

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 Vice President Wilson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: President Goodman

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

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

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Vice President Wilson opened public comment. No public comment.

- 1) Don Meeker of Livermore, who is a volunteer doing a news article indexing project for the District, read a newspaper article from the 1950's about the inception of LARPD, which included a discussion regarding the functions of the City Council, School District and Park District.

Vice President Wilson closed public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 BOARD MINUTES

3.1.1 Meeting of October 26, 2011.

3.2 COMMUNICATIONS

3.2.1 General Manager's Monthly Report (65/4).

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Turner, approved the Consent Agenda, passing 4-0. President Goodman was absent.

4. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

None.

5. BIDS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT AND EXTENSION OF RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH THE TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Vice President Wilson stated that the Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into two agreements with the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

Assistant General Manager John Lawrence reviewed the different elements of a Cooperative Funding Agreement and a Right of Entry Agreement on which LARPD and the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) have worked, in relation to the Bobba property adjacent to Sycamore Grove Park. He said that we now also have the final wording of an easement agreement from the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) for a portion of the property. Mr. Lawrence stated that the process has been moving steadily along, and this is another step.

Director Faltings inquired if District Legal Counsel has reviewed these documents and approved them. Legal Counsel Michael Kyle reviewed and approved the documents. Vice President Wilson asked if the District has the funds in our current budget to make the payment. The District does have the funds.

Vice President Wilson opened public comment. No public comment. Vice President Wilson closed public comment.

Moved by Director Hutchinson, seconded by Director Faltings, adopted Resolution No. 2314, authorizing the General Manager to enter into two agreements with the Tri-Valley Conservancy: a Cooperative Funding Agreement to transfer title of a property to LARPD and an extension to a Right of Entry agreement for the same property, by the following roll call vote:

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

7.2 CAMP SHELLY STATUS REPORT

Vice President Wilson stated that the Board will receive a report on the 2011 Camp Shelly camping season.

General Manager Tim Barry reported that Camp Shelly had been heavily subsidized by the District until recently. He reported that a volunteer marketing committee stepped up to help market the camp, and the group did a variety of things to increase awareness of Camp Shelly. All of these efforts have really improved attendance, he said; there was a 23.4% increase over last season in camping. Mr. Barry said that the Camp Shelly program is in the black this year, and that he is very pleased with these results.

Director Hutchinson said that it is an awesome job to have turned the camp around, pointing out that the camp was almost 100% filled at most times. He said that he hopes we will be able to improve the property. Director Turner lauded the Camp Shelly volunteer group, noting that the camp was so booked that she could not go on the weekends she wanted to go. She pointed out that people wanting to camp need to register early. Vice President Wilson commended and thanked the LARPD volunteers and staff, noting that many people helped.

7.3 TEMPORARY ADVANCEMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Vice President Wilson stated that the Board will consider approving a request to the County of Alameda for the temporary advancement of funds.

General Manager Barry said that this is a familiar process which the District has undergone. He said that this is the period of the year when the District needs a boost in funds to tide us over until we receive our property tax revenue. Mr. Barry said that the District will request from the county an advance of \$1.5 million. He reported that the District is charged the same interest by the county that the county earns on the money. He asked for the Board's approval of this request.

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Hutchinson, adopted Resolution No. 2315, approving a request to the County of Alameda for the temporary advancement of funds, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Turner, Faltings, Hutchinson and Vice President Wilson*
NOES: *None*
ABSTENTIONS: *None*
ABSENT: *Goodman*

Director Faltings reiterated the General Manager's statement that this is standard practice and that other agencies do it. She said that this need is caused by the timing of the District's receipt of property taxes and when we need the money, and that it is nothing to be concerned about.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Wilson reported on her attendance at the Livermore Cultural Arts Council meeting. Topics included: fundraisers to generate scholarship money and the appropriate use of the larger pot of money that the group has.

Director Faltings reported that the ESS Parent Advisory Committee meeting that was scheduled for last night has been postponed until the end of the month.

9. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS

1) Director Turner asked for an update on the Sycamore Grove pond restoration project. General Manager Barry said that the project is on schedule and that we were able to do the construction during the window of time given by the Department of Fish and Game. We are refilling the pond now.

2) Director Turner said that she wished to highlight a portion of the General Manager's monthly report: the rock gym folks are working hard to make it succeed; they are working with boy scouts and with REI to increase business. She commended the people working hard to make the rock gym a success.

3) Director Turner announced that this will be her last meeting and said that she wanted to thank everyone for the lovely year. She said that this Board has been fantastic to work with. Director Faltings clarified that Director Turner will be leaving because she was elected to the Livermore City Council

4) Director Faltings talked about the LARPD Foundation donation catalog, which identifies items that are needed by the District, and towards which people can donate.

5) Director Turner stated that candidates with leftover funds from the recent election can donate the funds to LARPD.

6) Vice President Wilson said that she was invited recently to a dedication of a park bench in Maitland Henry Park. She said that there was a ceremony in memory of two Livermore servicemen who lost their lives in Afghanistan.

7) Vice President Wilson said that she attended a prescribed burn in Sycamore Grove Park last week, and it was fascinating. She talked about the benefits of the prescribed burn, noting that several agencies were involved and worked as a team.

10. MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

1) General Manager Barry congratulated Director Turner on her election to the Livermore City Council. He said that it has been great to have her on the LARPD Board.

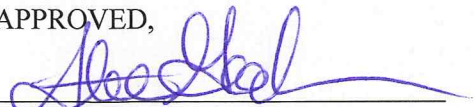
2) Mr. Barry talked about the new 2012 Sycamore Grove Park calendar, which features photography by LARPD Rangers. The public can purchase calendars for \$10 the Community Center.

3) Mr. Barry said that Alameda County is drafting its bicycle and pedestrian plan for the area. He said that a couple of meetings are being held, to which the public is invited. The County is seeking public input on its draft, and LARPD encourages people to provide feedback. The dates and times of these meetings are on the Alameda County Public Works Agency website.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED,



Steve Goodman
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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