

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

ROBERTLIVERMORECOMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA
6:00 P.M.
LARKSPUR ROOM

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

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

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. All Directors were present.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING THE SPECIAL MEETING ITEM

President Wilson opened public comment.

1) Dale Wilkins stated that he is very interested in the vacancy.

3. BOARD VACANCY

President Wilson stated that the application period for filling of the Board vacancy closed on January 3, 2012, and that the Board will review application materials and determine which applicants will be invited to participate in a public interview at the January 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.

General Manager Tim Barry stated that the Board chose to fill the vacancy through appointment rather than via a special election. He said that the application deadline was noon on January 3, and that we have six candidates: Robert J. Coomber, Jr., Barbara K. Kraybill, Thomas McLaughlin, Robert E. Nuddleman, Jeff Passama and Dale R. Wilkins. Mr. Barry reported that, according to law, the Board must make an appointment by January 27. He said that the Board can interview candidates on January 11 or January 25 and make their decision.

President Wilson stated that, before reviewing and discussing the applications, she would like the Board to discuss the qualities for which the Directors are looking in Board members.

Director Goodman stated that the following qualities were important to him: being a good listener; being a team player/have the ability to work with others towards the common goal of doing the best

for the District; dedicated - be here on time and show up for meetings; do their homework; be respectful, even if disagreeing; be passionate.

Director Hutchinson stated that the following qualities were important to him: possessing a set of experiences in a specific arena that fills knowledge gaps on the Board; qualities or experiences that will expand the basic knowledge of the group.

Director Faltings stated that the following qualities were important to her: agrees with the qualities mentioned by Directors Goodman and Hutchinson; important that the person be available to be a Director and to attend meetings; making oneself available for the kind of training that will get him/her through the learning curve; be willing to learn how to function as a park district director; local government experience would be nice; would like to see someone hit the ground running, as there are three years left in this term.

President Wilson stated that the following qualities were important to her: background or experience in parks and recreation or in related fields such as finance; prior volunteer experience, whether in this or another community; have a passion for improving what LARPD has to offer; pragmatism; integrity is very important.

President Wilson said that the next step is to discuss how to carry out this process. She said that she had attended the last two City Council meetings, during which their appointment selection process to fill a vacancy on the City Council was carried out, and she felt that their process was fair. She said that she would like each Director to recommend a candidate whom they think should be interviewed; this recommendation would need a second from another Director.

The Directors discussed about how many people the Board would like to interview. All agreed that they would like to interview three candidates, though there was openness to interviewing more. The Board proceeded to follow the procedure recommended by President Wilson.

Director Faltings recommended that Barbara Kraybill be invited to interview. Recommendation seconded by Director Goodman.

Director Hutchinson recommended that Dale Wilkins be invited to interview. Recommendation seconded by President Wilson.

President Wilson recommended that Bob Coomber be invited to interview. Recommendation seconded by Director Goodman.

Director Faltings recommended that Jeff Passama be invited to interview. Motion died for lack of a second.

President Wilson asked if anyone had anybody else that they would like to recommend.

Director Hutchinson recommended that Robert Nuddleman be invited to interview. Recommendation seconded by Director Goodman.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Board wished to interview three or four candidates.

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by President Wilson, that the Board determine to interview three candidates: Kraybill, Coomber and Wilkins, on January 11 at the Regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

President Wilson stated that one of the three people will be out of town on January 11 and has requested that the interviews be held on January 25 instead of January 11. She said that her only concern is whether the other two candidates can attend on January 25. President Wilson said that staff had investigated the possibility of conducting the interview via Skype, and determined that it would be too risky from a technical standpoint.

Moved by Director Goodman, seconded by Director Faltings, to honor the request of this candidate to be interviewed on January 25; to ask the other two candidates to be available on that date and, if they are not available, to interview the two candidates next week and interview the other candidate at the next meeting, on January 25. The motion carried unanimously.

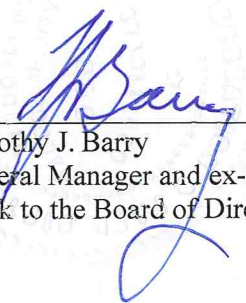
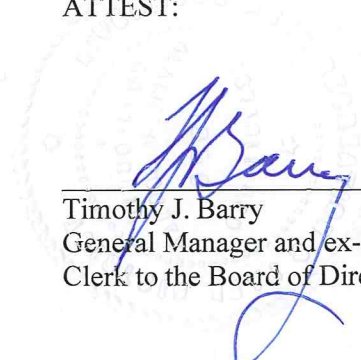
3. **ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVED,



Beth Wilson
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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