

CPRS District II
Recreation, Park and Leisure

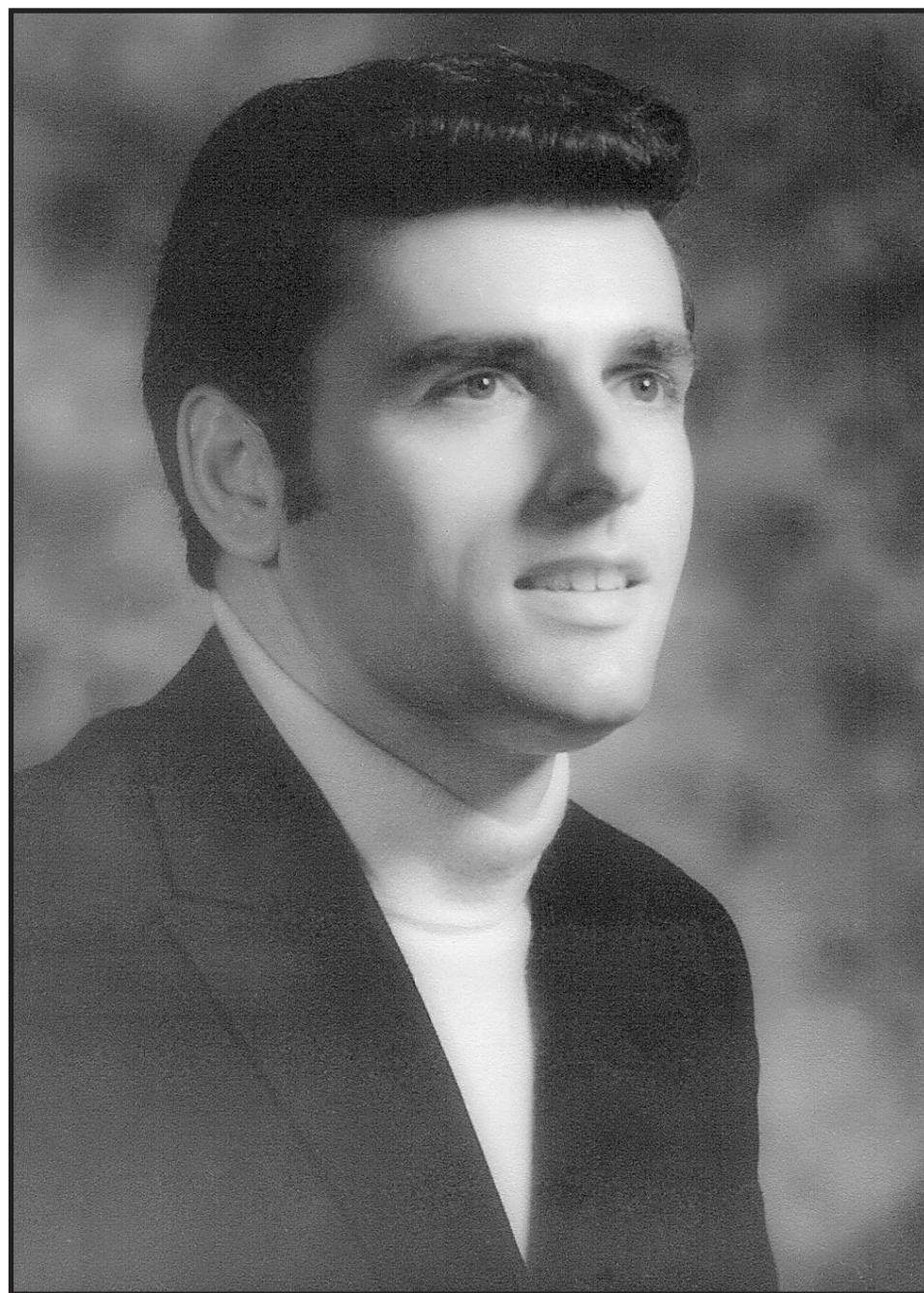
2008 Hall of Honor

Professional Category

Fred A. Brooks, Ed.D.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS MANAGEMENT



- Director, City of Davis, Department of Parks and Community Services, 1969–1973.
- Emeritus Professor, Department of Recreation and Parks Management, California State University, Chico, 1976–2000.
- Exceptional Advance Planner and Special Projects Director, CSU, Chico Research Foundation; field projects that were subsequently funded and developed for recreation areas owned by the California Tahoe Conservancy, the Lassen National Forest, and the Louisiana Pacific Corporation, Clotilde Merlo Park, 1976–2008.
- Coordinator, Parks and Natural Resources Management Division, CSU, Chico, 1977–1982.
- Chairman, Department of Recreation and Parks Management, CSU, Chico, 1982–1985.
- Project Director, CRF USFS Lassen National Forest, Recreation Permit Operations, 1984–2004.
- Acting Director, City of Chico, Parks and Recreation, 1989–1990.
- Member, Board of Directors, Chico Area Park and Recreation District.
- President and Professional Consultant, RPM: Recreation/Education Resource Planning, Design and Management, Chico, California.



Per your CPRS District II Awards and Nomination Guidelines, I have attached:

Nomination forms and Letters: Greg Melton and Dr. James E. Fletcher

Nominee Summary Vita: Dr. Fred A. Brooks

Supportive Documents: 10 pages (per guidelines)

- Professional and Significant Contributions Criteria...one page
- Three page Summary of Professional Accomplishments in CPRS District II
- Supportive letters and documents re Professional Accomplishments...6 pages

I have also included, for your information only (1) a brochure that illustrates the scope of the recreation facilities that Dr, Brooks managed and operated with his CSUC undergraduate and graduate students for the Lassen National Forest and (2) a copy of the first brochure printed for Clotilde Merlo Park in Sterling City...both with CSUC credits.

