



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHICO AREA
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico CA 95926
Also Via Teleconference at Scottsdale Stadium Services
Office, 7408 E Osborn Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**MINUTES
March 12, 2020**

Board Members Present: Tom Lando, Chair
Thomas Nickell, Vice Chair
Michael McGinnis, Board Member
Dave Donnan, Board Member
Michael Worley, Board Member

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

Legal Counsel Present: Jeff Carter, Attorney at Law

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., and roll call was taken as noted above. Director Donnan appeared via teleconference.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

3.0 Discussion Regarding Proposed Changes to City of Chico Ordinances

General Manager Willmann reviewed her staff report with the Board and stated that the City Council will be discussing proposed changes to several ordinances with regard to public facilities and storage of personal property on public land. She informed the Board that the changes will be reviewed by the City Council at its meeting on March 17, 2020. General Manager Willmann stated that if the Board would like to provide an official statement or request of the City Council regarding the proposed changes, staff recommends submitting a letter to the City Council.

Teri DuBose with Citizens for a Safe Chico addressed the Board and stated that she opposes the proposed changes to the ordinances. She stated that eliminating the hours would be absurd; there are already too many fights and needles, and they will only increase, along with vandalism. She stated that these amendments will affect CARD in a negative way. Let's keep our parks safe and clean.

M/S/C/ (Directors Nickell/Lando) that the Board of Directors directs staff to send correspondence to the City Council Members informing them of the impacts these changes could have on public facilities.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: Worley, McGinnis

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Director Worley stated that he feels CARD should be focused on the parks and facilities it owns and maintains, and the City should operate their own parks and facilities as they feel necessary.

M/S/C/ (Directors Nickell/Lando) that the Board of Directors directs staff to send correspondence to the City Council Members informing them that CARD intends to continue to proceed with its current rules and regulations at all parks and facilities owned and/or maintained by CARD and requests continued support from the City and the Police Department.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, Nickell, Donnan, Worley, McGinnis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4.0 Emergency Action Item/Covid 19

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Nickell) to place the matter on the agenda as an emergency item. The Board of Directors finds that the matter arose after the posting of the agenda and the need to act on it immediately precludes awaiting scheduling of another meeting.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Worley, Lando, Nickell, McGinnis, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

General Manager Willmann stated that the District is taking precautionary measures with hand washing and checking temperatures at camp next week. She noted that there are approximately 60 kids enrolled in camp and staff will monitor the situation and make changes as necessary.

Chair Lando stated that he would like to schedule a Closed Session Meeting on March 13, 2020 at 5:00pm to review the financial and liability risks that this pandemic could have on the District.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Willmann, General Manager
Secretary to the Board