenfeld, Recreation Supervisor  
Harmony Brockman, Child Development Supervisor  
Brenda Rios, Child Development Supervisor  
Patrick Lucky, Aquatics Supervisor  
Makenna Nation, Recreation Coordinator, II (RC)

**Members of the Public Present:** There were no members of the public present.

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Chair Pierpont opened the Public Comment period. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Program Committee Meeting held on August 5, 2024.**
  - **Action:** The minutes of the Program Committee held on August 5, 2024, were approved unanimously as submitted.
4. **Adaptive Recreational Program Overview**

RC Nation presented an update on the District's Adaptive Recreational Program, which was included in the agenda packet to the Committee. A brief synopsis of the presentation is as follows:

What is Adaptive Recreation?

- Providing social recreation opportunities to people with disabilities
- Providing a space that is easily adaptable to fit the needs of each participant

Who we have connected with.

- City of Walnut Creek, City of Concord, City of Pleasanton, and City of Davis
- Avance
- Sunflower Hill
- Enjoy Life More
- Lily House

Current Adaptive Recreation Programs

- Adaptive Hip Hop for adults (18+), Youth (5-17)
- Cardio/Yoga class for teens (12-18)
- Family Yoga class
- Family Craft class
- Movie & Game Nights

Who we are serving so far.

- Three (3) children from ages 4 to 8
- Seven (7) teens from ages 12-17
- Eight (8) adults from ages 18 and over

What the community is looking for.

- Sensory friendly events
- Social events
- Cooking
- Functional skills programs
- Physical fitness
- Sports

**Committee Questions/Comments:**

- a) GM Fuzie recommended that this presentation be given to the full Board sometime in the spring.

**Action:** This was informational only; no Committee action was taken; however, the Committee agreed that this presentation should be given to the full Board sometime in the spring.

**5. Inclusion Program**

CSM Kirk gave a report on the Inclusion Program, which values inclusivity and supports families and children with developmental, behavioral, or physical disabilities. Staff actively participated in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings to promote consistency across home, school, and our services. However, some families hesitated to disclose behavioral disabilities, fearing exclusion. When challenges arise, staff often lack the resources or training to manage effectively, creating frustration for both staff and participants. To address these issues, a working group of Recreation and Youth Services staff was established to establish clear guidelines on reasonable accommodations and improve staff preparedness. Key initiatives included training staff with practical strategies for managing behaviors, updating enrollment paperwork to encourage transparency from families, and assigning a designated staff person with a background in social work to collaborate with families and staff on individualized plans. By implementing these steps, we

aim to create a more supportive and inclusive environment, ensuring that participants have a positive experience while equipping staff to meet diverse needs effectively.

**Action:** This was information only; no Committee action was taken.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / MATTERS INITIATED / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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