



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHICO AREA
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2565 California Park Drive, Chico, CA 95928**

**MINUTES
February 18, 2016**

Board Members Present: Bob Malowney, Chair
Herman Ellis, Vice Chair
Jan Sneed, Board Member
Michael Worley, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Tom Lando, Board Member

Staff Members Present: Ann Willmann, General Manager
Olivia Wilson, Business Manager
Jennifer Marciales, Executive Assistant

Legal Counsel Present: Jeff Carter, Carter Law Office

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and roll call was taken as noted above.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of January 21, 2016

M/S/C/ (Directors Ellis/Worley) that the Board of Directors approves the minutes as presented.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Sneed, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lando

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Kelley addressed the Board and stated that on January 2, he went to 50 houses in his neighborhood and provided information about the possibility of installing lights at the basketball courts at Oak Way Park. He stated that he received some email responses; some in favor and some not. He provided a copy of the email responses to the Board. Mr. Kelley further stated that he contacted law enforcement, and they said that they did not feel the lights would attract any more problems than there is currently.

Scott Bailey addressed the Board and thanked them for approving the funds for the skate park design concepts. Mr. Bailey stated that they have received a lot of publicity lately. He stated that on February 6, they had the skate event at the Humboldt Skate Park, and over 200 people attended. He also stated that they are having another fundraiser at Sierra Nevada, and they have sold over 300 tickets. Mr. Bailey stated that there are items on the Board Agenda that are being discussed tonight with high costs. He stated that the Chico Skate Park Solutions Group have been asking for a renovation of the Humboldt Skate Park, not a new skate park. He noted that the group has been diligently raising money to help with the project, rather than asking CARD to fund the entire project. Mr. Bailey stated that the amount of money being discussed tonight is gigantic compared to the funds needed for the skate park renovation. Mr. Bailey requested that the Board consider including the skate park renovation costs in the District's 2016/2017 budget.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Dennis Berkshire from Aquatic Design Group and Lauren Livingston from The Sports Management Group presented the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study to the Board.

Director Sneed stated that based upon the information provided, it appears that the best case scenario would be that the District would have to subsidize the aquatic center by at least \$85,000 per year, and Ms. Livingston stated that was correct. Mr. Berkshire stated that this does not include any potential partnerships, which at this time is still unknown.

Chair Malowney stated that it appears that DeGarmo would be a better location because of the other recreation facilities nearby. Lauren Livingston stated that it is very beneficial to have other recreation revenue sources nearby when trying to subsidize the cost of an aquatic center.

Director Worley asked the consultants how they came up with the number of parking spaces needed at each site. Mr. Berkshire stated that a ratio is used based upon the square footage of the water. He noted that if there are swim meets, there could be 1,000 to 2,000 people for a meet. He further noted that they also took into consideration people traveling 30 minutes from Chico.

Director Sneed stated that there are a lot of items that need to be discussed first, including program fees, the Master Plan, etc. Ms. Livingston stated that in the study, they did recognize reduced fees, as well as scholarships for some participants.

Ed Seagle addressed the Board and stated that he has been in recreation for 50 years, on the CARD Board for 18 years, and a member of the Aquatic Facility Advisory Committee. Mr. Seagle stated that he is concerned that if the Board chooses to go out to the voters with just one item, an aquatic center, it could fail. He stated that CARD has one opportunity, and an off year election would give more time and could bring more voters that would be in support of it. Mr. Seagle suggested that the Board consider adding more needed facilities, not just an aquatic center. He provided a document with

a list of additional facilities that he feels the Community would support. He also stated that it is important to show the community what is being considered and how it will benefit the community.

Robin Trenda addressed the Board and stated that he is a member of the Aquatic Facility Advisory Committee, but he is speaking on his own behalf. He provided a handout supporting the rationale for the aquatic center being at the Marsh site. He stated that the Marsh site is in closer proximity to the schools and retail businesses, which is good for swim meets. He further noted that it is closer to bike paths, and the ambiance is considerably better at Marsh rather than the noisy highway and wind at DeGarmo.

Jerry Hughes addressed the Board and stated that if the aquatic center was at the Marsh site, it would be a good partnership with the school district. Mr. Hughes stated that DeGarmo has a lot of space, but due to the current activities at the park, the parking lot is already full, and more parking would be needed at DeGarmo. He further mentioned that the Marsh site is owned by the City of Chico and has been held for a number of years for an aquatic center.

Kathy Carpenter addressed the Board and stated that she is also a member of the Aquatic Facility Advisory Committee. She stated that the opinions expressed by Robin Trenda and Jerry Hughes are not opinions of the full Aquatic Facility Advisory Committee. She stated that she wanted the Board to know that the Aquatic Facility Advisory Committee supports the feasibility study provided by the Aquatic Design Group.

Kevin Ahlswede addressed the Board and stated that he is the President of the Swim Association, and on behalf of the swim association, he wanted the Board to know that they support and appreciate all of the work that has been done with the feasibility study.

The consensus of the Board was to accept the draft Aquatic Center Feasibility Study.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C/ (Directors Ellis/Sneed) that the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda as presented.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Sneed, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lando

7.0 REGULAR AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Funding for Future Facilities

Mary Shilts and Melanie Lee from SCI Consulting Group reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Board and discussed local funding measures and the differences between a special tax and a benefit assessment. They reviewed the steps and timeline for a successful revenue measure and expressed the importance of conducting a survey prior to proceeding. They noted that SCI has a 95% success rate when completing a survey prior to going out to vote.

Chair Malowney asked if a benefit assessment can be mailed any time, and Ms. Lee stated that it is not tied to an election, so it can be mailed at any time.

General Manager Willmann asked what a typical timeline is versus a fast track, and Ms. Lee stated that a typical timeline is 12 to 18 months.

Chair Malowney stated that building consensus with the community is extremely important.

Director Worley stated that he feels November 2016 is too soon to go out for a vote.

Director Ellis stated that there is a growing demand for additional recreational facilities in this community. He stated that he feels the District needs to look at all recreational needs if the District is going to ask the citizens to foot the bill.

M/S/C/ (Directors Ellis/Sneed) that the Board of Directors directs staff to work with SCI Consulting Group to develop a comprehensive plan for fiscal funding of current and future deferred maintenance costs, as well as the cost for future facilities including an aquatic center, multi-purpose gym facility, community center, soccer fields, softball fields, skate park, and a dog park. The Board requested that staff provide a preliminary report and recommendation to the Board in April 2016.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Sneed, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lando

10.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

10.1 Intergovernmental Committee

Nothing to report.

10.2 Butte County Special Districts Association/LAFCO

Nothing to report.

10.3 Other Reports

Nothing to report.

10.4 Finance Committee
Nothing to report.

11.0 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

11.1 Monthly Bills and Refund Register

M/S/C/ (Directors Sneed/Ellis) that the Board of Directors authorizes payment of the monthly bills and approves the refund register.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Sneed, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lando

11.2 Monthly Financial Report

M/S/C/ (Directors Sneed/Ellis) that the Board of Directors approves the Monthly Financial Reports.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Sneed, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lando

12.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

13.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Willmann informed the Board that all of the roses for Phase I of the rose garden have been sold out, and that a grand opening will be scheduled for May 2016.

14.0 STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on March 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Willmann, General Manager
Secretary to the Board