Finally, I have enclosed a photo of Dr. Brooks, on the job, taken at the Eagle Lake Marina before his retirement and a photo taken when he was the Director of Parks and Community Services for the City of Davis.

If the brochures and photos are not allowed under your guidelines, please delete them in order that the nomination and materials meet your requirements and do not disqualify this nomination.

If any other information is desired, please contact me at 530-899-1920.

Thank you.

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Greg Melton
Principal and Owner
Land Image Landscape Architects



January 8, 2008

CPRS - DISTRICT II HALL OF HONOR NOMINATION

Kelly Gonzalez
Cosumnes CSD
8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Suite 3
Elk Grove, CA 95624

To the CPRS District II Awards Committee:

I have known and worked with and for Dr. Fred A. Brooks for almost two decades, and now use him as a consulting park and recreation expert for my company, Land Image, Landscape Architects. More importantly to me, and, I believe, to the recreation and parks profession, particularly to CPRS District II, I am pleased to nominate Dr. Brooks to receive your District II, Hall of Honor Professional Award. Having graduated from CSU, Chico and UC Davis, and having worked with CPRS programs and professionals for over two decades, I without hesitation, state that Dr. Brooks is an exceptional and unequalled educator along with being unmatched as a committed park and recreation professional.

As a Horticulture major, I first met Dr. Brooks when I took his Design of Recreation Areas and Facilities course offered via the Recreation and Park Management Department at CSU, Chico. At that time I knew virtually nothing about parks and recreation except the activities in which I participated and enjoyed. Taking that course, learning the course information and applying the skills taught in the actual design of a real recreation facility, Clotilde Merlo Park, was the turning point in my career preparation and realization...of being a very successful landscape architect.

Knowing of my interest in recreation and facility planning and design, Dr. Brooks continued to involve me in his recreation and park planning and design field projects for agencies in CPRS District II. During the summer and winter vacations, along with other students, I helped him with the evaluating, mapping and creating master plans for the recreation areas owned by the California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC) and for the Lassen National Forest (LNF). With my experience and skills learned, Dr. Brooks also involved and employed me to help him and his students design projects in District-II. I later used copies of this work for my portfolio to be accepted in the Landscape Architect Program at UCD. Dr. Brooks, without pay, tutored me in any way I desired. He had the contacts to get me admitted to UCD where I graduated at the top of my class. Many of the recreation facilities on which we worked were subsequently funded and are now developed. My senior project was a master plan for the now developed CTC "Carnelian Bay Recreation Area" in North Lake Tahoe.

I now own my own company and employ several of Dr. Brooks' former students. We help cities, districts and counties throughout D-II and beyond with their planning, design and recreation facility development needs. We specialize in parks and recreation facilities.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional materials to support this nomination.

Sincerely,



Greg Melton
Principal and Owner
Land Image Landscape Architects



January 8, 2008

Kelly Gonzalez
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Dear Mr. Gonzalez and the CPRS District II Awards Committee:



It is an honor to nominate Dr. Fred A. Brooks for the CPRS District II Hall of Honor Professional Award. As documented in the attached summary, Dr. Brooks' professional park, recreation and teaching accomplishments in District II are exemplary.

Having worked for universities and professional park and recreation programs across the nation during the past thirty-five years, I believe that I can provide an objective assessment of park and recreation professionals in both our professional facilities and services delivery fields as well as recreation programs and higher education. During my twenty-four years of working with Dr. Brooks, I have found him to be an extremely dedicated and hard working recreation and park professional with a vision for improving and promoting recreation through young professionals. He has always gone well beyond the norm in assisting students and young professionals with career planning and placement. His willingness to mentor students and former students has furthered many careers and advanced the recreation and park profession at all levels of service delivery.

Dr. Brooks' voluntary project contributions and presentations to parks and recreation students and professionals have been extensive and ongoing, even after his January 2000 professional retirement from California State University, Chico. Attached are the cover and table of contents for one such international recreation program, Camp Adventure. This training activity, conducted for more than seventy CSUC college students and leaders, helped prepare them to work in and supervise recreation programs and facilities at military bases around the world, thus contributing to the morale and welfare of our troops and their families. This project illustrates just one of Dr. Brooks' many areas of expertise, research, and professional writing since his retirement from CSUC.

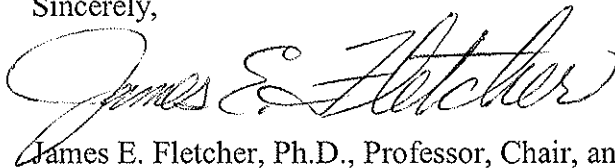
Dr. Brooks hired me to teach in the Department of Recreation and Parks Management at California State University, Chico in 1984 when he was the Department Chair. He has supported my professional growth and advancement in every way possible. Dr. Brooks has always assisted me and our program, faculty, students and CSUC in every way requested, and has brought great credit to the Department of Recreation and Parks Management as well as CSU-Chico during his tenure. His vision and planning enabled our academic program to become one of the top accredited programs in the nation.

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Dr. Brooks was an outstanding teacher, mentor and leader at CSUC. A scholarship has been established at CSUC in his honor. Upon retirement, he was unanimously voted to become an "Emeritus Professor" by our faculty and the CSUC administration, the highest honor the University can bestow.

