



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHICO AREA
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
545 VALLOMBROSA AVENUE, CHICO, CA 95926**

**MINUTES
October 19, 2017**

Board Members Present: Bob Malowney, Chair
Herman Ellis, Board Member
Tom Lando, Board Member
Michael Worley, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Jan Sneed, Vice Chair

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 7:00 p.m., and roll call was taken as noted above.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District
Recognizing and Honoring Lulus

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis) that the Board of Directors adopts Resolution 17-11 recognizing and honoring Lulus for their generous donation towards the improvements at the Humboldt Avenue Skatepark.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sneed

4.2 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District Recognizing and Honoring Scott Bailey and Chico Skatepark Solutions

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis) that the Board of Directors adopts Resolution 17-12 recognizing and honoring Scott Bailey and Chico Skatepark Solutions for their valuable services in participating in the funding and design improvements for the Humboldt Avenue Skatepark.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sneed

- 4.3 Scott Bailey addressed the Board and stated that this is a really exciting night for Chico Skatepark Solutions. He stated that a little over two years ago, they started their fundraising efforts, and they were very excited when they raised \$1,000; now they have raised \$113,000. Mr. Bailey stated that the community has shown massive support. He noted that Access Lending, Sierra Nevada, Lulus, and countless other businesses have helped them tremendously. He further stated that CARD has been extremely supportive, and has put them in a win/win relationship from the beginning to make this happen. Mr. Bailey stated that the Chico Skatepark Solutions is thrilled to be contributing \$80,000 toward the improvements at the Humboldt Avenue Skatepark.

The CARD Board of Directors graciously accepted the \$80,000 donation from the Chico Skatepark Solutions. Chair Malowney stated that Scott Bailey and Chico Skatepark Solutions are truly an inspiration, and the CARD Board and staff greatly appreciate all of their hard work and dedication.

8.3 Project Bid for the Renovations of the Humboldt Avenue Skatepark

Chair Malowney requested that this Agenda Item be moved up.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Worley) that the Board of Directors allocates \$25,000 from the contingency fund, accepts the bid from Grindline Skateparks, and authorizes the General Manager to approve payment requests not to exceed \$450,000 for the renovations of the Humboldt Avenue Skatepark.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sneed

8.2 Public Use of Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Community Park

Chair Malowney requested that this Agenda Item be moved up.

Park and Recreation Director Zeller reviewed his staff report with the Board and the use survey that was conducted at the tennis and pickleball courts at Community Park. Thereafter, Chair Malowney opened the discussion for public comment.

Rich Gitelson addressed the Board and stated that Jerry Brayton, CARD's tennis instructor, noted 125 observations at the courts at Community Park. He stated that during his observations, there was only one time when two people were waiting for a tennis court, and they only had to wait 5 minutes. Mr. Gitelson referred to another study that started on October 6, and there were 13 observations, and on 10 occasions, there were 2-18 people waiting for a pickleball court. Mr. Gitelson stated that the demand for pickleball has increased dramatically over the last 20 years. He stated that he believes in healthy aging and providing an extra court will allow more people to play. He said that pickleball is a fun easy sport, and it keeps people active and social. He further noted that in order to allow for more growth in pickleball, more courts are needed.

Director Lando asked Mr. Gitelson how many pickleball courts would be needed if a new facility were built, and Mr. Gitelson stated that it would be great to have a pickleball complex, but for now, four additional courts would allow the sport to grow.

Jake Jacobson addressed the Board and stated that he plays tennis and pickleball. He noted that he does not want this to be tennis vs pickleball; they should coexist. He noted that at this point, there does not seem to be much demand for the existing tennis courts, but pickleball is continuing to grow. He stated that there is not a consistent issue with tennis players trying to get on a court, but there is with pickleball. He noted that adding another court would alleviate the pressure for at least a few years.

Ted Byrson addressed the Board and stated that CARD should consider lining 3 pickleball courts at the Field House at Community Park. General Manager Willmann stated that unfortunately the Field House is severely impacted and there is no available time.

Chair Malowney asked if the pickleball players would be willing to help fundraise for a future pickleball complex, and several individuals in the audience said they would.

Jerry Gooch addressed the Board and stated that he is a former tennis player and thanked CARD for the existing courts at Community Park. He stated that pickleball is the fastest growing sport, while tennis is declining. He read an article discussing the decline of tennis, and noted that the interest of the community is requesting another pickleball court.

Troy Steffy addressed the Board and stated that she has played tennis over the years, and now she also plays pickleball with her father who is 87 years old. She stated that she has never had to wait for a tennis court, but she often has to wait for pickleball court. She noted that families and college students are also at the pickleball courts.

Kay Simenc addressed the Board and stated that when Community Park was built, the tennis players were not asked to pay for the tennis courts, therefore the pickleball players should not be asked to help fund new pickleball courts. Director Lando stated that when Community Park was built, a majority of the park was built by volunteers.

Bob Martin addressed the Board and stated that the reason people are asking for more pickleball courts is to keep social groups together and be active. He noted that more courts are especially needed in order to attract more people for tournaments.

Michael Abruzzo addressed the Board and stated that Bob Martin started pickleball in Durham. He said that they have been the ambassadors for pickleball and now the numbers have grown substantially. He stated that it is not taking a tennis court away, it's meeting the needs of the community and efficiently utilizing the courts.

Director Lando stated that he believes that the quality of life is whatever you think it is, and he supports converting another court. He noted that he would also like to develop a long range plan to build a pickleball complex that meets the needs of the community.

M/S/C/ (Directors Ellis/Worley) that the Board of Directors approves the conversion of one tennis court at Community Park into four pickleball courts, and requests that additional pickleball courts be included in the District's Master Plan Update for future considerations.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sneed

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sneed

6.0 REGULAR AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 District Update

General Manager Willmann and Park and Recreation Director Zeller reviewed their staff report with the Board and provided an update on the California Special Districts Association Conference, Facility Visits, and preparations for CARD's 70th anniversary.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2016/2017

Kyle Rusten of K·Coe Isom reviewed the audit report and informed the Board that it was a clean audit and there were no findings.

He further informed the Board that once the report from the State Controller's office is released, they will provide the final audit report to CARD.

M/S/C/ (Directors Ellis/Worley) that the Board of Directors accepts the audit report for fiscal year 2016-2017 as prepared by K·Coe Isom.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sneed

9.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

9.1 Butte County Special Districts Association/LAFCO

Director Lando stated that Courtesy Motors' new location has been annexed into the City of Chico. He further stated that the Grand Jury report stated that the Oroville Mosquito Abatement District may be disbanded and consolidated with the Butte County Mosquito Abatement District.

9.2 Finance Committee

There were no comments.

9.3 Other Reports

Director Lando stated that he and Director Sneed met with the City to discuss transferring park impact fees directly to CARD, as well as the possibilities of CARD maintaining all of the neighborhood parks, and possibly Bidwell Park. Director Ellis asked what advantages there would be for CARD to maintain Bidwell Park, and Director Lando stated that it would be more efficient government.

10.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

11.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Willmann stated that the draft Master Plan Update should be ready for review by the Ad Hoc Committee in the near future.

General Manager Willmann also informed the Board that she plans to continue to attend the PERS Board Meetings. She noted that she wants to ensure that there is a voice for Special Districts.

12.0 STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. to the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on November 2, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Willmann, General Manager
Secretary to the Board