



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHICO AREA  
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico, CA 95926**

**MINUTES  
November 2, 2017**

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

**Staff Members Present:** Ann Willmann, General Manager  
Terry Zeller, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Heather Childs, Finance Manager  
Jennifer Marciales, Executive Assistant

**1.0 Call to Order**

1.1 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and roll call was taken as noted above.

**2.0 Public Comments**

There were no comments.

**3.0 Everybody, Healthy Body**

General Manager Willmann stated that the nonprofit organization, Everybody, Healthy Body (EBHB), will be presenting information to the Board regarding their vision, process, and funding for future recreation opportunities on 200+ acres in south Chico.

Jovanni Tricerri with EBHB addressed the Board and stated that this nonprofit organization is a grass roots movement of families, professionals, and everyone interested in athletics. He stated that EBHB's vision is led by volunteers dedicating time and resources for this public-purpose project. He noted that their vision is a regional sports and active lifestyle complex anchored by an adaptive sports campus; planned in collaboration with education, health, recreation, sports, tourism, and local communities. Mr. Tricerri stated that the goal is to have people from other cities travel to Chico and spend resources in our town, and reduce travel time for local parents.

Chuck Nadeau with EBHB and Ability First addressed the Board and reviewed some of the programming provided by Ability First. He stated that there is a lack of facilities for the disabled in this community. He noted that they currently have to travel to other communities such as Reno, Sacramento, and San Diego for their programs.

Jennifer McCarthy with Butte County Office of Education, and Butte County Tourism Business Improvement District/Explore Butte County, addressed the Board and stated that they are exploring ways to encourage people to come to Chico. She noted that the Butte County Tourism Business Improvement District gave \$25,000 to EBHB to help fund their feasibility study. Ms. McCarthy discussed the student engagement that is undergoing for this project, as well as the education forums they are hosting for people to gather information about EBHB.

Bill Brouhard with EBHB addressed the Board and discussed the 264 acre property in south Chico that is being considered for this project and how the location was determined. He discussed the importance of the synergy of facilities being located close to each other to allow families to be on one site with multiple recreation opportunities.

Director Lando asked about the condition of the property, and Mr. Brouhard stated that a study was conducted, and they did not find any meadowfoam on the property, but they will continue to monitor it each year. Mr. Brouhard said that they believe the site is developable, but they would still need to go through all required Federal, State, and County analyses.

Mr. Tricerri stated that this is a community vision, not a project yet. He said that they need a lot more community engagement prior to it becoming a project.

Director Sneed stated that aquatic centers and gymnasiums do not typically fully support themselves financially, and asked if housing developments were planned to ensure that there is adequate funding to cover maintenance and operation costs. Mr. Brouhard stated there are no plans for any housing subdivision developments, however, they are planning to include dorms for overnight or week-long camps, which would bring in additional revenue.

Jim Stevens with Northstar Engineering addressed the Board and stated that he has reviewed the property with regard to infrastructure, and based on their preliminary review, they believe the infrastructure could be developed at this location. He noted that there are likely well sites, nearby power lines, and access to Highway 99. He stated that the disbursement of wastewater would most likely need a large scale treatment center, which could also be used to water fields.

Mr. Brouhard stated that since this property is in an unincorporated area, they are looking at donating a portion of the land for police and fire.

Mr. Tricerri stated that they are hoping the first portion of their feasibility study will be ready in the next couple of weeks, and reviewed the vision phases and timelines.

Kathy Carpenter with EBHB addressed the Board and discussed their funding strategy, and stated that they will be considering multiple options including shared use agreements, grants, endowments, rentals, property leases, etc.

General Manager Willmann reviewed a side-by-side comparison between CARD and EBHB and noted the differences and similarities of both organizations.

Director Lando stated that he supports the project, but feels we need facilities in the next five years, rather than 20 years.

John Mers addressed the Board and stated that he would like to hear information on how EBHB plans to make this a reality, and how other nonprofit organizations have done this successfully.

Eric with Ability First addressed the Board and stated that Ability First is 100% committed to this project and collaborating with EBHB and CARD. He stated that their programs are growing, and in five to ten years, they are hoping to build a Paralympic facility. He noted that they will be receiving national funding, and they will be able to generate a source of income for this facility.

Bob Mulholland addressed the Board and stated that EBHB is led by volunteers and they don't have a bank to support them. He stated that they should get a bank to support them, not taxpayers.

Will Clark with Down Range Indoor Training Center addressed the Board and stated that they are interested in being a part of the project with Ability First to provide archery programs.

Jackie with Butte County Special Olympics addressed the Board and stated that the Special Olympics holds a qualifier in Chico with 700 participants, and they have to use multiple facilities to accommodate the program. She stated that they support the project being proposed by EBHB.

Jacob Gale addressed the Board and stated that he is an intern for EBHB. He stated that he loves the sense of active community in Chico, and he feels that this facility would benefit the community; the opportunities seem endless.

Doug Guillon addressed the Board and stated that he is involved with youth athletics, and he spends a lot of time trying to find facilities for kids to play sports.

Beau McSwain with the Chico Rugby group addressed the Board and stated that they have 300 kids in their program and noted that more fields are needed in our community.

Luis Moreno with Alliance for Workforce Development and the president of Butte United Soccer Club addressed the Board and stated that he fully supports EBHB's vision.

Tami, a Chico citizen, addressed the Board and stated that she applauds EBHB for what they are doing. She stated that she does not feel that CARD and EBHB will be competing against one another; they will be offering separate yet combined offerings.

Judy, a Chico citizen, addressed the Board and stated that as a parent, she has been involved in lacrosse and aqua jets. She stated that there are so many facets to recreation that should be available. She stated that she would like to see a facility that would accommodate more individuals with disabilities, and she feels CARD and EBHB should work together.

Director Sneed stated that CARD is aware of the current facility deficit, and the Board and staff have been working diligently to develop a plan to fund and build new facilities to address the community's needs.

Director Lando requested that at a future meeting, the Board further discuss funding for a feasibility study and identify how a public/private partnership could be formed if CARD were interested in being a future facility partner with EBHB.

#### **4.0 Adjournment**

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on November 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Willmann, General Manager  
Secretary to the Board