In summary, I highly recommend that Dr. Fred A. Brooks be recognized for his exceptional professional accomplishments by receiving the CPRS District II "Hall of Honor Award." Please let me know if you need additional information or assistance with Dr. Brooks' nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Fletcher". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

James E. Fletcher, Ph.D., Professor, Chair, and Graduate Coordinator
Department of Recreation and Parks Management
California State University, Chico

Camp Adventure

SAFETY

In Directing and Supervising

Play Areas, Facilities

and

Activities

Dr. Fred A. Brooks

February 2007

SUMMARY VITA

Fred A. Brooks, Ed. D., APA, ASLA, CPSI, ASCE

Tel. and

Professional Work Experience

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Positions</u>
12/06- Present,	elected Director, Chico (CA) Area Park and Recreation District, Board of Directors
1974 - <u>Present</u>	<u>President</u> , Resources Planning and Management, Professional Consultant to City, County, Districts, State and Federal Government and Commercial Recreation Firms re: Planning, Design, Management, Programming, Operations, Maintenance and Safety of Areas and Facilities
1969 - <u>Present</u> ,	Special Projects Consultant to Architects & Landscape Architects throughout CA
1976 - <u>Present</u>	Emeritus Professor, retired, College of Communication and Education, Department of Recreation and Parks Management, California State University, Chico, CA
- 1976 - <u>Present</u> ,	Special Projects Director (various), CSU, Chico Research Foundation (CRF)
	Consultant: Educ/Recreation Resources Planning, Design, Safety, Management and Operations
- 1984 – 2004	CRF USFS Lassen National Forest, Recreation Permit Operations, Projects Director
- 1991 – 2001	National Instructor, NRPA National Playground Safety Institute, Train CPSIs
- 1982 - 1985	Chairman, Recreation and Parks Management Department, CSU, Chico
- 1977 - 1982	Coordinator, Parks and Natural Resources Management Division, CSU, Chico
1969 – <u>Present</u>	Expert Witness, Legal Investigation and Consultant related to Recreation and Education
12/89 - 7/90	Acting (Interim) Director of Parks, City of Chico, CA, Sabbatical Leave Position
1975 - 1976	Administrator - Parks and Recreation Department, Utah County, Utah
1973 - 1974	Vice President and Head of the Recreation, Parks and Education Areas and Facilities Planning and Design Division - Lampman and Associates, Professional Consultants to 148 Cities, Counties and Districts throughout the State of California
1969 - 1973	Director - Parks, Recreation and Community Services, City of Davis, California Received “All-America Award.” Outstanding Recreation Facilities and Programs
1967 - 1969	Assistant Director - Department of Recreation, City and School District, Pasadena, California, Pasadena Unified School District (all School Playgrounds and City Parks)
1960 - 1967	District Supervisor (23 schools and Parks) and Special Programs and Activities Supervisor, Teen and Sports Programs Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department, City of San Jose
1956 - 1960	Temporary Positions: (4,196 total hours, equivalent to two+ years full-time work) Recreation Leader, City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Department. Worked in all phases of City/School recreation programs, Playground Supervisor, Camping, Sports, Aquatics, Senior Citizens and Special Populations, coordinated Fitness Programs, Special Events, and worked in maintenance of Parks, Pools, Recreation Facilities -- Teen Program Leader, City of San Jose, Parks and Recreation Department -- Teen Club and Recreation Center Director, Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District -- Recreation Specialist and Special Classes Instructor (sports, aquatics, dance, arts, etc.), Classes and Playground Supervisor, Los Gatos - Saratoga Recreation/School District

AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL FIELD WORK, RESEARCH, TEACHING, WRITING and AWARDS

Dr. Fred A. Brooks

- 1956 – Present. Professional - Parks, Recreation, Education, Management, Planning and Design, Legal (see VITA)
- 1976 - Present. Professor and Emeritus Professor (2000), College of Communication and Education, Recreation and Parks Management, California State University, Chico, CA 95929
- 1991 – Present. Special Projects Consultant, Architects, Landscape Architects, Recr. Planners, all CA
- 1974 – Present. President/Principal, **RPM: Recreation/Education Resource Planning, Design, and Management**, Planning, Operations, Maintenance, Safety and Landscape Architecture. Professional Consultant

Background and Experience

Areas of Professional Work, Research, Consulting, Teaching, and Professional Materials Preparation

