

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 25, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

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Board Members Present: Tom Lando, Chair
Dave Donnan, Vice Chair
Christopher Norden, Board Member
Michael McGinnis, Board Member
Jason Roye, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Annabel Grimm, General Manager
Phil Aviles, Finance and Human Resources Director
Holli Drobny, Administrative Director
Erin Morrissey, Recreation Director
Scott Schumann, Parks and Facilities Director

Legal Counsel Present: Jackson Glick, Attorney at Law

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00, and a roll call was taken, as noted above.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Kamrar provided input on the operations of the Aquatic Center. Sue has been a swimmer for over 40 years and has significant experience with aquatic facilities. Susan provided insight into the consumer experience and encouraged the District to use the Oro Valley Aquatic Center in Arizona as a model.

Correspondence was received via email related to the Henshaw Neighborhood Design and is attached to the minutes.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.1. Henshaw Neighborhood Park Design (Staff Report FA-25-014)

An updated rendering was presented to the Board and public comment was accepted related to the project:

- Jaycey Krogh spoke in appreciation of the updated rendering, specifically the open field, but express concern about recreation programming and opposition to renting the fields.
- Jim Campolo, whose house faces the property, expressed his support for the previous speaker and their comments. He suggested removing the lights on the field and expressed concern about the street infrastructure and the pending traffic in the area.
- Rachel Thompson noted her participation in the meetings and the surveys and that the current rendering is not what she heard the neighborhood wanted. She requested that the Board consider light pollution and expressed concern about the street infrastructure and pending traffic in the area.

Director Norden expressed appreciation for the staff and the efforts put into community input, and requested that the field not be programmable, in order to support the design. Director

Donnan reported that the District is out of space and that the mission of the District is to provide space for youth to play sports. He expressed support for the development and programming of the park. Director Roye reported that the Facility Committee received additional information about community input and expressed appreciation to the staff. Director Lando asked for more information about lighting and was not in support of programming.

Scott Schumman, Director of Parks and Facilities, explained modern lighting systems to ensure lighting does not affect neighbors. Annabel Grimm explained the financial implications of not allowing organized programs on the proposed fields as well as the capacity issues the District is currently facing. Erin Morrissey, Recreation Director, shared that some fields have become unusable due to damage. Director McGinnis said that collaboration with the school districts is important.

M/S/C/ (Directors Lando/McGinnis) Board of Directors approved the construction of Henshaw Neighborhood Park, with the stipulation to remove the lights and require that the field not be available for District programming or league play but would be available for reserving and rental. and direct staff to proceed with design development consistent with Board and community input.
The motion was unanimously approved.

- 3.2. Annexation of Community Facilities District (CFD) for the Operation and Maintenance of Henshaw Neighborhood Park (Staff Report 25-056 and Resolution 25-015) – *Action Requested: Adopt a resolution for the annexation of territory located in the future annexation area of Community Facilities District no. 2023-01 (Park Maintenance) into CFD 2023-01, and to levy a special tax to pay for certain public services (annexation No. 1, tax zone no. 2 – Orchard Creek Estates, Autumn Leaf, and Rodeo subdivisions).*
On June 22, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 23-012 establishing Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2023-01 (Park Maintenance) and providing for a Future Annexation Area.

The agenda item was removed and continued until the next Regular Board Meeting.

- 3.3. Humboldt Skate Park Renaming (Staff Report FA-25-015)

The District received a formal request for memorialization and renaming the Humboldt Skate Park to honor Brent Schnieder and his everlasting impact on the skateboarding community.

M/S/C/ (Directors McGinnis/Roye) Board of Directors approved the request to rename the Humboldt Skate Park to Schneider Skate Park.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- 3.4. Use and Rental of District Facility Policy (Staff Report 25-048)

To safeguard District assets and ensure facility usage supports the District's mission, staff have updated policy # 2210 – *Use and Rental of District Facilities.*

Ted Sullivan, community member, requested language clarifying the priority of park and facility use for the public. Director Lando requested adding a sentence to clarify that the parks are open

to the public and place the policy on consent agenda for the October meeting.

3.5. Cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting

Preparations by District staff are needed for the upcoming fundraising gala on Friday, September 26, 2025.

M/S/C/ (Directors Norden/Donnan) Board of Directors cancelled the Regular Board Meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Authorization of Grant Application for State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (Staff Report 25-057 and Resolution 25-016)

Applying for the SLCGP Subaward aligns with the District's ongoing efforts to improve digital security and protect sensitive information.

M/S/C/ (Directors McGinnis/Norden) Board of Directors approved Resolution 25-016, authorizing the District to apply for and accept funds from the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Subaward.

The motion was approved 4-1.

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Norden, Roye

Noes- Donnan

5. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Elizabeth Shye, a new Recreation Supervisor, was introduced to the Board.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 12:55PM to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Grievance

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Information was provided to the Board; no action was taken.