

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Barry, Jim Brandenburg, Michael Kyle, John Lawrence, Gretchen Sommers

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Scott Lee, Fred Osborn

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

President Furst called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Directors were present.

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 General Manager Tim Barry presented a gavel set and plaque to President David Furst in appreciation for his years of service on the LARPD Board of Directors, and for serving as President of the Board in 2010. President Furst thanked staff.

2.2 General Manager Tim Barry presented a plaque to Vice President Scott Kamena in appreciation for his years of service on the LARPD Board of Directors. Director Kamena spoke about the District's role in the community, as well as its goals and achievements. He spoke of his work and relationship with his fellow Directors, and he expressed his appreciation toward staff and their admirable qualities and accomplishments.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

President Furst opened public comment. No public comment. President Furst closed public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 BOARD MINUTES

4.1.1 Meeting of October 27, 2010.

4.2 COMMUNICATIONS

4.2.1 General Manager's Monthly Report (64/4).

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution No. 2269, a resolution revising the 2010/2011 Salary Resolution to add the positions of Senior Recreation Leader II, Mechanic, Event and Facilities Specialist and Parks and Facilities Manager.

Moved by Director Goodman, seconded by Director Wilson, approved the Consent Agenda Resolution by the following roll call vote:

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

6. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 OFF-LEASH AREA IN ROBERTSON PARK

President Furst stated that the Board will consider implementing a 6-month trial period for an area in Robertson Park to be designated as an off-leash dog area.

General Manager Barry reported that staff has prepared information for a motion to approve a 6-month trial period, allowing off-leash work with dogs in an area of Robertson Park. He said that District Legal Counsel Michael Kyle has researched the provisions of LARPD Ordinance No. 8, the Rules and Regulations governing use of District facilities, and he has determined that there is no need to alter the Ordinance in order to implement the trial period. Mr. Barry asked the Board to identify the specific location in Robertson Park where this area is to be. He said that staff has worked with the Livermore Pet Alliance (LPA) on developing the sign text, and that they are continuing to refine the language. Mr. Barry said that staff will follow Board's policy direction.

President Furst opened public comment.

- 1) Sean Lindh, Livermore resident representing LPA, stated that, at its October 27 meeting, the Board voted unanimously in support of an off-leash dog area. He thanked the Board and offered his assistance in procuring and installing signs.
- 2) Mercedes Phillips, Livermore resident representing LPA, spoke in support of an off-leash dog area and thanked the Board for its willingness to vote on the issue.
- 3) Stevie Lindh, Livermore resident representing LPA, thanked the Board for its unanimous support of the pilot program. She spoke about signage and recommended not putting an end date for the pilot program on signs.

President Furst closed public comment.

Moved by Director Kamena, seconded by Director Faltings, to implement a 6-month trial period for an area in Robertson Park to be designated as an off-leash dog area.

Director discussed the following: sometimes you have to try things to see if they work; opinion that six months of observation will be good; LPA and staff have worked hard on this; general agreement that the Board will not discuss specific wording on the signs--staff will do that and deal with the details; very pleased about this and that we are trying new things; would like to implement this permanently now, but others wish for a trial period; pleased with sign wording, and feel okay with the suggestion of removing the end date, but having a date may be good so that the public knows about it, knows it is temporary and will be up for decision in six months; confirmed that the specific area in Robertson Park to be designated is the Meadow; agreement that the sign text need not be dealt with tonight, but curious about staff's reasoning for having an end date; appreciation that there will be a 6-month trial period, as did have reservations; appreciates LPA's efforts and the information the group has provided.

President Furst clarified that the Board will be voting on implementing a 6-month trial period in the Meadow in Robertson Park.

The motion to implement a 6-month trial period in the Meadow area in Robertson Park to be designated as an off-leash dog area, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8.2 CITY OF LIVERMORE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE AND POLICY

President Furst stated that the Board will review a report on a proposed City of Livermore ordinance and policy regarding telecommunication facilities and provide staff with input.

General Manager Barry reported that the City of Livermore is developing an ordinance and policy regarding placement of cell towers on City property. He said that LARPD maintains much City property, in the way of parks, and that the District could be affected by the City's decisions on cell tower placement. The ordinance and policy address the placement and manner of towers, as well as cost share of the lease amount that comes into the City so that LARPD can share in revenue. Mr. Barry said that Scott Lee and Fred Osborn of the City of Livermore are in attendance to answer any questions that the Board may have.