- 1960 – Present (abilities and experience apply to public, education, commercial and private projects)
- Land Use and Recreation Opportunity Feasibility Studies and Reports. EIR, EIS Reports
 - Master/General Planning for Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Natural Resources, Recreation and Education/School Areas and Facilities, Adult/Youth/Children's Recreation Facilities
 - City-wide, District-wide, County-wide, Regional, State Area-wide, and Federal Area-wide, Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Master Plans and Implementation Programs
 - Design of Parks, Recreation and School Areas and Facilities, Sports, Sr. and Aquatic Complexes
 - Management and Operation of Parks, Campgrounds, Recreation and School Areas and Facilities
 - Maintenance and Safety of Parks, Campgrounds, Recreation, School Playground Areas and Facilities
 - Contract Management, Risk Management, Operation and Maintenance of Parks, Campgrounds, Beaches, Marinas, Recreation and School Facilities and Activities and P.E./Recreation Equipment
 - Special Workshops and Consulting in Safety, Planning, Design, Staff Training, Marketing, Operation, Supervision, Financing, Risk Management, Management and Maintenance of Park, Recreation, School, Campground, Marina and Fitness Areas, Facilities, Activities
 - Local, Regional, State, Federal Recreation Risk Management and At Risk Youth Programs
 - Planning and Design of Recreation and School Facilities....Cultural, Fitness, Sports, Aquatic, Campgrounds, Teen, Recreation Center, Children's Play and Sr. Facilities and Complexes
 - Planning of Bikeway, Trail, Equestrian, Pedestrian, Parkway, and Open Space Corridor Systems
 - Recreation Land Use Planning: City, District, County, Regional, State and Federal
 - Surveys and Assessments: Needs for Open Space, Conservation/Preservation, Outdoor and Indoor Recreation and Education Areas and Facilities, and Recreation, Park and School: Preschool, School Age, Adult and Sr. Adult Areas, Facilities, Programs and Services
 - Establishing and Managing Public and Commercial Recreation and Fitness/Wellness Programs
 - Feasibility Studies for Commercial, Private and Public Recreation and Education Areas and Facilities
 - Nationally Certified Playground Safety Inspector and instructor (Trained NPSI Inspectors 1991-01)
- 1960 – 2003 Earned all CA Certifications and Registrations available in Park & Recr. Profession (not TR)
- 1998 - Present - CPRS: "Vision, Insight and Planning Program" – "Creating Community in the 21st Century"
- 1960 -2003 - Managed School District and Park and Recreation Departments': Areas, Facilities, Classes and Operations at the City, District, County, and, by contract, at the State and Federal Level

Professional Planning and Design Projects

Project leader for 100+ area-wide and facility master plans for recreation and education projects. Projects range: area-wide plans, local parks, playgrounds and special activity/event facilities, campgrounds, beaches, regional parks, outdoor recreation trail systems, sport, aquatic, community, senior citizen and cultural recreation centers and complexes. Few professionals have a comparable background to evaluate, plan and instruct and provide legal expertise in all aspects of parks, recreation and school facility planning, design, operation, supervision, management, safety and maintenance.

1976- Present Awards: Recognition Awards or Commendations for over 100 Outstanding Park, Recreation, School and Community Planning, Design, Master Plan and Management Projects. CPRS, NRPA, USFS, CAHPER and CSU, Chico Professional Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievements and Professional Performance. California Park and Recreation Society Park Operations' Scholarship is presented in name of Dr. Fred A. Brooks.

CPRS District II - Hall of Honor

Nominee: Dr. Fred A. Brooks, Emeritus Professor, California State University, Chico

Professional Category Criteria and Significant Contribution Evaluation Criteria:

- Dr. Brooks exemplifies the principles, values and high moral character of recreation, park and leisure profession and has taught these through his example and the training of hundreds of current recreation and park professionals.
- Dr. Brooks was an exemplary practitioner as a leader, supervisor, administrator and an Educator in Recreation, Park, and Leisure Services in the public, private and education sectors for over five decades. (see resume and accomplishments in CPRS District II summary. His accomplishments beyond D-II exceed this.)
- Dr. Brooks retired from full-time employment in January 2000 from California State University where he was awarded “Emeritus Professor” status, the highest honor a University and his university colleagues can bestow upon a distinguished professor.
- Dr. Brooks has worked in and served our profession for over 50 years.
- Dr. Brooks worked in and served in CPRS District II for over 35 years.
- Dr. Brooks has made significant professional contributions in all of the following:
 - Dr. Brooks has been a recreation teacher and trainer since he was a student at SJSC preparing to enter our profession. He was vice-president of the student section and in-charge of student training programs. At that time, 1957, he was the recreation leader of the largest elementary school recreation playground program in the City of San Jose where he trained many student Jr. Leaders and parents to assist him in conducting his programs. Some of his playground student assistants have worked in and retired from parks and recreation. As a student, he chaired his first CPRS Conference session re “Careers in Recreation and Parks” in San Jose in 1959. He trained and taught his staff, professionals working under him, professionals in CPRS and their staffs at CPRS training programs, students and volunteers in every phase and level of his professional career. As a professional educator he trained and assisted hundreds of students working in our and supportive professions.
 - Dr. Brooks has provided the outstanding leadership in every position he has held and for over 100 professional recreation planning, design and operational projects for agencies and operations in CPRS District II. Just a few of these have been highlighted in his accomplishments summary. See brochures: i.e., all recreation areas and facilities on the USFS LNF and Clotilde Merlo Park.
 - He has received awards and commendations for his many projects including a commendation from the President (Reagan) and the LPC for his design and supervision of the construction of Merlo Park and having the CSUC Research Foundation and the USFS LNF name the marina at Eagle Lake in his honor. He has also received awards for his Meritorious Service from CPRS for his outstanding professional service and accomplishments and for his leadership of the CPRS Scholarship Foundation Board (summary in accomplishments).
 - Dr. Brooks’ written and education training materials prepared, presented, published and used in his work and teaching are too extensive to list here.

Dr. Fred A. Brooks...Specific Professional Accomplishments in CPRS District II

Dr. Brooks, a living legacy in the field of parks and recreation, has been an outstanding leader in our profession for over five decades ('56-'08). The positive impact of his work in each position he has held has been outstanding. He is a contemporary to the two men inducted into the CPRS District II "Hall of Fame" in 2007, William Pond and Ed Maheny and voluntarily assisted them both via his professional knowledge and work. He declined the offer from Bill Pond to become the Chief of Recreation Services for Sacramento County to assume the position of Recreation Director for the City of Davis; however, he voluntarily assisted with design work on the American River Parkway, including helping with the design of Discovery Park. A career long friend and supporter of Ed Maheny, he encouraged and assisted in the development of the parks and recreation master plan for the City of Roseville that has led to its outstanding facilities and services. He assisted the landscape architect in the design of Maidu Community Park in Roseville. Some of Dr. Brooks' former students now work in administrative positions in the City of Roseville.

