

**LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009**

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

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tim Barry, Jim Brandenburg, Michael Kyle, Gretchen Sommers, Vicki Wiedenfeld

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
President Faltings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Directors were present except Director Kamena.
2. **PUBLIC FORUM**  
President Faltings opened public comment. No public comment. President Faltings closed public comment.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - 3.1 **BOARD MINUTES**
    - 3.1.1 Meeting of October 14, 2009.
  - 3.2 **COMMUNICATIONS**
    - 3.2.1 Letters of commendation regarding a New England and Maritimes Tour offered by the Senior Services Center.

Moved by Vice President Furst, seconded by Director Wilson, approved the Consent Agenda, passing 4-0. Director Kamena was absent.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**  
None.
5. **BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
None.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**  
None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 LIVERMORE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE AGREEMENT TO PARTIALLY FUND SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELDS AT ROBERTSON PARK**

President Faltings stated that the Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Livermore Youth Soccer League (LYSL) to help fund a renovation project to convert the two lighted soccer fields at Robertson Park into synthetic turf fields.

General Manager Barry summarized the staff report, saying that this agreement was first reviewed by the Board at its August 12, 2009 meeting, at which time the Board requested that a more thorough agreement be developed. Mr. Barry said staff has worked with LYSL and District Legal Counsel to improve the document. Mr. Barry said that this turf conversion project is being undertaken in response to the growing need for sports field use, both by LYSL and other sports groups. He said that the agreement specifies the terms under which LYSL will pay \$600,000 toward the project in advance, in exchange for future use of the fields. Mr. Barry listed the different funding mechanisms for the project, as well as some of the benefits to the District, including reduced irrigation and labor costs and increased revenue resulting from the ability to rent the fields more throughout the year. He noted that the project will benefit both the District and the area's sports groups. Mr. Barry said that District Legal Counsel Michael Kyle, LARPD's field use coordinator Vicki Wiedenfeld, and LYSL representatives Dave Best and Brent Koch were in attendance to answer any questions Directors might have.

Directors asked about, and discussed the following: expressed pleasure that the agreement has come back to the Board; what the repercussions are if LYSL is unable to obtain a loan for the full amount to which it is committing; details of field closures in the event that this project is not undertaken and the Robertson Park fields undergo the usual renovation; duration of installation time for synthetic turf; accepted comments from Dave Best of LYSL, who said that last night the LYSL Board had voted unanimously to authorize LYSL President to execute the agreement, which he had; options for cooling the fields; the fact that there are different materials of which the turf can be composed, which can affect the temperature of the turf.

Moved by Director Goodman, seconded by President Faltings, to approve Resolution No. 2211, authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Livermore Youth Soccer League to help fund a renovation project to convert the two lighted soccer fields at Robertson Park into synthetic turf fields.

Directors expressed support of the project, saying it seems to be a win-win partnership, saving water and staff time and benefitting all field users.

Resolution No. 2211, authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Livermore Youth Soccer League to help fund a renovation project to convert the two lighted soccer fields at Robertson Park into synthetic turf fields, was approved by the following roll call vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<i>Goodman, Furst, Wilson and Faltings</i>
<b>NOES:</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<i>None</i>

**ABSENT:** *Kamena*

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS**

1) Director Goodman invited the public to attend the LARPD Haunted Barn. He said he took a tour of the facility and the staff had done a very good job creating it.

2) Vice President Furst said that today he had attended a dedication ceremony for the Medeiros Parkway Trail Segment, named for Manuel Medeiros, former Livermore Mayor and open space advocate. He said the City and LARPD have worked together to have signs made for different dedications that will be taking place, including one for the upcoming Weinberger Trail Segment, named for Mark Weinberger, who helped develop the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan.

Director Kamena arrived at 7:20 p.m.

3) President Faltings stated that the District had received letters from participants in the Senior Services trip program, praising LARPD tour organizer and leader Paula Woerner. President Faltings said she is very glad to have Ms. Woerner on staff, and that she is very highly regarded.

4) Director Kamena said he had just attended the Livermore Downtown Trick or Treat event, and talked a bit about that activity.

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

1) General Manager Barry said that the Board had asked staff to obtain information on LARPD's property tax formula. He reported that he had met with representatives of LAFCo, and had spoken with the Alameda County Tax Analyst. Mr. Barry said that the research is still in progress and he will report to the Board committees when he has more complete information.

**11. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Meeting convened to Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

**12.1 REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS**

Pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code  
Property: 13.5 acres of land, Robertson Park Rd., Livermore, CA  
Agency Negotiator: District Staff and/or Legal Counsel  
Negotiating Parties: Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District  
Under Negotiation: Terms of Purchase

**12.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code.  
Title: General Manager

**13. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 8:28 p.m.

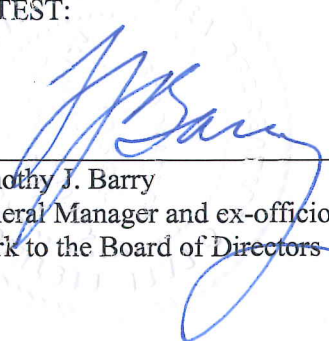
- 14. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
No action to report.
  
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED,



Maryalice Summers Faltings  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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