

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
JANUARY 17, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Michael Candela, Wendy Coggins, Glenn Dunning, Mary Schreiber and David Wood; Staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley and Urban Forester Chris Boza.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

1. REGULAR AGENDA

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

Meeting was held to provide background information for new Commissioners concerning their roles and responsibilities and Park Department organization, budgeting and projects. No actions were recommended or acted upon.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of January 29, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 26, 2001
MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Michael Candela, Wendy Coggins, Barbara Kopicki, Mary Schreiber; Absent: David Wood; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza and Administrative Secretary Cheryl Tobin.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 29, 2001**
2. **Permit Application from Downtown Chico Business Association for “Downtown Trick or Treat Street” Event in Plaza Park October 31, 2001.**
This item was removed from consent agenda by Commissioner Dunning.
3. **Permit Application from Cyrle Productions for Artisan’s Faire, May 4, 5 and 6, 2001 - Plaza Park.**
4. **Permit Applications from Chico Central Little League, Chico Area Recreation and Park District and Butte United Soccer League for Use of Wildwood Park for the 2001 Season.**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- A. **Permit Application from Downtown Chico Business Association for “Downtown Trick or Treat Street” Event in Plaza Park October 31, 2001.**
Commissioner Dunning asked for clarification on this event; location, time, set up, etc.

COMMISSIONER COGGINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM CYRCLE PRODUCTION. COMMISSIONER _____ - SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **Permit Application from Cyrcl Productions for Artisan's Faire, May 4, 5 and 6, 2001 - Plaza Park.**
3. **Approval of the 2001 Season Permit Applications from Chico Central Little League, Chico Area Recreation and Park District and Butte United Soccer League for Use of Wildwood Park.**
4. **Review and Consideration of Request from the Vallombrosa Avenue Homeowner's Association Regarding a Potential Pathway along Vallombrosa Avenue that would be in Bidwell Park.**

Park Director Beardsley presented an overview of the proposed project being considered from a request by the Vallombrosa Avenue Homeowner's Association for a potential pathway along Valombrosa Avenue and within Bidwell Park. This was a discussion item and not an item for Commission action.

At the January 26, 2001 Bidwell Park and Playground Commission meeting, the Commission authorized the flags to remain in place until the end of March 2001. E. C. Ross, Director of Public Works was present to answer and clarify questions directed from the public regarding this project. There is no environmental review of the concepts discussed, nor any provisions for an environmental review at this stage.

The Commission was concerned about the removal of approximately 125 trees from Bidwell Park. Dan Cook, Coordinator of the Vallombrosa Avenue Homeowner's Association spoke to the Commission on preserving the scenic beauty of Vallombrosa Avenue. Mr. Cook proposed to use decomposed granite and not asphalt for the bike paths within the Park. Mr. Cook would like to have the impacts of this project identified, minimize those impacts, and create a set of standards and in the future, as needed, an environmental impact report as a mitigated impact. Vallombrosa Avenue Homeowner's Association strongly believe in working together with the city to approve their request to create a scenic bike path throughout Vallombrosa Avenue and Bidwell Park.

Suzanne Gibbs asked Director of Public Works E. E. Ross if funding is tied to a Class I bike path for improvements. Mr. Ross stated it is not. The fee in the Nexus report has an element for bike facilities. Suzanne voiced concern over paving the present bike paths within the Park and the concern over lighting the

Class I bike path. Various members of the public expressed their pleasures on allowing Vallombrosa Avenue to remain a scenic byway. Commissioner Dunning stated a concern over the hiking, riding and equestrian path being paved in the Walnut Orchard section and the possibility of moving the path over.

This item was carried over to the March or April Bidwell Park and Playground Commission meeting for continued discussion and decision.

5. Setting Meeting Times and Calendar for Bidwell Park and Playground Committees.

Park Director Beardsley recommended the Commission selection a set day and time each month for their Committee meetings.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Director's Report** Park Director stated that the status reports from Lindo Channel Project Coordinator Snowden are enclosed for the Commission's information. Ringel Park is now completed, including the mural. There has been many positive comments on the artwork. Work on the gazebo will resume as weather permits. The observatory slated to be built in Upper Bidwell has been delayed due to a pending resolution of final design of rolling roof assembly. The project is scheduled to resume again in March if weather permits. The solar telephone at Salmon hole parking lot has been installed. The City Council, at its 2/6/01 meeting, approved designating Plaza Park as a "Drug Free Zone." Park Director Beardsley suggested using symbols and explained the universal symbols for the trail open/close signs.

