

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS VISION & GOALS WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
4444 EAST AVENUE, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA
6:00 P.M.
CRESTA BLANCA BALLROOM SOUTH

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

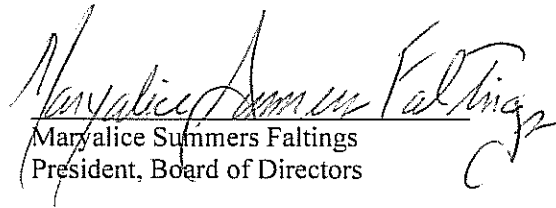
DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

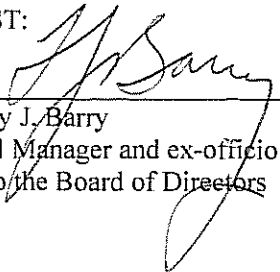
1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Meeting was called to order by President Faltings at 6:05 p.m. All Directors were present except Director Kamena.
2. **PUBLIC FORUM**
President Faltings opened public comment. No public comment received. President Faltings closed public comment.

Director Kamena arrived at 7:15 p.m.
3. **DEVELOPING GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
See attached summary.
4. **VISION AND VALUES**
See attached summary.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned at 9:07 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

LARPD Board Workshop

February 4, 2009

Livermore, CA

Session Summary

Action Items

- Need staff list of mandates *at the level that inform making choices in reductions or eliminations*. These could possibly be put in broad categories, e.g., staffing, parks, facilities.
- Look at cost for televised meetings. Consider putting this question on the website to gauge public's opinion.
- Once a quarter, "adjourn to the other room for a workshop" to provide an opportunity for more free-flowing discussion. This is still noticed as a public meeting and the public is still welcome.
- Agendize budget to allow more free-flowing discussion, e.g., notice it as "discussion of budget priorities."

Additional Items

- Consider meeting citizens in a park.
- It is possible to close or sell a park unless an easement prohibits it.

Guiding Principles for Budget Decisions

1. What is mandated?
2. Is service outside our **core services** as a park district? (See definition that follows.)
3. What are the cost of programs and levels of participation? (will know soon)
4. Is this basic maintenance (in priority sequence): buildings, staff, or grounds?
5. Are similar facilities/services available elsewhere? The intent is to avoid duplication, but each facility or service will still be evaluated according to additional criteria, e.g., distance, affordability.
6. Is this a long-term opportunity that may not become available again, e.g., open space land acquisition, easements?
7. Is this essential for maintaining a safe environment for the public and for employees?
8. What is the cost of re-establishing a facility?

Core Services

- Parks, buildings, facilities
- Opportunities for dependent populations:
 - Seniors
 - Children
 - Low socioeconomic
 - Disabled/special needs

Values

- **Environmental stewardship/being green** in our use of resources, energy, and materials. (Note: We value this, we want to do it as we can afford it and maintain awareness of opportunities).
- **Operational efficiency** in everything we do.
- **Outreach** to engage and educate the public.

Reserves

Reserves should be viewed as having two tiers:

- Some part as an emergency reserve – (we will never spend down all of our reserves)
- Another part as a cushion that may be utilized