

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011**

**ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER  
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA**

**7:00 P.M.**

**CRESTA BLANCA BALLROOM**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Director Faltings, Director Hutchinson, Director Turner, Director Wilson and President Goodman

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tim Barry, Michael Kyle, Gretchen Sommers

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

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

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 2011 CARPD AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

President Goodman stated that the Board will present the 2011 California Association of Recreation and Park Districts' Award of Distinction for Outstanding Group to the Camp Shelly Volunteer Committee.

President Goodman presented the award to Carolyn and Chris Siegfried, Keith Barlow, John Stevulak and Rebecca Kohlmoos, long-time Camp Shelly campers, and representatives of the Camp Shelly Volunteer Committee. Ms. Siegfried spoke about the marketing committee, and said that its motto all along has been that there was a lack of awareness of Camp Shelly, not a lack of interest. She spoke about the various marketing efforts, noting that there was an increase in camping reservations last summer, even with an increase in camping fees. Ms. Siegfried said that the group will continue its promotion this year, and thanked Groth Brothers for underwriting the promotional brochure, both last year and this year. She said that this effort has demonstrated a good partnership with LARPD staff. President Goodman explained that the group was instrumental in promoting Camp Shelly and keeping it open, when the Board had been considering closing it. Director Faltings said that she is on the Board of CARPD and could not be more pleased that the group received this award. Director Turner complimented the volunteers, and said that they were so successful that she had difficulty booking her own camping reservation this year.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 BOARD MINUTES**

4.1.1 Meeting of April 13, 2011.

**4.2 COMMUNICATIONS**

4.2.1 General Manager's Monthly Report (64/10).

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

**5. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

**5.1 REVISED 2010/2011 SALARY RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 2288, revising the 2010/2011 Salary Resolution to add the position of Human Resources Technician and change the job title of Senior Recreation Supervisor to Division Manager.

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Wilson, the Consent Agenda Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<i>Faltings, Hutchinson, Turner, Wilson and President Goodman</i>
<b>NOES:</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<i>None</i>

**6. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 OFF LEASH DOGS IN ROBERTSON PARK – TRIAL PERIOD EXTENSION**

President Goodman stated that the Board will consider whether to extend the trial period for permitting off leash dogs in the Robertson Park Meadow.

General Manager Barry said that staff is recommending a six-month extension of the trial period so that the pilot program allowing off leash dogs in the Meadow of Robertson Park can be tested for a full year. He explained that, in the next six months, there will be increased activity in the park due to sports and equestrian activities, as well as the new playground that will be opening soon. Mr. Barry said that staff would like to continue to monitor the program during the time that these other park activities are happening. He referred to the log that staff has compiled of public comment that has been received to date, about the pilot program, noting that most of the comments have been very positive.

President Goodman opened public comment.

1) Mercedes Phillips, representing Livermore Pet Alliance (LPA), thanked the Facilities Committee and staff for their recommendation. She said that LPA wants to be proactive about mitigating any potential problems. Ms. Phillips offered the services of a landscape architect,

free of charge, to put in a border of plantings to serve as a divider between the dog area and the new playground. She thanked the staff and Board.

2) Doug Baird said that he has been taking his dog to the Meadow for many years. He thanked staff for putting extra waste cans in the area. He said that his experience has been that the people using the Meadow with their dogs are very responsible. He thanked the Board and said that he would like the chance to continue using the Meadow.

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Turner, to extend the trial period for permitting off leash dogs in the Robertson Park Meadow through November 2011.

Directors discussed and commented on the following: in absolute support of using the Meadow; shared personal experience using the Meadow with dog; concern remains that, as people see off leash dogs in the park, they will think they can have dogs off leash on the trails, which is very hazardous; complimented LPA on its efforts; inquiry about whether staff can adjust the wording on the Meadow signs that would emphasize the fact that dogs outside of the Meadow must be on leash; very pleased at how well the pilot program seems to be going, and with the efforts of LPA; a recent discussion with an attorney about this matter at a conference, during which the attorney said that there would likely be liability issues with an off leash dog area in a park, particularly near an equestrian facility; have received many e-mails from people supporting the program; whatever the Board decides in November, the District will confer with CAPRI, the District's risk management provider; acknowledgement that that LPA wishes to avoid any problems, too.

The motion to extend the trial period for permitting off leash dogs in the Robertson Park Meadow through November 2011 passed 5-0.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Faltings reported on her attendance at the May 10 ESS Parent Advisory Committee meeting, which was the wrap-up meeting for the year. Topics included: Kidango, the agency through which state funding is funneled; ESS passed the Kidango audit; desired results process; staff appreciation events at each of the 10 ESS sites.

Director Faltings reported on her attendance at this morning's Alameda County Special District's Association (ACSDA) meeting, held at Zone 7 Water Agency. General Manager Barry is president of the chapter; guest speaker was Karl Wente of Wente Vineyards.

Director Wilson reported her attendance at the May 4 Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) meeting. The guest speaker was Nadine Horner of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, who spoke about the lab. Other topics included: teachers who had received funding from LCAC and that Director Wilson is on the nominating committee for next year's officers.

## **10. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS**

1) Director Turner announced that she attended the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) conference in April. She attended educational sessions on the following topics: legislative affairs; budgeting; and community partnerships.

2) Director Faltings attended the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Days conference in Sacramento this month. Session topics included: legislation which is beneficial or harmful to special districts in California; presentations by State Treasurer Bill

Lockyer and CSDA Legislative Analyst Ralph Heim. She and General Manager Barry also visited the offices of Assemblyperson Joan Buchanan and State Senator Loni Hancock, and spoke with their senior staff, advocating for special districts.

3) President Goodman announced that the May 18 Amgen professional bicycle race will pass by the community center in the morning. He said that this will be a fun event, and that there will be some street closures.

4) President Goodman announced that the Carnegie Building is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Saturday. Director Faltings said that the Livermore Heritage Guild is encouraging people to wear clothes from the 1910's.

**11. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

1) General Manager Barry encouraged the public to take advantage of LARPD's many summer activities. He said that the activities are filling up fast, and that people can still register online.

2) General Manager Barry said that this coming weekend will be very busy at the RLCC: Friday there is a 2,000 person swim meet and a school fundraiser occurring at the same time; over the weekend there is a 5,000-person swim meet, as well as a wedding in the courtyard for 350 people, a basketball tournament, teen parties, ballet class, recreational swim, a senior citizen bus trip staging, and baseball games at the park. He said that there will be upwards of 10,000 people here this weekend, and that LARPD staff works together to coordinate it all.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

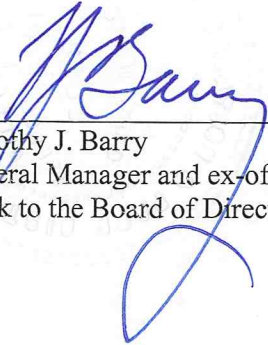
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED,



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Steve Goodman  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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