



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

**MINUTES
September 19, 2019**

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

Staff Members Present: Ann Willmann, General Manager
Jason Bougie, 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 6:00 p.m., and roll call was taken as noted above.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Directors acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Chico Senior Softball Association dated August 12, 2019.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Worley, Lando, Nickell, McGinnis, Donnan

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 reviewed her staff report with the Board and provided an update on the Nature Center Lease Agreement, Community Park Road Connection, CARD Center Roof Project, CARD at the Thursday Night Market, and the Fall Cornhole Tournament.

The consensus of the Board was to schedule a Special Board Meeting on October 7, 2019, at 4:00pm to review the project bids for the Community Center Roofing Project.

7.2 Light Upgrades Utilizing PG&E On-Bill Financing

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Nickell) that the Board of Directors directs staff to cancel the light retrofit of the sports lighting at Community Park, Doryland Field, DeGarmo Park, and Wildwood Park, and proceed with the parking lot lights and general park lights at these facilities, as well as the other facilities previously identified.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Worley, Lando, Nickell, McGinnis, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Draft Resolution for Funding Measure

General Manager Willmann reviewed her staff report with the Board. After reviewing the information, Chair Worley opened the item up for public comment.

Chris Daly addressed the Board and stated that he is the head coach for the Chico Aquajets, a 70 year old swim team. He stated that there is a glaring need for additional pools in this area, and he would love to see CARD build an aquatic center that could be utilized year-round. He further stated that a gym for volleyball, basketball, and other programs would be very beneficial for our community. He noted that a pool and gym would bring more individuals to our area, and the benefits of having a multiuse facility would be greatly beneficial for our community.

Terry Cleland addressed the Board and stated that he has been reviewing CARD's plan, and feels that CARD is a well-run organization. He noted that he is a conservative, but is comfortable with CARD and its direction. He stated that he has spoken with a lot of individuals and there is a lot of support for an aquatic center and gymnasium. He said that so many people are traveling out of the area to use these types of facilities, and he supports CARD's efforts 100%.

Audrey Taylor addressed the Board and stated that she is here as a community member and representative of Everybody, Healthy Body. She stated that it is important to provide healthy opportunities for our community; it improves the quality of life. She stated that she and Everybody, Healthy Body are very supportive of the revenue measure.

Jerry Hughes addressed the Board and stated that he supports an aquatic center, gymnasium and CARD's Master Plan. He noted that he supports the District asking for the highest amount. He stated that the Board should focus on the Master Plan, and the funding needed to accomplish it.

Kinsley addressed the Board and stated that the Aquajets need a pool.

Scott Cornwell addressed the Board and stated that his daughter started swimming with the Aquajets, and is now an instructor. He noted that so many communities have pools, but with the size of Chico, it is surprising that there is not a sufficient aquatic center.

Jim Parrott addressed the Board and stated that he is the president of the Chico Police Officers Association and president of the Chico Aquajets. He stated that it is important that kids stay busy with recreational opportunities; it keeps them out of trouble. He stated that with the limited pool facilities in Chico, the number of teams and members of the Aquajets has reduced. He stated that with the right facilities, it will allow for substantial growth.

Wendy addressed the Board and stated that she is a coach for the Aquajets, and her child also participates on the team. She stated that she travels to several other areas and always admires other facilities. She stated that the kids in Chico are being held back due to the lack of aquatic facilities.

After hearing the public comments, Chair Worley opened the item up for Board review and discussion.

Director Lando stated that he supports the measure and would like to see CARD work with the City of Chico and have a portion of the funds be utilized for Bidwell Park for security and maintenance. He stated that he feels the District should proceed with a per parcel fee of \$110 and include an annual CPI adjustment. Director Lando further stated that he does not feel the current 75-word ballot statement accurately represents what is being asked and suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to review and update it.

Director Nickell stated that he has not received any push back on this measure, and he would also support a per parcel fee of \$110. He noted that he feels we will be doing a disservice to our community if we don't proceed with the revenue measure. He stated that the District is very transparent and will be creating a citizen's oversight committee should the measure pass to provide recommendations on future projects and financial management of the additional funds.

Director Donnan stated that he would also support a per parcel fee of \$110. He stated that he travels all over playing ball and would like to see Chico have similar facilities as other communities.

Director McGinnis stated that he also supports a per parcel fee of \$110, with an annual CPI adjustment, and also supports working with the City of Chico to include funds for Bidwell Park. He further stated that if the measure passes, the District should consider dissolving the Maintenance Assessment Districts.

Chair Worley appointed Director Lando and Director McGinnis to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to review and update the 75-word ballot statement.

The consensus of the Board was that if the revenue measure passes, the District should dissolve the three Maintenance Assessment Districts.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/McGinnis) that the Board of Directors directs staff to work with the City of Chico and include a minimum of \$200,000 a year in the revenue measure for maintenance and security for Bidwell Park, and include a per parcel fee of \$110, an annual CPI adjustment, and a duration of "until ended by voters" in the draft Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District Calling an Election, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on March 3, 2020.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Worley, Lando, Nickell, McGinnis, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8.2 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District Authorizing a Change in Check Register, ACH Transfers, and Check Signers

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/McGinnis) that the Board of Directors adopts Resolution 19-11 and approves the Petition to Accept Check Registers of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District authorizing Board Director Tom Lando, or Board Director Michael McGinnis, or General Manager Ann Willmann, or Human Resource Manager Michelle Niven, or Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Bougie to sign any and all district checks, ACH Transfers, and check registers.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Worley, Lando, Nickell, McGinnis, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

9.1 Butte County Special Districts Association/LAFCO

There were no comments.

9.2 Other Reports

There were no comments.

10.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Donnan stated that a couple of weeks ago, Ron Hunt, a player on the Senior Softball team passed away. He stated that at a future meeting, the Chico Senior Softball Association would like to review the option of having something at Sycamore Field to memorialize players that have passed away.

11.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

There were no comments.

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 7:17 p.m. to the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on October 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Willmann, General Manager
Secretary to the Board