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Board pleased by positive summer registration results

LIVERMORE — At its meeting Wednesday night, the Board of Directors for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District reviewed a report on summer 2011 registration results, which were encouraging.

The District's summer camps were a success this year, with a wide variety of themes to choose from. Notably, Valley Rock Gym's participation and revenue went up by 21 percent, in part due to the volunteer and staff efforts supporting this program.

Enrollment in the Fun in the Sun and Junior Adventure camps, spanning from kindergarten to eighth grade, increased by 42 percent from summer 2010. Enrollment in PAL programs for middle school students went up by 25 percent. Gym sports increased by 10 percent in enrollment and revenue. Swimming pool use went up by 28 percent. Revenue from summer 2011 increased by \$39,000 from last year, reducing the District's subsidy by \$11,000. The Board congratulated staff on offering enticing programs and marketing them effectively, and thanked the public for supporting LARPD programs.

The Board approved a job description for the new position of Marketing and Operations Supervisor, which was created to fill a spot vacated by a retirement. The position will be at a lower pay level and will be incorporated into a reorganized department structure for the District.

Also approved Wednesday night as part of a department reorganization were job description revisions in the Parks Division for Park Maintenance I and II, Park Specialists, Mechanic and Park Foreman. Changes included driver's license requirements as well as certification requirements for pesticide applicator's license, certified arborist and certified irrigation auditor.

The Board passed recommended revisions to the District's Injury and Illness Prevention Program, which demonstrates LARPD's goal of making safety a priority. The program provides an outline for staff to follow for preventing injury and illness to the public and in the workplace.

Staff gave an informational report to the Board on the S.H.A.R.E.S. cards program, which helps support low-income individuals' use of LARPD classes and activities. The

program is an easy way for people to support these programs without registering for anything or providing personal information. S.H.A.R.E.S. cards are accepted at Lucky and FoodMaxx stores, which donate 3 percent of sales revenue from purchases to the LARPD Foundation. Since enrolling in the program in 2010, the Foundation has received \$1,247 in support. Cards are available at the Robert Livermore Community Center, at the LARPD booth at Farmers' Market and at the upcoming Children's Fair on Sept. 17 and 18.

Also during the meeting, the Board approved a contract amendment with the General Manager. The contract began with the hiring of the General Manager in June 2003, and the newly approved amendment extends the term of the agreement through June 17, 2014, with no changes in salary or benefits.

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