The City Council will hear the Lindo Channel encroachment appeal of Mr. Beich and the issue of legislation and dealing with the ability to exchange the property. The March hike in Upper Park has been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date. The monthly trail maintenance dates are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month, participants to meet at Parking Lot E. March 12, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1, a meeting of individuals and organizations interested in forming an advisory committee to the Commission will meet. The intent is to pursue and implement the trails manual. Butte Environmental Council, in conjunction with Streaminders applied for a grant through Trees for New Millennium. The grant will provide \$20,000 to plant 200 trees. The plans for Wildwood Park are coming along nicely. The Tree Crew has completed planting approximately 250 trees throughout the city and 130 trees on East and West 8th Street in conjunction with Caltrans.

- 2. Monthly Reports** submitted and filed.

3. Incident Reports submitted and filed.

4. Correspondence None.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

7. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:55 TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2001 AT 7:30 PM. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 26, 2001
SIGN IN

	Name	Address
1.	Suzanne Gibbs	602 Sycamore Street
2.	Gloria Bettencourt	1366 Vallombrosa Avenue
3.	Billie Crosby	1378 Vallombrosa Avenue
4.	Nora Todenhagen	2298 E. 8 th Street
5.	Rita Craddock	1690 Vallombrosa Avenue
6.	Joe Abbott	874 Vallombrosa Avenue
7.	Dave Burks	1794 Vallombrosa Avenue
8.	Susan Stevenson	1217 Yosemite Drive
9.	Mary Ann Buchers	2060 Vallombrosa Avenue
10.	Michael Reilly	678 Vallombrosa Avenue
11.	James Cox	1760 Vallombrosa Avenue
12.	Dan Cook	2096 Vallombrosa Avenue

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Michael Candela, Wendy Coggins, Barbara Kopicki, Mary Schreiber, David Wood; student representative Julia Lerch; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza and Administrative Secretary Cheryl Tobin.

1.1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - TREE CITY USA CERTIFICATION

Chris Boza, Urban Forester, presented to the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission a TREE CITY USA award and flag. The City of Chico was re-certified as a TREE CITY USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the year 2000. This award is given to communities with tree programs meeting the criteria set forth by the National Day Arbor Day Foundation.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 26, 2001, amended.**
- 2. Approval of Bench Location in the Vicinity of Park Lot Q.**
- 3. Approval to Construct an Aviary at the Chico Creek Nature Center.**
- 4. Approval of Application and Permit for Public Use from the Parent Education Network and Fundraising Event May 5, 2001-Lower Bidwell Park.**
- 5. Permit Application from Ensemble Theatre of Chico - Shakespeare in the Park, June 29, 2001 to August 21, 2001 - Cedar Grove Meadow and Picnic Area.**

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 26, 2001.**

Commissioner Dunning and Candela noted the following changes: Page two, Item 2 was pulled for clarification, not item B. On Item A, Commissioner Holderbein is listed, it should read Commissioner Kopicki.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 2.1. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (COMMISSIONER CANDELA PULLED ITEM 2.1 FOR AMENDMENT).

2. Review and Support of Requests for Funding from Specific Organizations or Project Sponsors.

Judy White, Executive Director of the Chico Creek Nature Center spoke to the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission on the need for the additional allocation of funding to cover the various expenses incurred by the Nature Center. The Chico Creek Nature holds several fundraisers and childrens camps throughout the year to help fund the Nature Center. The Chico Creek Nature Center is requesting \$60,000 for FY 00-01, the allocation is for \$55,000.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER. COMMISSIONER KOPICKI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kathy Halloran of the Chico Cat Coalition presented a brief history, program set up and the progress of the Coalition. To date, the Chico Cat Coalition has removed approximately 350 cats from Bidwell Park and placed them for adoption. Without the constant efforts of the Coalition, the health of Lower Park would once again be jeopardized with a feral cat population. This is the third year the Cat Coalition has been in existence removing cats from the Park. Park Director Beardsley reminded everyone there is a \$1000 fine for dumping any animal in Bidwell Park. The Chico Cat Coalition has requested \$11,600 for FY 00-01, the allocation is \$7,500.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CHICO CAT COALITION. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Horseshoe Lake Fishing Pier is a project in progress. The request from Hollie Vinson (North Valley Community Foundation) has already been considered by the City Council Finance Committee for Community Development Block Grant Funds and was recommended for inclusion in FY 01-10 CBDG budget. The Finance Committee has considered CBDG money and is recommending to the council

\$20,000 in CBDG money and is now asking the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission to back this project up before it goes back to the Council for final approval.

