

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Faltings

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chiye Azuma, Lea Blevins, Jim Brandenburg, Lora Cohen, Michael Kyle, Rich Lange, Mike Nicholson and Gretchen Sommers

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

Meeting was called to order by President Goodman at 7:02 p.m. All Directors were present except Director Faltings and Director Kamena. Community Center Director Rich Lange stated that Director Faltings, General Manager Barry and Assistant General Manager John Lawrence are absent because they are attending the California Special Districts Association Annual Conference in Irvine.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

President Goodman opened public comment. No public comment was received. President Goodman closed public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 BOARD MINUTES

3.1.1 Meeting of September 10, 2008

3.2 COMMUNICATIONS:

3.2.1 Letter from Toni Sarrica commending LARPD's ESS/KZ and PAL programs.

President Goodman asked if Directors wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Director Furst requested that the minutes from the September 10, 2008 meeting be removed. President Goodman asked for a motion. On a motion by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Furst, approved the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the September 10 meeting minutes, passing 3-0. Director Faltings and Director Kamena were absent.

Director Furst said that on page 3 he would like a sentence added under Agenda Item 7.2, regarding the City of Livermore planning contract. He said that in the section reporting on comments and questions from Directors, District Legal Counsel had responded that he had reviewed and approved the contract; this was in response to Director inquiry. Director Furst requested that the minutes reflect this.

On a motion by Director Furst, seconded by Director Wilson, approved the minutes from the September 10, 2008 meeting, passing 3-0. Director Faltings and Director Kamena were absent.

4. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: None.

5. **BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

7.1 T-MOBILE AGREEMENT

President Goodman stated that the Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into a lease agreement with T-Mobile to replace an existing light standard with a new light standard which will support a wireless telecommunication facility at the Rodeo grounds in Robertson Park.

Community Center Director Rich Lange said that this is the first time the District will be entering into this type of agreement. He stated that Landscape Architect/Project Manager Chiye Azuma is in attendance to answer any questions, as are representatives from T-Mobile.

President Goodman asked for Director questions and comments. Directors inquired and commented about the following: how obvious will it be that there is a tower in the park, as opposed to what is currently there (response was that the tower will be an exact replacement of current tower, and the antennae will be contained in transparent stealth screening and not be visible at all); diameter of the pole (24", which is very slim for a 50 ft. light pole); whether the permit process was complete for the foundation, etc. (yes); the fact that the light poles were put in as a Rotary project in the early 1970's' and the fact that there is a provision in the contract which prevents placement of a dish on the pole, without prior approval from LARPD.

President Goodman asked for a motion. Director Wilson made a motion, seconded by Director Furst, to authorize the General Manager to enter into the lease agreement with T-Mobile. President Goodman commented that he does not like the antenna structures that are supposed to look like trees. He said he feels that the agreement is good for T-mobile and for the District.

Resolution No. 2140, a resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into a lease agreement with T-Mobile to replace an existing light standard with a new light standard which will support a wireless telecommunication facility at the Rodeo grounds in Robertson Park, was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Director Wilson, Director Furst and President Goodman*

NOES: *None*

ABSTENTIONS: *None*

ABSENT: *Director Faltings and Director Kamena*

7.2 GRANT DEED FROM BLOSSOM VALLEY INVESTORS

President Goodman stated that the Board will consider accepting a Grant Deed of Property and a Grant of Trail Easement from Blossom Valley Investors for a section of the Vinsanto Trail.

Director Kamena arrived at 7:10 pm

Mr. Lange reported that all of the preparation and paperwork for this item had already been completed, and that acceptance of the deed and trail easement will allow the filing and paperwork to be processed. This is the final step.

President Goodman invited Director questions. No questions received.

President Goodman asked for a motion. Director Furst made a motion, seconded by Director Wilson, to accept a Grant Deed from Blossom Valley Investors for Parcel “A” of Tract 7412 and accept a Grant of Trail Easement from Blossom Valley Investors over Parcel “C” of Tract 7038 President Goodman invited Director comments. No comments received.