Dr. Brooks was employed by the City of Davis to be the City's Recreation Director in 1969. At that time the department shared one secretary with the City Manager, had three staff members, there were four modest City parks, the start of a bicycle path program, a very meager budget, a modest sports program, problems with many teenagers labeled "the street people" and no cultural or senior programs or facilities. In four years' time, Dr. Brooks organized the department first into the Parks and Recreation Department and in 2003 into the Department of Parks and Community Services. Working with City residents and leaders, he developed and had approved a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with funding, for the City. Where no bonds for park and recreation facilities had ever been approved in the City, he organized and worked with residents and leaders in the City to develop a bond program to provide facilities for all ages, interests and abilities. He organized and mobilized City residents down to the neighborhood block level to support a parks and recreation facilities bond measure that was approved by the largest margin of any such election in CA history, by over 80%, in each precinct in the City. The bond issue provided a full range of parks and recreation facilities...community recreation center and theater, aquatic complex, tennis and sports complexes, bike/exercise trails, etc.

Dr. Brooks worked with the City officials to fund a teen and a senior program if he could find facilities for these programs. He was able to get City Council approval to convert a former City Library to a Teen Center. He worked with the teens and community, without a facilities budget, to convert the building. Upon completion, he received special City Council funding to staff the facility and to provide programs for teens. He befriended the daughter of the founder of the Bank of America. They worked together to see that a new B of A was approved and that the existing B of A was converted for a temporary senior center. The City Council then approved funding for a Sr. Programs Director and program.

By 1993, Dr. Brooks had an executive secretary and four other full-time clerical workers to handle the immense volume of the City's recreation programs. In taking over parks and facility operations from Public Works, he hired a parks superintendent and developed an outstanding street tree, parks and facilities maintenance program. He also hired a recreation superintendent and had five full-time recreation supervisors heading all aspects of a comprehensive recreation program. He developed a good joint use agreement with both the schools and University of California, Davis. By 1993 the Parks and Community Services budget was the largest of any of the City departments. Dr. Brooks had lined up the city leaders and council votes to get all his requests approved. Dr. Brooks' good work

and vision wasn't limited to the City of Davis, its bikeways and the establishment of sound park dedication, impact and maintenance fees there. He also helped many CPRS District II cities and districts with their park and recreation planning and design needs.

Dr. Brooks met with leaders of the residents of what now is the City of Elk Grove and worked with the CA P&R Department to help them develop a plan and to get approved what was then the Elk Grove Community Services District, now the Cosumnes CSD. He helped the planners working with the City of Roseville Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Sacramento County planners of the American River Parkway. He helped Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey, and Ribera and Sue with N.E. CA. projects. He also helped with the creation of the Yolo County Parks Dept. (Earl Balch, Director then) and wrote a successful grant for Yolo County to acquire over 300 acres of BLM parkland. He did the master plan for the Durham CA, swim pool complex and other D-II facilities. When Dr. Brooks left the City of Davis most of the recreation facilities and bikeways that exist there today were planned, developed or being developed. Later, he enjoyed taking his planning and parks students to Davis, Roseville and other areas to tour their facilities.

Dr. Brooks left Davis to become Vice President of Lampman and Associates, the largest consulting firm to districts and local government in CA at that time. There he worked with Jack Harrison to direct the parks, street tree and recreation facilities planning division. While there he planned parks for the City of Sacramento (Valley Hi) and other CA cities and districts and worked on master plans for cities, counties and districts in District II. Dr. Brooks wanted to teach and share what he had learned and his successes in parks and recreation with those in and entering the parks and recreation profession. In 1994, he was accepted into the Educational Administration doctoral program at BYU. He was there recruited to be the administrator for the newly formed Utah County Parks Department. He retained his recreation consulting work with firms working in CPRS D-2.

Completing his doctorate with great distinction and having completed the Master Plan for Utah County Parks, in January 1976, Dr. Brooks was hired to be a Parks and Recreation Instructor and to head the Parks and Natural Resource Management program at CSU, Chico. He started writing successful grants and contracts to augment the PNRM budget, to provide his students with practical field experiences, to financially help CSUC and to help our park and recreation field professionals. Over the span of his tenure at CSUC he averaged approximately a \$1,000,000 a year in grants and contracts. He and his graduate and undergraduate students completed over 100 park area and area-wide master plans for cities, districts, counties, CA agencies, fairgrounds and private firms in District 2 from the greater Sacramento Area to Yreka. One private project was the planning of Clotilde Merlo Park in Sterling City, featured in Sunset Magazine, for the Louisiana Pacific Corporation. He was later hired to supervise the construction of that facility. At a time when the California-Tahoe Conservancy had very limited funds, the Director of the CTC employed Dr. Brooks as the advance planner for the CTC, where he had former students working. Working with his students he surveyed and master planned all of the CTC recreation projects that have been and are to be developed adjacent to Lake Tahoe. Dr. Brooks and his students received over 100 commendations and awards for their projects.