COMMISSIONER KOPICKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE NORTH VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Review and Approval of Expanded Recycling Program in the Downtown Area that Includes Plaza Park, Ringel Park, Children’s Playground and Humboldt Neighborhood Park.

California State University, Chico student, Karl Gamsby, has submitted a proposal to expand the downtown recycling program to include installing recycling containers within Ringel Park, Children’s Playground, downtown Plaza Park and the Humboldt Neighborhood Park (Skateboard Park). The Work Training Center would collect the additional containers along with the existing contract with the City of Chico. The estimated cost of this additional service would be approximately \$2,304 per year. Since there are adequate recycling containers and funds available, staff is recommending that recycling containers be installed in the downtown parks as proposed by Karl Gamsby.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY KARL GAMSBY. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Receive Status Report and Authorize Continuation of the Big Chico Creek Restoration Project Adjacent Sycamore Field - One Mile Recreation Area-Bidwell.

Roger Cole spoke on issues of fish habitat and bank erosion problems associated with Big Chico Creek. The project design which is being proposed includes the removal of approximately 800 cubic yards of fill reconnecting the stream with its geomorphic flood plain as well as removal of non-native vegetation by hand crews with the concrete also being removed. The newly exposed floodplain will be vegetated with native willows, sedges and others and a log vein construction will be created to increase cover substantially. Over time, the thick roots of the willow thicket will help create a deep undercut bank. This combination of new factors will create a new habitat much more conducive to rearing salmon, with much more cover and large woody debris. In addition, the City will be working with Streaminders to complete the project which is expected to be approximately \$50,000.

As high waters pass over the new floodplain and through the willow thicket they will drop significant quantities of fines, removing them from the stream system and from dropping out in Chico's Sycamore swimming pool which is located 200 yards downstream. This will also keep them from re-entering the stream during May cleaning of the pool. Commissioner Wood is interested in viewing the proposed project.

5. Status Report on Proposed Homeless Shelter and BMX.

At their 3/6/01 meeting, the city council moved ahead with acquisition of property for a BMX bicycle park. Still in the planning stages, Commissioner Candela and Council Member Bertagna toured several BMX parks in Northern California area to view sites for ideas to incorporate into a park for Chico. The community is showing tremendous support for this project.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Director's Report** Park Director Beardsley reported that Park Watch is now accepting applications for their upcoming training session on April 26, 2001. The Trail Advisory meeting will be held on May 10, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in CR 1 of the Council Chamber building. The Upper Park hike will take place on May 11, 2001, meeting at Parking Lot E, the former Rifle Range parking lot.

Chris Boza, Urban Forester gave a brief update on the use of dust control palliatives on Upper Park Road. The Park Department has looked into several palliatives ranging from crushed olive pits to modified pine resin, which was used last year. This year, calcium lignow sulfonate will be used as it is easier to apply and is not as messy as the pine resin. A crusher dust (half inch and less) does not produce as much dust as other materials. The product is comparable to last year's product and the cost is slightly less. The Commission as well as the public will be notified when the product is to be applied.

After the Master Management Plan Committee hears the hardships of the residents encroaching on Lindo Channel, this issue will be will be referred to the City Council for final determination.

Commissioner Wood requested to have the Trails Manual agendized at a future meeting. Park Director Beardsley noted that both Park crews have been busy. The spoils from the One Mile area have been hauled to Wildwood Park and the grass is being mowed throughout the Park. The Tree Crew is working on sign and signal clearance. The new gate in Upper Park is being closed and there have been no reported problems. Urban Forester Boza reported that six wells have been abandoned and closed throughout the Park. This Spring, two more elm trees are

slated for removal in Plaza Park.

