

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 and Director Wilson and President Goodman

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

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

Meeting was called to order by President Goodman at 7:00 p.m. All Directors were present.

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 AQUATICS PROGRAM

President Goodman stated that the Board will receive a report and presentation on the LARPD Aquatics Program.

General Manager Barry introduced Sharon Grant, Aquatics Supervisor, noting that she is considered an expert in her subject in the state. Mr. Barry said that Ms. Grant has been with the District for many years and is very dedicated to LARPD. Ms. Grant gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2010 aquatics program, covering the following topics: 5th Annual Polar Bear Slide; winter water polo; summer programs; synchronized swimming; Electric Eels Swim Team; classes offered; recreational swim; RLCC pool rentals; RLCC and May Nissen pool visits; and Revenue Expense figures; Project 2010, which provided low-income families access to basic water safety information and American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons; and aquatic facility maintenance.

Directors commented and inquired about the following: Ms. Grant has done a great job; impressed with the financials and especially Project 2010; does the LARPD swim team have a parent club? (SG: water polo does, not swim team yet, hoping to remedy that); encouraged the families involved to set up a parent club, which is a big help to staff in making the team a success; thanks to Ms. Grant for an excellent and interesting report and presentation; thanks to Ms. Grant for mentioning the maintenance crew; can the Board help with Project 2010?; encouraged adults to buy swim passes and go swimming; explanation of the process of publicizing and encouraging participation; explanation of details of the cost and subsidies of the Project 2010 program; commended Ms. Grant for having developed the aquatics

programs, as well as for her input into the design of the RLCC pools and making the year-round operation of them successful; very glad we kept the May Nissen program; commendations to the Board, Ms. Grant and the maintenance staff; the sentiment that teaching children to swim is something park and recreation is supposed to do, even if we never made a dime on it--it is a legacy that the park and recreation field gives to the community.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

President Goodman opened public comment.

1) Bob Sanchez, representing the Valley Rock Gym volunteer committee, presented a summary of the 6-month financial report for the gym. He said that he was very happy with the positive results of their efforts. He announced that the committee is organizing a fundraising event for LARPD called, "LARPD Run for the Parks." The event will take place on April 17 in Sycamore Grove Park.

President Goodman commended the volunteer committee for having stepped up to the task, and for forming a great partnership with staff. He said that the Board appreciates their efforts and thanked Mr. Sanchez for reporting to them. He asked how the Board can help to promote this event. General Manager Barry thanked Mr. Sanchez and the other volunteers, noting that their extra marketing efforts are showing extra results.

President Goodman closed public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 BOARD MINUTES

4.1.1 Meeting of January 12, 2011.

4.2 COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution No. 2275, a resolution revising the 2010/2011 Salary Resolution to add the positions of full time Human Resources Manager and part time Professional Technical, and to change the title of full time Landscape Architect/Project Manager to Landscape Architect/CIP Manager.

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

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

6. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 PERSONNEL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

President Goodman stated that the Board will consider reappointing Margaret Carroll to the Personnel Commission.

General Manager Barry reported that incumbent Commissioner Margaret Carroll has indicated her interest in continuing to serve on the Personnel Commission. He said that, according to District practice, the Commission opening was advertised and the deadline extended. Mr. Barry said that Ms. Carroll was the only applicant, and that he recommends her reappointment for another four-year term.

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Turner, approved Resolution No. 2276, reappointing Margaret Carroll to the Personnel Commission, by the following roll call vote:

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

8.2 NATURE PROGRAM REVIEW

President Goodman stated that the Board will receive a report on the District's Nature Programs and how budgetary reductions this year have affected them.

Assistant General Manager John Lawrence stated that his report was prepared in response to a request by the Board for more information on the effects of budget cuts to LARPD outdoor education and recreation programs. Mr. Lawrence noted that several units were affected by budget cuts, but particularly the Open Space division, from which two full-time positions were cut. He noted that it is difficult to be definite with figures, since the budget cuts did not start in July 2010, the beginning of the fiscal year. Mr. Lawrence listed statistics regarding program reductions and maintenance reductions. He said that there has been an increase in administrative work. Mr. Lawrence said that staff is doing more with less, but they are very committed to the programs they operate, and are doing the best they can to keep things going.

Director Wilson thanked staff for the report, saying that it was exactly the type of information that she was seeking. She said that, when the District implements layoffs we need to keep tabs on what that means to the operations of the District. She said she knows how very hard the rangers work. She said that she would like another update in six months or so. Director Faltings asked for, and received, clarification on information in the report regarding the number of programs offered. President Goodman thanked staff for the report, noting that it contains the kind of information that we need to share with the public.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Goodman reported on this morning's Intergovernmental meeting. Topics included: update on the redevelopment issue and the Governor's proposed elimination of redevelopment agencies; Amgen 2011 tour of Livermore—Livermore will have a station this year, and the organization needs about 500 volunteers preceding and on race day; he provided the event e-mail address.

10. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

1) Director Wilson reported that, on January 24, she and Director Faltings attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast, hosted by the Tri-Valley YMCA, and that it was a very nice event, in honor of Dr. King.

2) President Goodman said that staff is working on arrangements to schedule some LARPD Board meetings in parks and out in the community, with the purpose of inviting people in the community to share their views with the Board. President Goodman said that the District may not have the funds to do all of the projects that the public would like, but that the Board wants to hear their ideas. He invited the public to let LARPD know if they want a meeting in their neighborhood.

11. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

1) In reference to the above-mentioned YMCA event, General Manager Barry stated that Assistant General Manager John Lawrence and Senior Recreation Supervisor Jill Kirk are two former YMCA professionals.

2) Mr. Barry invited the public to attend the February 10 Seniors Helping Seniors dinner dance. It is put on by the Livermore High School senior class for participants in LARPD Senior Center activities. The event starts at 5:00 PM and costs \$15.

12. ADJOURNMENT

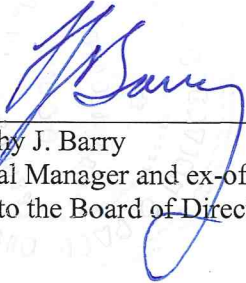
Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED,



Steve Goodman
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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