



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

**MINUTES
November 16, 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
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

2.1 The Board reviewed the correspondence from Michael Hornick regarding tennis and pickleball at Community Park, and General Manager Willmann stated that the improvements are undergoing, and the conversation of one tennis court into four pickleball courts should be complete in spring 2018.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Natasha Shelton addressed the Board and stated that she relocated back to Chico about a year ago. She said that she and her family are at Community Park on Saturdays with the Chico Youth Soccer League, and the homeless issues continue to be a problem. She noted that there is a church providing pancake breakfasts to the homeless on Saturdays, and it is causing more issues.

General Manager Willmann stated that she is working with the church to address the issue, and the District's security patrol has been increased. Director Lando requested that General Manager Willmann contact the police department to see if they can help with some of the issues at Community Park.

Michael Relley addressed the Board and stated that the church informed him that they have permission from CARD to be serving breakfast at Community Park. He stated that the families at Community Park are consistently watching drug use, and the kids need to be in a safe area for programs. Mr. Relley stated that CARD is looking at expanding facilities, but until this is resolved, he will not support any funding for future facilities. He noted that CARD has a responsibility for keeping parks safe and clean for individuals.

Director Lando suggested that Mr. Relley also speak with the police chief to see if they can provide assistance. Mr. Lando further stated that CARD has not given permission for the church to be there.

Chair Malowney requested that this be agendized at a future meeting for further discussion.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 Humboldt Avenue Skatepark Improvements, CARD Community Center Roof/HVAC Project, Draft Master Plan Update, City of Chico/CARD Park Discussions, CSDA Districts Make the Difference Video Contest, Best of Chico Award, Butte Rose Society's Annual Rose Festival, DFJ Halloween Event, Hunters Moon Fundraiser, and Soggy Dog Day.

7.2 Future Facilities/Funding Measure

General Manager Willmann presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with regard to future facilities and proposed timelines for consideration of a future funding measure.

Director Lando stated that he feels proceeding with a funding measure in 2018 would be premature. He noted that due to current politics, he feels it would be better to wait until 2020.

Director Worley stated that due to previous economic issues, Chico is behind in developing recreation facilities. He stated that unlike a lot of other agencies, CARD has done very well with its fiscal responsibility. He stated that he would like to start the public input process immediately.

Director Sneed stated that she understands the experts are telling CARD to wait until 2020, but the community is tired of waiting for more facilities.

Chair Malowney stated that CARD's 2008 Master Plan identified needed facilities, and while a regional park would be great for the future, the community needs more recreation facilities now.

M/S/C/ (Directors Ellis/Lando) that the Board of Directors directs staff to continue with the public planning process for a future revenue measure.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7.3 Everybody, Healthy Body Feasibility Study

Director Lando stated that he would like CARD to hire a consultant to determine the goals of the community, how working with Everybody, Healthy Body (EBHB) could be beneficial, the roles and responsibilities of both entities, if there is other land available that should be considered, how a public/private partnership could work, and if EBHB secured the property, should CARD help with the entitlements.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Sneed) that the Board of Directors directs staff to do a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to prepare a feasibility study to determine facility priorities and how a public/private partnership could be formed if CARD were interested in being a future facility partner with Everybody, Healthy Body.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando

Noes: Worley

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Chair Malowney requested that staff present a cost estimate for the feasibility study at a future meeting for approval.

Director Worley stated that he is concerned about the property, because it is known to have issues, and it needs to be more accessible. He further stated that EBHB should also be working with Paradise and Oroville.

Director Lando stated that he feels more information is needed on this before finalizing the Master Plan Update.

Jovanni Tricerri with EBHB addressed the Board and stated that he wants to express his gratitude and appreciation for CARD's response and engagement in this process. He stated that he wants to reiterate that EBHB supports CARD, and they are eager to work with the District. Mr. Tricerri thanked CARD for considering the opportunity to further review the feasibility of a public/private partnership.

Bill Brouhard with EBHB addressed the Board and stated that EBHB is a grass roots group that has come together to purchase property and work with facility partners to develop the facilities. He noted that it will be good to have a third party review the plan and offer an opinion.

Chuck Nadeau addressed the Board and stated that he is speaking tonight as a community member. He stated that his family is involved in several CARD programs. He noted that recreation, health, and wellness are very important in our community. He stated that CARD also needs to take into consideration some of the new sport opportunities that are becoming popular.

Kevin Ahlswede addressed the Board and stated that he is with the Chico Area Swim Association, and they need newer facilities that can be used year round. He thanked CARD for the time put into reviewing this opportunity.

Lindsey, a Community Member, addressed the Board and read a letter from Troy Yartz, who was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Yartz' correspondence stated that he is a tournament director, and there is a need for a sports complex in our community. He wrote that it is safe to say that Chico is way behind in facilities, and there are no regulation softball fields. He noted that most tournaments are held for nonprofit organizations trying to raise funds, and they are limited in the amount of tournaments that can be held. Further, the cost for travel is extremely expensive.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Requested Improvements at Sycamore Field

Director of Parks and Recreation Zeller reviewed his staff report with the Board and the improvements that have been completed and are undergoing at Sycamore Field.

Dave Donan with Chico Senior Softball addressed the Board and stated that Chico Senior Softball has been around for over 40 years, and there are 180 to 200 players. Mr. Donan reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Board showing what projects they have assisted with to improve Sycamore Field over the years. He stated that they are requesting that a restroom be placed at Sycamore Field and reviewed possible locations near the field where it could be placed. He further stated that the sprinklers need to be relocated.

Dave Shoemaker, President of Chico Senior Softball, addressed the Board and stated that some players travel all over for championship games. He said that due to the lack of facilities in Chico, they are unable to put on a quality tournament. Mr. Shoemaker stated that staff works hard to keep the field maintained, but there are priority issues. He noted that Chico Senior Softball has contributed a lot to Sycamore Field. He further noted that they play Monday through Friday, but they can only play two games a night because there are no lights on the field. Mr. Shoemaker asked the Board for consideration in assisting them to improve the field.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis) that the Board of Directors directs staff to work with Chico Senior Softball to develop a capital improvement and maintenance plan.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Sneed, Ellis, Lando, Worley

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

9.1 Butte County Special Districts Association/LAFCO

Director Lando stated that the Oroville Mosquito District is being consolidated with the Butte County Mosquito District.

9.2 Finance Committee

There were no comments.

9.3 Other Reports

Director Sneed stated that she and Director Lando met with the City regarding maintenance of city parks, and they are going to meet again in January. Director Lando stated that both CARD and the City are looking for ways that both organizations can work together to maintain the parks.

Chair Malowney stated that he would like to see a report on the maintenance costs for neighborhood parks being considered for transfer to CARD. General Manager Willmann stated that staff is currently preparing an evaluation on the cost for CARD to maintain those parks. She noted that several of those parks have funding mechanisms.

10.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Sneed requested that a discussion regarding the District's security be agendaized at a future meeting.

11.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Willmann stated that she will be attending a PERS Board Meeting in December.

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 9:01 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on December 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Willmann, General Manager
Secretary to the Board