2. **Monthly Reports** submitted and filed.
 3. **Incident Reports** submitted and filed.
 4. **Correspondence** None.
6. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:32 P.M. TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001 AT 7:30 PM.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
APRIL 30, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Michael Candela, Wendy Coggins, Barbara Kopicki, Mary Schreiber, David Wood; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of March 26, 2001

2. Permit Application from DNA for a Concert Series - Plaza Park

3. Approval of Dust Control Tests on Upper Park Road - Bidwell Park

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Kopicki.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1 AND 2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

Approval of Dust Control Tests on Upper Park Road - Bidwell Park

Urban Forester Boza is recommending further testing of dust control techniques. He would like to apply Dustac in May to a test plot east of Parking Lot F. Dustac is a powder to be mixed with water for application and has been used throughout the state, especially on logging and forest service roads. This is a free sample but regular cost is 75 cents for linear foot. The RoadOyl test last year did not work out well. From the public Sebastian Jarvis said he is doing a report for a political science class and asked if the material is a wood fiber. Urban Forester Boza said it is the tree fiber that holds the structure of a tree.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION OF DUSTAC FOR CONTROL TEST. COMMISSIONER KOPICKI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

2. Review and Discuss Possible Action Regarding Teichert Ponds

City Council asked BPPC to discuss priorities in developing and managing the recreational and interpretative components of Teichert Ponds, the relative priority of the project to other Park Department responsibilities, and if other agencies would participate in the long-term care of the resource. Park Director Beardsley said \$125,000 has been put in the budget to start discussion of water quality and management of the area. Other priorities for consideration of the Park Department are Bidwell Park, street trees, Lindo Channel, and 100 maintenance districts. CARD has been contacted but has not replied. The Ponds are now managed by the Community Development Department. Urban Forester Boza said we are dealing with storm retention, not a sewer plant, but it was not designed for that originally and now we are asked how to make it work.

Chair Dunning said Council was adamant it was purchased for water storage and would not be a park. BPPC wrote a letter to Council last year asking it be designated a park, but he was one of two No votes because it would cost too much just to determine the problems and not even to correct them. It would burden the rest of the park system. Commissioner Wood referred to minutes of the May, 1999 meeting that says it is to remain a drainage area and the public have access. His concern is that there is little access. Commissioner Kopicki sees a huge potential there and thinks it should be looked at now as there may not be the option later. She would like a greenway with increased access. It is a high priority for her. Commissioner Wood would like to see a report before going ahead, but would make access available now to study the area. Commissioner Candela said it is not a high priority, needs more information, and put it on a later agenda for more community input.

From the Public, Dick Cory, Co-Chair of Little Chico Creek Educational Consortium, said the ponds need immediate treatment and are getting less healthy. Storm drains are permitted to flow into them with inadequate outflow so there is stagnation. Fish have been planted, but are not doing well from lack of oxygen. The area is used primarily for field trips. There is liability in development, but there is liability now. The Consortium, founded in 1990, has submitted proposals for adoption, study, modification and implementation of management of the Ponds. They are ready to help.

Also from the public, Suzanne Gibbs, of Little Chico Creek Watershed Group, thinks the area could be used to clean storm water and also for education and some form of recreation. There is no quick fix. Roland Burger handed out maps and a study done 15 years ago to explore the possibility of getting a large community center for recreational, political and athletic events built in the area. The report, named the Hanson Plan, was paid for by the City and would be financed with Municipal bonds.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION THAT STAFF BRING A DRAFT LETTER TO JUNE MEETING. COMMISSIONER KOPICKI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. Budget Meeting with the Chico City Council

On May 22, BPPC will meet for 30 minutes with Council to present budget items for consideration. Staff recommends consider presenting: 1) resources needed to improve and manage Upper Bidwell Park, 2) continuing support for Seasonal Staff assistance in Street Trees, and 3) updating the Bidwell Park Master Plan.

Chair Dunning said he is surprised the document of Bidwell Master Plan is not updated so emphasis that item. Ideally it would be updated every five years. Commissioner Wood wants a bridge built below Bear Hole and a trail down from Upper Rim Trail to the bridge. Commissioner Kopicki supports updating the Master Management Plan.

From the public, Caryn Jones said to make sure the Master Management Plan document is usable to everyone later; be sure volunteer workers are not squeezed out by extra staffing; and asked if street tree projects need extra funding?

