



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

**MINUTES  
March 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  
Jennifer Marciales, Executive Assistant

**1.0 Call to Order**

**1.1 Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., and roll call was taken as noted above.

**2.0 Public Comments**

There were no comments.

**3.0 Development and Maintenance of Park and Recreation Facilities**

General Manager Willmann stated that at the next Regular Board Meeting, Blair Aas with SCI Consulting will be presenting park impact fee information to the Board.

General Manager Willmann stated that in order for the City of Chico to continue to collect impact fees for neighborhood and community parks, CARD needs to develop a prioritized list for future development at both Neighborhood and Community Parks to be included in the City of Chico's updated Nexus Study.

The consensus of the Board was to recommend that the City of Chico keep collecting park impact fees at the current rate in the updated Nexus Study, and request that the park impact fees be transferred directly to CARD rather than held by the City of Chico.

Director Lando stated that he feels CARD should request funding from the City for the renovations at the Humboldt Avenue Skate Park. He further noted that he feels the Skate Park should be considered a community facility rather than a neighborhood park.

The Board reviewed and considered projects for each community park in Chico and developed a prioritized list of projects that could utilize Community Park Funds.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis)** that the Board of Directors authorizes staff to present the following prioritized community park projects to the City of Chico to be considered for utilizing community park funds: (1) Humboldt Avenue Skate Park Renovation, (2) Gymnasium at DeGarmo Park with two to three full size basketball courts, (3) a Sports Field at DeGarmo Park, (4) new Community Center at Pleasant Valley Recreation Center, and (5) an Aquatic Facility.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Director Lando stated that when new facilities are being constructed, the District should consider low cost maintenance options such as a metal roof.

The consensus of the Board was for staff to determine what the annual debt service would be for the additional cost needed for a gymnasium at DeGarmo Park.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis)** that the Board of Directors authorizes staff to recommend that the City of Chico continue to collect impact fees for greenways in its updated Nexus Study.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Worley)** that the Board of Directors authorizes staff to recommend that the City of Chico continue to collect impact fees for the Bidwell Park Land Acquisition Fund in its updated Nexus Study.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

General Manager Willmann provided an overview of the neighborhood park zones established by the City of Chico, and the Neighborhood Park Funds available in each zone. Additionally, she reviewed suggestions provided by staff with regard to new projects and improvements at each neighborhood park.

The Board discussed the option of constructing a new dog park at Depot Park and utilizing Community Park Funds rather than Neighborhood Park Funds to cover construction costs since it would be used by the community.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Sneed)** that the Board of Directors recommends that the City of Chico consider constructing a dog park at Depot Park and utilize Community Park Funds to cover the cost. The Board of Directors further authorized staff to provide the City of Chico with the following prioritized list of projects to be considered in Zone A: (1) Dog Park at Depot Park if Community Park Funds cannot be utilized, (2) additional Outdoor Basketball Courts at the Dorothy Johnson Center, and (3) a future park in the Barber Yard neighborhood.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando,

Noes: Worley

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Director Worley stated that he feels the skate park renovations should be included in the prioritized list in the event that Community Park Funds cannot be utilized.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis)** that the Board of Directors accepts the recommendations provided by staff for Zone B, and recommends that the City of Chico consider the addition of a new picnic site and additional backstop at Oak Way Park. The Board also recommended that a second neighborhood park be developed within Zone B.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando

Noes: None

Abstain: Worley

Absent: None

Director Worley stated that he needed to recuse himself from this discussion because he may have a conflict due to personal property located within Zone B.

The consensus of the Board was to not include lighting of the basketball courts at Oak Way Park.

**M/S/C/ (Directors Sneed/Lando)** that the Board of Directors recommends that the City of Chico continue to collect impact fees in Zone C until there are sufficient funds available to develop Henshaw Avenue Park.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis)** that the Board of Directors recommends that the City of Chico continue to collect impact fees in Zone D and E until there are sufficient funds available to develop a neighborhood park in this zone.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Sneed)** that the Board of Directors recommends that the City of Chico continue to collect impact fees in Zone F and G until there are sufficient funds available to develop Ceres Park.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**M/S/C/ (Directors Sneed/Lando)** that the Board of Directors accepts the recommendations provided by staff for Zone I, and recommends that the City of Chico consider the following amenities to be added at Baroni Park: (1) Picnic Site, (2) Shade Structure near the Play Area, (3) Bridge over Wetlands, (4) Skateboarding/BMX/Pump Track, and (4) PAR Courses around the Walking Trail.

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

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The consensus of the Board was for the Intergovernmental Committee to meet with CUSD to discuss possible available property located near Pleasant Valley Recreation Center.

Additionally, the Board recommended that staff talk with the Chico Equestrian Association concerning their current operations.

Dave Donan addressed the Board with regard to Senior Softball and stated that Sycamore Field is becoming dangerous for the seniors to play on. The Board requested that staff include this at a future Board Meeting for discussion.

**4.0 Adjournment**

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on March 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Willmann, General Manager  
Secretary to the Board