In 1982, Dr. Brooks wrote a successful proposal to manage all of the recreation resources on the Lassen National Forest, including the Almanor, Eagle Lake and Hat Creek Districts, providing over 1,000 recreation sites and facilities. He designed and oversaw the construction of the marina facilities at Eagle Lake, which were dedicated in his honor

in 2003. For 20 years he directed and operated, with his undergraduate and graduate students, the most successful USFS permit recreation facilities management program in the U.S. From 1982 to 1990 he conducted playground safety training for D-II cities and districts. When he joined the CSUC faculty the Department of Recreation and Parks had internal conflicts, with administrative threats of discontinuing the program due to budget cuts. The Dean of the College asked Dr. Brooks if he would chair the Department if so elected by the faculty. Dr. Brooks was unanimously elected to Chair the Department. Under his leadership the Department was pulled together, enhanced its program status on campus, completed materials for accreditation, was fully accredited, and, with the strong support of the CSUC Administration, added outstanding faculty, programs and facilities. It became one of the outstanding university recreation and parks programs in the U.S.

In 1989 Dr. Brooks took a 7 month sabbatical to be the acting Director of Parks for the City of Chico. In that position he completed the first 2,400+ acre Bidwell Park Master Management Plan and plans for the various areas and facilities needed in Bidwell Park.

After he joined the CSUC faculty, Dr. Brooks was appointed by CPRS to represent CA educators on the Scholarship Foundation Board. Following the passage of Prop 13, CPRS was financially forced to eliminate providing college scholarships. With that decision, at the 1979 CPRS Conference in Fresno, the chair of Scholarship Foundation Board resigned. Jack Harrison, then Executive Director of CPRS, called Dr. Brooks and asked him to chair the Board and challenged him to make the CPRS scholarship program better than ever. Having received the first, and, at the time of his graduation from SJSC, the only graduate studies scholarship offered by CPRS, the Alta Sims Bunker Scholarship, personally presented by her, Dr. Brooks realized the importance of the CPRS Scholarship program. Calling upon CPRS sections, businesses and others (to honor former CPRS professionals), while chair of the Scholarship Foundation Board, he built the scholarship program up to 32 undergraduate and graduate scholarships, and to be the finest park and recreation professional society scholarship program in the U.S. As chair he also facilitated the process of receiving the funds for the CPRS offices in Sacramento. Over the years Dr. Brooks strongly supported and trained students for Parks Operations work. Following his retirement, at the 2000 CPRS Conference in Sacramento, the CPRS Parks Operations Section, dedicated its scholarship to be presented in his name and honor.

Dr. Brooks was a professional colleague and contemporary of Dr. J.R. "Shockey" Needy. Many years ago he received the District 2 Professional Award given in Dr. Needy's honor. Dr. Brooks has received awards from CPRS, CSUC, the USFS, CA State Parks and Recreation, CA natural resource agencies (CTC and others) and departments for his professional work and accomplishments. He has also received awards and recognition from the many, many public programs and agencies he has helped with the planning, design and the realization of excellent recreation facilities and programs...dating back to 1957. While all of Dr. Brooks' professional, living, contemporaries have retired, as have most of his former staff and some of his students, Dr. Brooks continues to serve our profession and his community. He has provided professional materials and scholarship funding to CPRS and D-2. In December 2006, he was elected by the largest plurality vote for any candidate running for elected office in Butte County, to be a Director on the Chico Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors. Dr. Brooks was recently elected by the Special District Directors in Butte County to the Executive Board of the BCSDA (association). His "visions" and realizations of the positive potentials of parks and recreation facilities continue with him and with his numerous professional protégés.

was picked because of the locality. There are no homes adjacent to the fill; thereby eliminating the noise factor. The site is surrounded on one side by the San Leandro basin estuary, the fill area, and the golf course.

The site was unusable at first without some clean dirt fill added on top of the present fill. This was accomplished by donations from local construction companies, the disposal company, and golf course dredging. The disposal company and golf divisions spread the top fill and constructed two tracks. One was 1,700 feet for the experienced rider; the other, 1,500 feet for the novice.

Use and rules were then established: only 90cc bikes and less are allowed on the course. Each rider is required to sign a rule sheet and parents sign a use permit. All riders must wear shoes, helmet, and gloves; riders must be 8 years of age and older; all bikes must have brakes; and all riders must obey basic traffic courtesies.

The fee established was: residents 8-15 free, and 16 and over, 50¢; non-residents 8-15, \$1.00, and 16 and over, \$1.50. All fees are for one day's use.

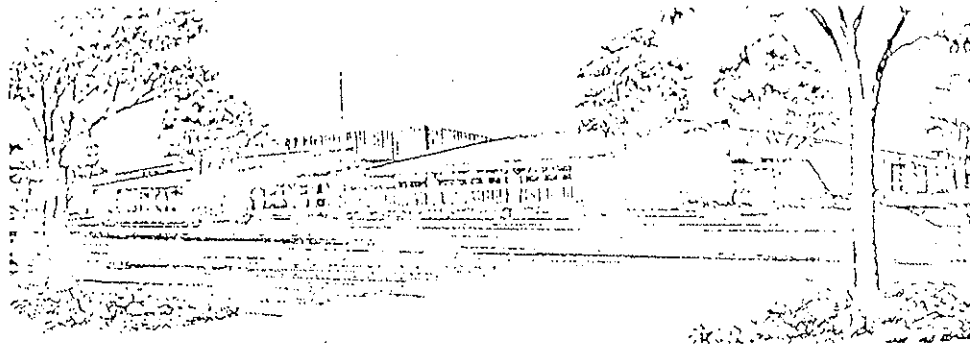
Obtaining insurance was the next step. Blake Palamountain Agency of San Leandro offered a policy to insure \$100/300,000, and P.D. \$100,000, with a secondary coverage to extend liability to \$1,000,000. The total yearly premium for this \$100 deductible policy is \$2,650.

