



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

**MINUTES  
June 17, 2021**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Michael Worley, Board Member

**Staff Members Present:** Heather Childs, Finance Manager  
Jennifer Marciales, Executive Assistant

**Legal Counsel Present:** Jeff Carter, Attorney at Law

**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.

1.2 Closed Session Announcement

Chair Lando stated that Director Donnan recused himself and was not present during the closed session meeting due to a possible conflict of interest given Director Donnan's intent to apply for the General Manager position.

Chair Lando further stated that direction was given to staff with regard to Closed Session Item 2.1, and with regard to Item 2.2, the Board approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Management Transition Committee consisting of Chair Lando and Vice Chair McGinnis to assist the management team as needed with respect to matters relating to management of the District during the recruitment and employment of new management personnel.

**2.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**4.0 PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

## **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes** carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, 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 District Update**

Executive Assistant Marciales reviewed the staff report with the Board and provided an update on Bocce Ball, Prop 68 Per Capita Funding, and the Prop 68 Competitive Grant.

### **7.2 Use of Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Community Park**

Executive Assistant Marciales reviewed the staff report with the Board and Chair Lando opened the item up for public comment.

Troy Steffy addressed the Board and requested that the Board form a committee to review the needs of pickleball now rather than wait a year.

Michael Bruzzo addressed the Board and stated that he agrees with forming a committee, and he would be happy to serve on the committee and donate \$1,000 for more courts.

Ryan Utnehmer addressed the Board and stated that he appreciates that the courts are open and available for pickup games rather than having to make a reservation.

Richard Gitelson addressed the Board and stated that he has concerns about the survey and does not feel reservations would be beneficial.

Ronnie Smith addressed the Board and stated that he enjoys the open play of pickleball and meeting new people. He said that pickleball is a social sport and a reservation system would be detrimental.

LaDawn Haws addressed the Board and stated that the pickleball group is willing to help with fundraisers to raise money for more pickleball courts.

The consensus of the Board was to refer this to the Facilities Ad Hoc Committee and schedule a meeting in August to review and gather input from staff and community members with regard to the request for additional pickleball courts.

### 7.3 Humboldt Avenue Skatepark

Executive Assistant Marciales reviewed the report with the Board and noted that the park continues to be open and there has been no new graffiti on the concrete areas. The Board commended staff and community members for all their efforts in keeping the park clean and supporting CARD's efforts.

Executive Assistant Marciales stated that if approved, staff would like to showcase the new urban art wall and have a graffiti and skate competition at the park in July.

**M/S/C/ (Directors McGinnis/Donnan)** that the Board of Directors directs staff to continue to monitor graffiti at the skatepark and initiate closures when needed and add panels along the westside fence to create more urban art space. The Board further authorized staff to proceed with the graffiti and skate competition, and authorized staff to utilize up to \$2,000 for supplies needed for the urban art wall and event.

**The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes** carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

## 8.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

### 8.1 New County Fund for Husa Ranch/Nob Hill Neighborhood Park Open Space Landscape and Lighting District #001-08

Finance Manager Childs informed the Board that this item has been removed from the agenda because the City of Chico may be discontinuing the Husa Ranch/Nob Hill Neighborhood Park Open Space Landscape and Lighting District #001-08.

### 8.2 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District Establishing Appropriations Limits for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

**M/S/C/ (Directors McGinnis/Donnan)** that the Board of Directors adopts Resolution 21-13 of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District establishing Appropriations Limits for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year at \$13,260,731.10.

**The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes** carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

8.3 Purchase of Cargo Van

**M/S/C/ (Directors Nickell/McGinnis)** that the Board of Directors authorizes staff to utilize \$11,000 of the District's contingency fund to purchase a 2014 Nissan NV200 cargo van.

**The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes** carried

Ayes: Lando, McGinnis, Nickell, Donnan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Worley

**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**

There were no comments.

**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 6:46 p.m. to the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Willmann  
Secretary to the Board