



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

**MINUTES
July 11, 2017**

Board Members Present: Bob Malowney, Chair
Jan Sneed, Vice Chair
Herman Ellis, Board Member
Tom Lando, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Michael Worley, Board Member

Staff Members Present: Ann Willmann, General Manager
Terry Zeller, 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 10:00 a.m., and roll call was taken as noted above.

2.0 Public Comments

Jerry Hughes addressed the Board and asked if the District received any information from the public relations consultant. General Manager Willmann stated that the information should be received in the next few weeks and will be presented to the Board in August or September.

3.0 Future Facility Planning

General Manager Willmann stated that the purpose of the meeting today is to review facility needs, including aquatics, gymnasiums, fields, community centers, undeveloped neighborhood parks, and the DeGarmo Park master plan. She noted that the goal is to utilize this work to establish a prioritized list of future facilities, work to establish cost estimates, and conduct community outreach to further understand priorities of Chico citizens.

Director Lando stated that he feels the District should be working towards building three pools.

Director Sneed stated that she believes that if Shapiro pool were to be reconstructed and improved, it would be utilized by the public more.

Chair Malowney stated the he feels the layout at Shapiro is too small and would be better located closer to the street.

The consensus of the Board was to consider having a swimming facility at Shapiro Pool, Pleasant Valley Pool, and the property on Humboldt Road and Notre Dame.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/Ellis) that the Board of Directors directs staff to (1) investigate the option of having three pools; (2) talk with CUSD on the site location of Shapiro pool and possible financial assistance; (3) contact the City of Chico to find out how much acreage is remaining at the property on Humboldt Road and Notre Dame; and (4) determine potential revenue, as well as construction, operation, and future replacement costs for each pool.

The vote was as follows: Ayes carried

Ayes: Malowney, Ellis, Sneed, Lando

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

General Manager Willmann stated that in discussing options for a gymnasium, staff believes it should include a minimum of two full size courts, three if possible, and have classroom space and offices.

The Board requested that staff determine the cost of two full size courts versus three full size courts, as well as the cost to construct a gymnasium and community center at DeGarmo Park.

The Board discussed possible options and upgrades to the Pleasant Valley Recreation Center and Pool and requested that staff research the option of expanding the pool and reducing the size of the community center to include classroom and birthday party areas.

The Board further requested that staff review the best location for the senior center.

General Manager Willmann stated that with reference to sports fields, staff believes that if lights were added to Heffren and Fields 1 and 2 at Community Park, it would allow for an increase in soccer and softball field usage. Further, staff feels that there is a need for additional multi-use fields at DeGarmo. The Board requested that staff provide the cost for artificial turf versus natural turf.

The Board also requested that staff research the cost to add a restroom at Sycamore Field.

General Manager Willmann discussed potential options for the Henshaw Avenue property, and the consensus of the Board is to have staff contact CUSD to see if they are interested in purchasing the property. Director Sneed also suggested that the District send a mailer to residents in that neighborhood and ask what they would like to see at that property.

The Board discussed the addition of a neighborhood park at the Ceres Avenue property, and the consensus of the Board was to engage with the neighbors to determine what they would like included on that property.

General Manager Willmann stated that she would like to have a consultant present information to the Board in September or October to discuss the differences between an assessment and a special tax. Chair Malowney requested that the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee have a phone conference with the consultant prior to the Board Meeting.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District on July 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Willmann, General Manager
Secretary to the Board