President Furst thanked the City staff for attending tonight.

President Furst opened public comment. No public comment. President Furst closed public comment.

Directors discussed the following: requested that the City clarify and define the reference to "Director" in the policy and in the ordinance; requested that the City change the term "Director" to LARPD General Manager, where applicable; clarification on mention of lights at May Nissen Park; suggestion that any reference to possible future lights be mentioned for each sports field that does not currently have lights, for consistency's sake and so that the impression is not given that May Nissen Park is getting lights; request for more clarification in the documents as to the difference between "land" and "property;" clarification on the possibility of a cell tower on the RLCC building; clarification that there is a provision in the ordinance that LARPD must agree to anything regarding installations on LARPD property; request that the document be modified to be more inclusive; request for more clarification and distinction on when LARPD owns "property" on City of Livermore-owned "land;" request that, in addition to the clause requiring the lessee (LARPD) to repair damage to City property, something be added to include protection for LARPD

property; appreciation for the City's setting up the ordinance, which will increase efficiency, in part by creating one permit process; the Board wishes to clarify a few points, but has no objection to the documents.

Mr. Osborn thanked the LARPD staff, who worked with City staff on drafting the ordinance. He said that he hopes that it meets both City and LARPD needs. General Manager Barry said that he appreciates the inclusionary process and the City's seeking the District's feedback early in process.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Goodman reported on his attendance, along with that of Director Faltings, at the Intergovernmental meeting this morning. Topic included: regional theater; library partnerships between the School District and the City; 2011 meeting schedule.

Director Wilson reported on her attendance at the November 9 ESS/Parent Advisory Committee meeting. Topics included: parent survey; family subsidies; staff appreciation events to be held at each program site.

Director Wilson reported on her attendance at the November 3 Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting. Topics included: funding for scholarships; Granada orchestra to have its spring concert at the RLCC.

Director Wilson reported on her attendance at the November 2 Ravenswood Progress League meeting. Topics included: new locks; annual Yuletide Celebration on Sunday, December 12; new daytime meeting time for the league.

10. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

1) Director Goodman thanked President Furst and Vice President Kamena for their years of service to LARPD. He said that, though they rarely disagreed on things, they were respectful when they did disagree.

2) Director Goodman announced that Director Faltings had been re-elected to serve on the LARPD Board of Directors on November 2, and that Laureen Turner and David Hutchinson had been newly elected.

3) Director Goodman announced that the annual community Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the Bothwell Center. He said that the event needs for donations, and that LARPD supports the event.

4) Director Wilson thanked President Furst and Vice President Kamena for their service. She said that they have taught her and been patient with her, and that both have worked very hard at serving the community through this job.

5) Director Faltings thanked President Furst and Vice President Kamena, saying that she will miss both of them a lot. She added that President Furst keeps their noses to the grindstone.

6) Director Faltings said that LARPD is a member of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD), and that she is on the Board of Directors. Director Faltings said that, among other things, CARPD provides the District's risk management services and insurance. She is on the CARPD conference committee this year; the conference will be held at the end of April 2011. She said that, though money is tight, she hopes that the two new Directors can attend the conference, and she encourages all Directors to attend.

11. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

1) General Manager Barry acknowledged Mayor Marshall Kamena and his wife Barbara's presence at the meeting and said that they are welcome to attend all LARPD Board meetings.

2) Mr. Barry announced that tonight is Senior Park Supervisor Jim Brandenburg's last Board meeting, as he is retiring at the end of the month, after 35 years with LARPD. Mr. Barry thanked Mr. Brandenburg for his years of service.

3) Mr. Barry announced that bocce ball sets are available to rent at the RLCC, for use at the Bothwell Park courts.

4) Mr. Barry announced that staff has completed a few days of prescribed burns at Sycamore Grove Park, the purpose of which is to rid the park of non-native plants. He said that the last burn is planned for tomorrow.

5) Mr. Barry announced that the District is selling 2011 Sycamore Grove calendars; the price is \$10 each or \$6 with the purchase of an annual parking pass.

6) Mr. Barry announced that there will be one LARPD Board meeting in December, on the 8th. This is LARPD's annual organization meeting, at which new officers are elected, the Board Policy Manual is reviewed and the 2011 Board meeting calendar will be set.

12. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code.

Title: General Manager

13.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code.

Title: District Counsel

14. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:15 p.m.

15. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action to report

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

APPROVED,



Steve Goodman
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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