Resolution No. 2141, a resolution accepting a Grant Deed from Blossom Valley Investors for Parcel “A” of Tract 7412 and accept a Grant of Trail Easement from Blossom Valley Investors over Parcel “C” of Tract 7038, was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Director Wilson, Director Kamena, Director Furst and President Goodman*

NOES: *None*

ABSTENTIONS: *None*

ABSENT: *Director Faltings*

7.3 LARPD WEBSITE UPGRADE

President Goodman stated that the Board will receive a presentation on recent upgrades to the District website. He said he had seen a presentation at a Program Committee meeting last week and he had asked that it be presented to the Board as well.

Mr. Lange reported that the upgraded LARPD website is up and running. He said that the goals of the upgrade were to correct information on the site and to improve its navigability, so that users could reach their destination in three mouse clicks or less. He said the process involved several meetings with staff, himself, the District’s Public Information Aide and the District’s web master consultant. Mr. Lange presented some of the site’s features, displaying the site on a projector screen, noting that new content management software will allow certain LARPD staff to make changes to the website immediately.

Some of the new features reviewed included: cleaner headline at top of page; a new area of text at the top of the home page where announcements can be placed regarding time-sensitive issues; slide-outs for all of the directory buttons; the directory button list will stay on the screen at all times while a user explores the website; the District Rules and Regulations have been placed in multiple locations on the site; the “Contact Us” section has been improved by the addition of more departments for the public to contact; the search engine has been improved so that users can select which portions of the website they’d like to search—previously, the whole website had to be searched; the Carnegie Park tree removal project information is on the website with photos; the Livermore bike map is included; and a new site translation button will translate into many different languages. Mr. Lange said he has received positive, unsolicited feedback from the public regarding the

upgrade. He reported that the two-year budget for this Phase I of the upgrade was \$21,000, and that the District has spent \$18,000 thus far. There are a few more things to do and the District will need to budget more for this next year. He said the next phase will include adding more photos to the site.

President Goodman invited Director questions and comments. Directors inquired and commented about the following: how many languages in the translation feature and who selected the languages (about 15 languages provided by a free Google service); very impressed with the ease of use and the clean look; very appealing and much friendlier; interest in the number of hits to the site; suggestion of taking a laptop computer to Farmers Market—since downtown Livermore has WiFi, LARPD can show people our website there; invitation to the public to check it out and give feedback; commended and thanked Mr. Lange and staff for turning out a good product that was well worth the time spent.

8. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

1) Director Furst said that he had spoken with Ayn Wieskamp of the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, and he asked her how their trail building project went at Brushy Peak. Director Furst would like LARPD to get started on getting a spur trail built to the peak.

2) Director Wilson attended a meeting of the Community Garden Committee. She reported that the Committee recommended an additional community garden in the city, as there is a long waiting list of people hoping to rent a garden plot.

3) President Goodman made an announcement to remind the public about a free training for the Character Counts program, occurring at the RLCC on October 4. He said the program, which is being coordinated by LARPD, LVJUSD and the City of Livermore, is appropriate for sports coaches and members of community.

4) President Goodman said that, before experiencing the first ERAF property tax cut, LARPD used to clean the District's tennis courts with a water broom and squeegee. When this practice had to stop due to budget cuts, some people stepped up to volunteer to clean the tennis courts, as well as to monitor and control the courts. He said that Joe and Geneva Humphrey had volunteered to do this. Mr. Goodman announced that Mr. Humphrey recently passed away. He said he wished to honor him and express appreciation for all volunteers.

5) President Goodman said he wished to acknowledge Community Center Director Rich Lange's approaching retirement, as this may be the last Board meeting Mr. Lange attends. Mr. Lange has been employed with LARPD for 27 years and his last day will be October 31. Mr. Goodman thanked him for coordinating the opening of the RLCC, and for all of his efforts over the years.

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

No matters initiated.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code

Property: Property south of Veterans Park, from Arroyo Road west, wrapping around the
Veterans Hospital Property, in an “L” shape

Agency Negotiator: District Staff and/or Legal Counsel

Negotiating Parties: Bobba Family

Under Negotiation: Purchase of Easement

11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

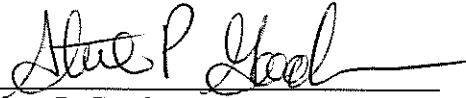
12. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action to report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

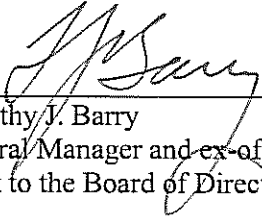
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

APPROVED,



Steve P. Goodman
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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