

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009

**ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA
7:00 P.M.
CRESTA BLANCA BALLROOM**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Director Furst, Director Goodman, Director Wilson, Director Kamena and President Faltings

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chiye Azuma, Tim Barry, Jim Brandenburg, Lora Cohen, Sandra Kaya, Jill Kirk, Michael Kyle, John Lawrence, Lynn Loucks

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

President Faltings called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. All Directors present except Director Kamena.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

President Faltings opened public comment. No public comment. Closed public comment.

Director Kamena arrived at 7:05 p.m.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 BOARD MINUTES

3.1.1 Meeting of July 8, 2009

3.1.2 Meeting of July 29, 2009

3.2 COMMUNICATIONS

3.2.1 General Manager's Monthly Report (#63/1)

Moved by Director Goodman, seconded by Director Wilson, approved the Consent Agenda, passing 5-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

4.1 AMENDED CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR SYCAMORE GROVE PARK

Resolution No. 2195, a resolution approving the "Amendment to Restated Deed of Perpetual Open Space and Regional Parkland Conservation Easement Dedicated Pursuant to South Livermore Specific Plan" for Sycamore Grove Park.

4.2 REVISED 2009/2010 SALARY RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2196, a resolution revising the 2009/2010 Salary Resolution to change the District contribution on behalf of employees to ACERA from 7% to 2%.

Moved by Director Kamena, seconded by Vice President Furst, approved the Consent Agenda Resolutions by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Wilson, Goodman, Kamena, Furst, Faltings*
NOES: *None*
ABSTENTIONS: *None*
ABSENT: *None*

5. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

President Faltings stated that the FY 2009/2010 Preliminary Budget was adopted on June 24, 2009. Staff presented a recommendation for revisions to the Final Budget, including a report on the Ranger Station Project.

General Manager Barry presented Proposition 1A information and plans on how to balance the budget. Highlights included: additional contributions to retirement costs by employees and no cost of living or merit increases for employees. Also, increases in medical insurance will be paid by employees. The budget also reflects a reduction of the Rock Gym's monthly lease agreement and continuing operation of Camp Shelly.

Questions and clarification about Proposition 1A, including when the state is scheduled to pay LARPD back and if the state will continue to take more money.

Director Kamena stated that, in terms of future budgets, it is likely that LARPD will lose more money and that the financial situation will get worse, not better. He stated LARPD should expect the worst and that the hard decisions will come when the financial situation becomes dire; it is best to be as prepared as possible.

At the Board's request, staff may change how the budget is formatted to make it easier to understand.

Director Wilson commended staff's efforts on the budget.

Assistant General Manager Lawrence provided an informational report about the proposed Ranger Station, including drawings of the proposed facility. Mr. Lawrence discussed the public benefits, such as an improved information counter area, public lobby, improved access to staff and Rangers, improved emergency response and security and increased educational opportunities about nature and green technology. He also discussed the costs associated with this project.

Vice President Furst requested clarification and expressed concern about the cost, thanked staff for their very detailed work.

Questions and clarification about the Karl Wente Park tot lot upgrade, including the project status and budget. The project has not been finished yet. Turf needs to be finished and clean-up needs to be completed. The dedication is scheduled for September 17.

President Faltings opened public comment on the budget. No public comment. Closed public comment.

Board discussion about the budget and Ranger Station. Director Kamena stated he will vote no on the budget due to the Ranger Station capital improvement project. He stated that the project has changed to a project now costing \$800,000. President Faltings stated she agreed with Director Kamena about the project and said she will be more vigilant about monitoring projects in the future. Director Goodman stated he wants to collect bids and see what comes back. Director Wilson stated that none of the elaborate plans were proposed by the Rangers.

Moved by Vice President Furst, seconded by Director Wilson, approved Resolution No. 2197, adopting the Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	<i>Furst, Wilson, Goodman, Faltings</i>
NOES:	<i>Kamena</i>
ABSTENTIONS:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</i>

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH ARROYO CROSSING INC. FOR ROBERTSON PARK

President stated that the Board will consider approving the Improvement Agreements with Arroyo Crossing Inc. for the new playground, trail and respite area in Robertson Park.

Questions and discussion about bonding issues.

Director Kamena made an amending motion to eliminate requirement for a bond. No second.

Moved by Director Goodman, seconded by Vice President Furst, adopted Resolution Nos. 2198 and 2199, approving the Improvement Agreement with Arroyo Crossing Inc. for the Robertson Park Respite Area and Trail, and the Improvement Agreement with Arroyo Crossing Inc. for the Robertson Park Playground, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	<i>Furst, Wilson, Goodman, Kamena, Faltings</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTENTIONS:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</i>

7.2 FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LIVERMORE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE FOR SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELDS AT ROBERTSON PARK

President stated that the Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Livermore Youth Soccer League (LYSL) regarding a project to convert Robertson Park soccer fields into synthetic turf fields.

Assistant General Manager Lawrence presented report including pros and cons of using synthetic turf. Pros included decreased costs in maintenance, decreased watering, increased ability of the District to provide consistently high quality playing field conditions, and the ability to meet public needs for field use year round. Mr. Lawrence reviewed the fiscal impact and the changes made to the original agreement. LYSL will help fund the project for \$600,000 and LARPD will give the League 12,000 hours of use in return; staff

recommended that the Board approve the agreement, as amended, subject to final review by District Legal Counsel.

David Best from LYSL spoke and expressed excitement about this opportunity to have a synthetic field. Mr. Best presented and discussed a drawing/sketch of the proposed project.

Questions and clarifications were raised about the agreement, specifically 4.1, 4.2, and 6.1 on the license and usage agreement.

Vice President Furst stated that the \$600,000 from LYSL was not a gift to LARPD. Originally, LYSL was going to give \$1 million and now LYSL was going to prepay \$600,000. The Board questioned several points and identified errors in the agreement.

District Legal Counsel Michael Kyle stated he reviewed the initial draft on June 17. He saw it again this week and understands there were a lot of changes. Mr. Kyle expressed concern about liability issues regarding the use of the artificial turf products.

President Faltings opened public comment. No public comment. Closed public comment.

Vice President Furst moved to postpone the item, President Faltings seconded.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No oral reports from the board.

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

1) Director Kamena pointed out that a representative from O'Brien Homes had arrived. Director Kamena made a motion to reconsider the Board's decision on 7.1. No second.

2) Director Goodman attended the Randy Johnson Field Naming and praised the event.

3) Director Wilson stated how wonderful the field dedication was. She attended the Ravenswood Fourth of July Ice Cream Social which was a nice family event, commended the volunteers and staff.

4) Director Furst also attended field dedication and the Fourth of July Ice Cream Social. The Randy Johnson field looked excellent. Thanked staff, both events were very nice.

5) President Faltings said the field dedication was very exciting. Hundreds of people attended the event. Thanked her volunteers for making the ice cream social a success.

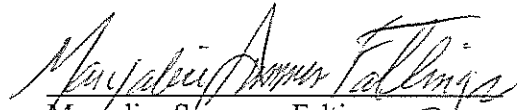
10. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

1) General Manager Barry said he was proud of the work staff does and of the new Randy Johnson Field and dedication. He thanked the Finance department staff, Lora Cohen and Lynn Loucks, for their hard work and flexibility. Reminded parents that summer is coming to a close and to look at the LARPD brochure/catalogue to arrange for childcare, programs, classes, etc.


11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED,


Maryalice Summers Faltings
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Timothy J. Barry
General Manager and ex-officio
Clerk to the Board of Directors