



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

**MINUTES  
March 16, 2017**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Herman Ellis, 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 7:00 p.m., and roll call was taken as noted above. Director Worley arrived at 7:02 p.m.

**2.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott Bailey, with the Chico Skate Park Solutions Group, addressed the Board and stated that they are now a 501c3 at the Federal Level, and they are currently applying at the State level. He further stated that LuLu's donated a large amount of surplus inventory to be sold at a fundraising event for the Skatepark. Mr. Bailey stated that it will be held at the CARD Center on April 9, 2017.

**4.0 PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 General Manager Willmann introduced Finance Manager Heather Childs.

4.2 Jessica Polsky with EMC Research addressed the Board and presented the results of the Community Engagement Survey. She stated that overall, the ratings for CARD and parks throughout Chico are very positive.

John Merz addressed the Board and asked how the annual parcel tax of \$71 was developed. Director Lando stated that it was a general amount that was included in the survey. General Manager Willmann stated that if the District were to proceed with a funding measure, CARD would conduct another survey asking how much the community would support.

Margaret Bomberg with the League of Women Voters addressed the Board and asked how many people were surveyed. Ms. Polsky with EMC Research stated that 400 individuals took the full survey. Ms. Bomberg asked if people were specific when expressing their safety concerns, and Ms. Polsky stated that they were asked to respond to the scripted questions.

General Manager Willmann stated that she would like to present information with reference to a public relations/communications campaign to the Board at the Regular Board Meeting in April for review and approval.

## **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**The vote was as follows: Ayes** carried

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ellis

## **6.0 REGULAR AGENDA**

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

## **7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Park Impact Fees**

Blair Aas with SCI Consulting Group addressed the Board and stated that he has talked with both CARD and City of Chico staff with regard to the proposed changes to the impact fees in the City of Chico's updated Nexus Study.

Mr. Aas suggested that based on the MOU between the City of Chico and CARD, he feels that the services being provided by both agencies needs to be clearly defined.

Mr. Aas reviewed the differences between the Quimby program, Park Impact Fees, Community Facility Districts, and Landscape and Lighting Districts.

Mr. Aas reviewed the current park impact fees, and suggested that the fees be increased. He further noted that in order to collect the proper amount of fees, current and future development costs need to be accurate.

Mr. Aas stated that in reviewing the community park inventory, there are sections of Bidwell Park that may be considered community parks, such as the Hooker Oak Recreation Area and Sycamore Field.

Mr. Aas suggested that the language in the City of Chico's updated Nexus Study also include funding for recreation facilities, not just land acquisition. He further suggested that the County's impact fees be updated once the City of Chico finalizes its updated Nexus Study.

Brendon Ottoboni with the City of Chico addressed the Board and stated that CARD and the City of Chico should review and update the current MOU.

John Merz addressed the Board and stated that he is a member of Friends of Bidwell Park. He stated that it is important to keep in mind the reason why there are community and neighborhood parks, and that is to alleviate the pressure on Bidwell Park. He noted that CARD has parks that are not developed such as Ceres and Henshaw because there are not enough funds to develop them. He stated that CARD needs to represent the need for impact fees in our community.

The consensus of the Board was to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review CARD's existing Memorandum of Understandings with the City of Chico and the Chico Unified School District and discuss current and future partnership opportunities related to park and facility improvements and maintenance. Chair Malowney appointed Directors Lando and Sneed to be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

## 7.2 District Update

General Manager Willmann and Park and Recreation Director Zeller reviewed their staff report with the Board and provided an update on the Humboldt Avenue Skate Park, the work that has been done at Sycamore Field, and the upcoming Budget Workshop/Facility Tour.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Worley)** that the Board of Directors directs staff to request appropriate funding from the City of Chico for the renovation of the Humboldt Avenue Skatepark.

**The vote was as follows: Ayes** carried

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ellis

## 8.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

### 8.1 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District authorizing the General Manager to renew a revolving line of credit

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Sneed)** that the Board of Directors adopts Resolution 17-2 authorizing the renewal of the revolving line of credit with Golden Valley Bank.

**The vote was as follows: Ayes** carried

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ellis

## **9.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

### 9.1 Butte County Special Districts Association/LAFCO

Director Lando stated that LAFCO held two meetings. He noted that there is a group of citizens in Oroville who believe the water rates in Oroville are too high. LAFCO agreed to conduct a Regional Water Service Review.

### 9.2 Finance Committee

There were no comments.

### 9.3 Other Reports

There were no other reports.

## **10.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

The Board of Directors commended staff for the awards presented by CPRS.

## **11.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

General Manager Willmann informed the Board that Labor IV, Bill Bachelor will be retiring from CARD on March 24, 2017.

## **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 8:53 p.m. to the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on April 6, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Willmann, General Manager  
Secretary to the Board