



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHICO AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES September 22, 2022

Board Members Present: Michael McGinnis, Chair
Dave Donnan, Vice-Chair Member
Tom Lando, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Michael Worley, Board Member

Staff Members Present: Annabel Grimm, General Manager
Anjie Goulding, Recreation Manager
Scott Schumann, Parks and Facilities Manager
Heather Childs, Finance Manager

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

None.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Donnan) Board of Directors approved the consent agenda.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

6.0 REGULAR AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Aquatics Facility Funding Plan

The discussion primarily focused on the costs associated with building and operating an aquatic facility. In June, the Board authorized staff to pursue a 10-acre property donation. The prospective donors requested an update on the District's interest in the property and progress toward a funding plan. Director Lando asked if there are funds to design and go to bid for the aquatic facility. GM Grimm confirmed that there is, and once the facility design is completed, the District can move forward with determining programming to meet the needs of the community. There was a conversation about the timeline to obtain another conceptual design and the timeliness of responding to the donors.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Donnan) To obtain a quote from a design firm and bring back to the next meeting.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

7.2 Interviews and Appointment of Trustee Area 1 Board Member – Action Requested – That the Board of Directors interview, select, and appoint a Board Member for Trustee Area 1.

Materials for the applicants (Lee Carrell, Kate Copeseeley, Jon Kressin, Christopher Norden) for the Trustee Area 1 Board Member position were reviewed, and applicants were interviewed. The consensus was that all applicants would be excellent candidates, and were encouraged to run in the next election.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Donnan) To appoint Christopher Norden to the CARD Board of Directors.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: McGinnis

Absent: Worley

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Meriam Park Development (Staff report 22-102 item 2) – *Information/Possible Action – Transfer of three Meriam Park Development parks and formation of Community Facilities (Park Maintenance) District.*

The District is obtaining 3 new parks through the Meriam Park Development; Park A, Park B, and Indigo Park (Park D). Park A is being expanded, Park B is not being developed yet, and Park D will be complete in 60 days. Funding for the maintenance

of these parks is being explored. Director Lando requested staff to seek funding mechanisms, and that staff maintenance cost estimates at a future meeting.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Donnan) District staff to create and report back on costs of maintenance for each Park A, B, and D.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Lando, Donnan, McGinnis

Noes: None

Abstain:

Absent: Worley

9.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

9.1 Facilities Committee – (Staff Report 22-102) September 15, 2022 Meeting

The committee reviewed the Meriam Park development, potential aquatics facility, and Chapman Renovation project. The District will be putting out a survey to the community related to additional options for off-leash opportunities. There were 2 well pump failures this year, and the District is exploring putting out a Request For Proposals for someone to inspect all the wells. There were no updates on the Capital Improvement Plan. The District is exploring resurfacing some outdoor basketball courts with a synthetic material that lasts longer and with less maintenance. Director Donnan suggested there be more doggy bag stations at Hooker Oak Park.

10.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Opportunity for the Board to comment on items not listed on the agenda.

The Board of Directors held a discussion related to Bidwell Park and the potential for the District to maintain it.

11.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

11.1 General Manager's Update

General Manager Grimm met with the City of Chico Manager last week about programs at Tiger Ponds. She also met with the staff in the Planning and Engineering departments about the MOU related to new park development. When a developer proposes a park map to the City, the District should also have the opportunity to provide input on the design. This process had not been well defined, and turnover in both organizations had led to some gaps. Director Lando requested a copy of the MOU and suggested a review to see if changes to the MOU were needed.

GM Grimm reported that the Recreation Manager Goulding, Parks Manager Schumann, and herself attended the Butte County General Plan Update open session. The developer of Valley Edge was at the event and discussed the addition of another Community Park. It was noted that this development could be controversial and that

staff would be cognizant of the project through the planning process.

GM Grimm reported that the California Department of Public Health lifted vaccination verification for school workers.

The ceremony recognizing Ann Willmann will be held at Rotary Centennial Park on October 18 at noon. The Board was invited to attend.

The new Business Services Manager has been hired and will start on October 3.

12.0 STAFF COMMENTS

Parks Manager Scott Schumann reported that the HVAC system at the Dorothy F. Johnson Center is almost complete and that the District received the mower that had been approved in the FY20/21 budget but was delayed due to supply chain issues.

Recreation Manager Goulding shared that there will be a Monster Mash Tournament on October 22 with costumes, and it is always a fun event.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board heard from legal counsel regarding potential litigation and gave direction to the staff.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.