Leadership was obtained through local advertising. Two leaders were hired who held the qualifications of (1) holding a first aid card; (2) had motor bike experience (one is a professional bike rider); (3) be able to relate to people; and (4) have some motor bike repair experience.

During the first four months' operation on weekends and school holidays, 312 different riders registered, with an average of 22 attending on Saturdays and 30 on Sundays.

The reaction of the public to the park has been outstanding. Many adults have offered help in the maintenance and control of the facility as a chance to help plan the program, as well as having a family activity.

When the program began there was some apprehension regarding noise, air pollution, and riding on sanitary fill. The only present problem is making sure that there is plenty of extra fill on top of the garbage. Many times the use of sanitary fill brings some adverse comments, but with an "unwanted" activity such as mini bikes, this became the ideal solution for the use of "waste" land.



Davis Votes Overwhelmingly 'Yes'

In the midst of defeats of bond issues at all levels throughout the state, in April the people of the recreation-oriented city of Davis overwhelmingly approved a citizen-drafted bond program consisting 100 percent of recreation facilities. They also elected a city council majority running on a "Quality of Life" platform.

The approval of these issues was given despite the fact that salaries at the University of California at Davis, to which the town is focused, have not been raised in three years and there is literally no industry or tax base in the city to help shoulder the cost for the individual property owners.

By a locally unprecedented 81.3 percent "yes" vote, the people in this city of 27,700 (with over 22,000 registered bicycles) approved in every precinct three separate bond items. These included five new neighborhood parks, a community center complex, and a swimming complex.

The design and improvements of the parks varies; however, each reflects a plan arrived at as a result of citizens committees representing the neighborhoods to be served working with a landscape architect and the city staff. The only specific improvements generally in common between the parks is the inclusion of children's play areas (although they vary in size and design) and tennis courts that will make a total of 24 night-lighted courts available to the community. The average improvement cost per acre, not counting land purchase, is approximately \$33,500.

The community center (pictured above) includes a slant-floor performing arts theatre with continental seating; youth activity and game rooms; a large multi-use room for dances, banquets, etc., that is dividable for smaller activities; three separate studios for ceramics and sculpture, handcrafts, and art; club and meeting rooms for these activities as well as preschool, dance, and other programs; various

patios, kitchen, reception, registration, office areas, and storage. The building is designed so that rooms may be added.

The swim complex will consist of at least three separate pools to accommodate the full range of pool users from tots to competitive programs—with the emphasis on recreation in design and function. The initial value of these facilities is close to three million dollars.

Recreation and Parks Director Fred Brooks attributes the success of the bond election to (1) endorsement of the current program and services; (2) citizen involvement in conducting current programs, in determining recreational needs, and in planning for programs and facilities to meet these needs; (3) support of both the existing program and the bonds by city administration, council, and all candidates running for city council; (4) endorsements by all key groups in the community — the Taxpayers Association, Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, PTA, etc.; (5) the good work record and leadership of the Recreation and Parks Commission; (6) well-written bond arguments; (7) a well-planned bond program and campaign; and (8) hard work by a task force of citizens who went to every dwelling unit to disseminate bond issue information and to get out the vote.



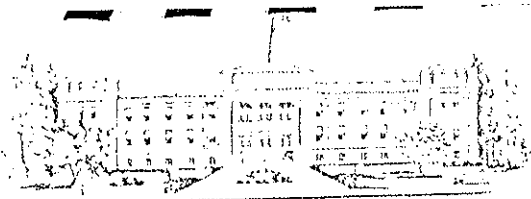
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EARL A. BALCH

DIRECTOR

January 9, 1973

Mr. Fred A. Brooks
Recreation and Parks Director
City of Davis
226 F Street
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Dear Fred:

Thought you might like to know that as of January 15 at 12:01 A. M. 323 acres of the Davis Communication Annex will become the property of Yolo County. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and effort and knowledge in preparing our development proposal for this site and your interest in the project.

At our January 17 meeting of the County Park and Recreation Advisory Committee I intend to propose that a working committee made up of a representative of the Davis Unified School District, yourself and my department work together to develop a plan for the proposed park site.

I would like also to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Putah Creek Streamway. I hope to present the completed plan as prepared by Mr. Pesonen at the Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday night. Had it not been for your efforts the plan would not have been developed at this time; and because of those efforts it is my feeling that the real potential of Putah Creek has been exposed, which leads me to believe that we should move this project forward in our priorities.

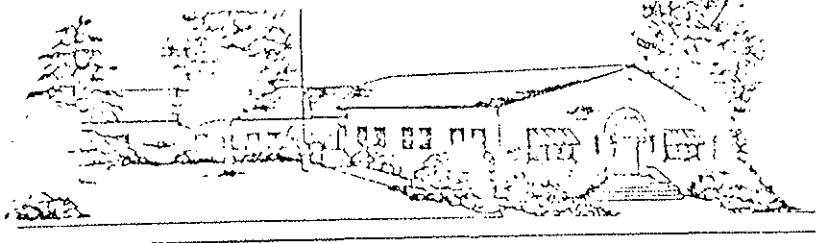
Again thanks for your help in the development of County-wide park and recreation facilities. Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

Earl A. Balch
Director of Parks

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cc: City of Davis Recreation
and Parks Commission



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June 1973

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Brooks has been employed by the City of Davis as a Recreation Director and, subsequently, as Recreation and Parks Director for approximately four years. Fred developed a fine Department and program of services which required a close working relationship between staff and citizen groups.

Recently, in April of 1972, Davis voters approved recreation and parks bond issues by margins in excess of 80%. Projects approved included five parks, a four-pool swim complex and a recreation and cultural arts center, which includes a 350 seat community theater for the performing arts. This vote reflects Fred's efforts, as well as the desire of Davis citizens for a high level of these services and facilities, as well as a willingness to pay.

Many of those who have worked with Fred have expressed regret that he will be leaving our service; however, he has indicated his intent to relocate. Fred is enthusiastic and creative and an individual with skills in a broad variety of recreation and parks activities and programs.

I would recommend Fred as one who can administer and deliver as a recreation and parks planner, organizer, supervisor and teacher.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD L. REESE
City Manager

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Commendation

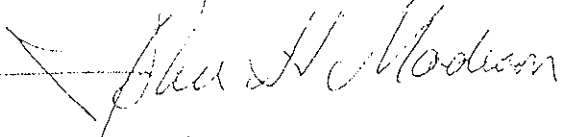
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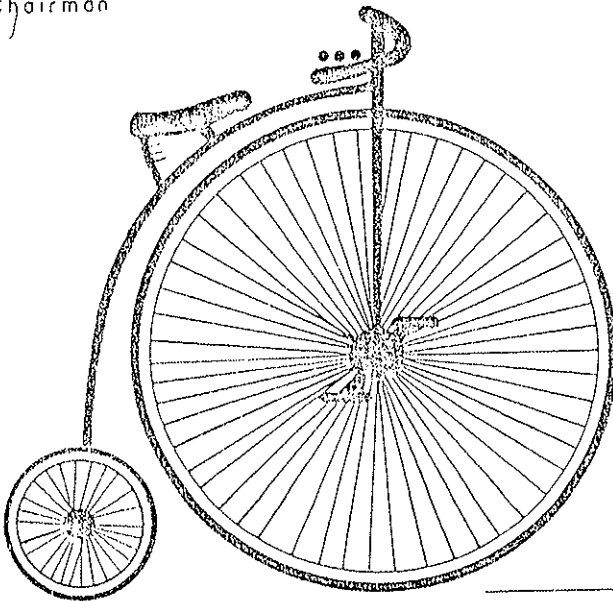
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Fred A. Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED that the Davis Recreation and Park Commission commends Fred Brooks for his diligent and faithful service as Director of the Recreation and Parks Department, which resulted in significant growth and development in park, recreation, cultural and arts programs, and facilities for Davis citizens of all ages.

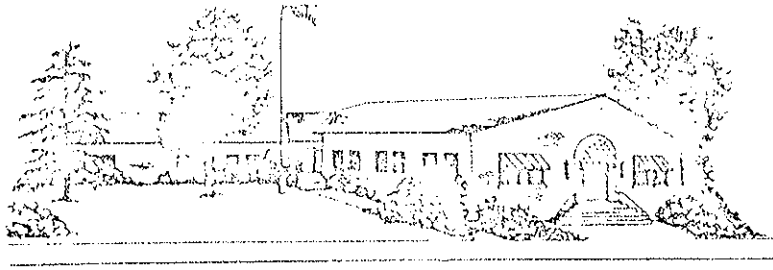
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Recreation and Park Commission, this
26th day of July, 1973.


DR. JOHN MADISON
Chairman



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June 15, 1973

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is intended to reflect my highest personal and professional regards for Mr. Fred Brooks who has been my immediate supervisor since my employment with the City of Davis.

Mr. Brooks, through his diligence and outstanding professional capabilities, as Director of Recreation and Parks, has developed an extremely efficient and productive Department, rendering quality service to the community.

Mr. Brooks has my highest personal and professional regard and I would not hesitate to recommend him for any position.

Yours truly,

SHIG YOSHIMINE
Superintendent of Parks

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Dave Simcox,

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Fred Brooks, who contacted me to request that I evaluate his performance as a professor at California State University, Chico. As a 1996 graduate from the recreation department at Chico State, a former pupil of Dr. Brooks in both Rec. 152 and Rec. 242, and currently a working professional in the field of parks and recreation, I am qualified to do so.

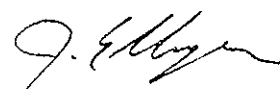
Dr. Brooks was instrumental in teaching me many of the fundamentals that apply to my work on a daily basis. As a student of Dr. Brooks I found his course work to be very thorough and extremely relevant to the field of parks and recreation as it is today. His infamous binders worth of handouts, while somewhat annoying and comical at the time, have turned out to be a tremendous resource for me, as I find myself referencing them quite often. In fact, of all the notes and materials I took from Chico State, Dr. Brooks' binders have without question been of the most value to me.

Not only did I take a wealth of information from Dr. Brooks' classes; he was very helpful in guiding my transition from student to professional. I can honestly say that without him I would not be in the position I am today. He arranged the meeting that would lead to my internship with Elk Grove Parks and Recreation. This, in turn, led to my being hired as the irrigation manager of a highly sophisticated irrigation system with the same organization. His continual support throughout my internship was very encouraging, and truly more than I ever expected.

I have found that Dr. Fred Brooks is not only highly respected in the field of Parks and Recreation, but genuinely cares for his former students as individuals. He keeps track of his former students after graduation, and is always eager to offer support and advice. No other instructor at Chico State has been more beneficial to my professional career, or myself. I can also say without a doubt that other former students of his would speak just as highly of him if asked.

Dr. Brooks' knowledge of his field, work ethic, and generosity towards his students are truly astounding. It is my privilege to have been influenced by him, as he is one of the top instructors in the recreation administration department at your university.

Sincerely,


Justin Ellermeyer

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