Park Director Beardsley said information on flood flow in Lindo Channel is coming in July and that is needed before going ahead with anything there; real strides have been made to make the urban forest bigger and stronger; and some volunteers have been burned out so hourly help for trials is needed during the summer.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO SUBMIT 1) CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR STREET TREE DIVISION; 2) ADDING SEASONAL STAFF; AND 3) PROPOSITION 12 PROJECTS INCLUDING A BRIDGE AT BEAR HOLE. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4. Discussion and Direction of Chapter 12R of the Chico Municipal Code

Commissioner Kopicki asked to have the Park rules and regulations reviewed in the context that some are no longer applicable, some are enforced unequally, and some are discriminating or silly. Park Director Beardsley suggest the Commission decide what changes they want and let staff write the language. Any changes then to City Council for consideration.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO SEND THE REVIEW OF CMC 12R'S TO MASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER COGGINS

SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

5. Report on Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of April 25, 2001

Staff report and recommendations regarding encroachment and garden permits - Lindo Channel Greenway

City Council has upheld an encroachment appeal pending introduction and approval of legislation that would give the City more flexibility to sell or trade property within the Lindo Channel Greenway. Other property owners have decided to appeal in the hopes that new legislation would provide them additional options for resolving their encroachments.

1) Commissioner Kopicki made a motion to approve an annual garden permit at 1082 Manzanita Avenue. Commissioner Schreiber seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

2) Commissioner Wood made a motion to allow another 120 days for removal of encroachment at 824 Brookwood Way. Commissioner Schreiber seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

3) Commissioner Candela made a motion to remove the encroachment up to the bank and reserve decision for future action until he sees the property at 1694 Filbert Avenue. Commissioner Coggins seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

4) Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to set aside the appeal until legislation might provide additional options for resolving the encroachment at 375 Cohasset Road. Commissioner Schreiber seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

5) Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to set aside the appeal until legislation might provide additional options for resolving the encroachment at 836 Madrone Avenue. Commissioner Kopicki seconded the motion which carried 4-0. Commissioners Candela and Wood abstained.

6) Ed Daniels, speaking for the owners at 8 Gwynn Bridge Court, said they are encroaching and are moving things back except the fence along the bank for safety reasons. Owners would like to straighten out the property lines to include the back fence on their property and give up some of the sidewalk in front. Commissioner Schreiber made a motion to postpone a decision until legislation might provide additional options for resolving the encroachment at 8 Gwynn Bridge Court. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

6. Report on Trail/Safety Committee Meeting of April 25, 2001

a. Status report on the Yahi Trail

Park Director Beardsley reported work is in progress on Yahi Trail and status reports will be made. Caryn Jones thanked Steve Bertagna and Mike Wood for getting them back on line and invited everyone to come inspect the work.

b. Proposed Modifications to the Bidwell Park Trail Manual

Staff recommends the term “preferred” be removed in describing range of widths or design for each trail.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE “PREFERRED” ON PAGES 9 AND 10 OF THE TRAILS MANUAL. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

Urban Forester Boza submitted wording for Cross Slope definition to be added to the manual. Commissioner Wood thinks the language is not necessary and decisions should be from sightings. Cross slope was not left out originally by oversight and is not not necessary but would make things more difficult. From the public, Caryn Jones said cross slope is not relevant so was left out at first. Grade is more likely a problem. Soils in the park are not a problem for slumping/erosion so the wording is not needed. Park Director Beardsley said there are areas of soil that can be a problem. Any change in the Park lasts a long time and must be done correctly so this guidance is needed.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON CROSS SLOPE IN THE TRAILS MANUAL. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0. YES: CHAIR DUNNING, COMMISSIONERS SCHREIBER, COGGINS, KOPICKI, AND CANDELA. NOES: COMMISSIONER WOOD.

c. Discussion of the Role of the Trail Advisory Group

A memo from Park Director Beardsley clarified some goals of the Advisory Group as creating an on-going useful dialogue between user groups and finding solutions to user conflicts or, preferably, identifying and resolving conflicts before they become acute.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON GOALS FOR THE ADVISORY GROUP IN THE TRAILS MANUAL. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

d. Work Plan for Trail Improvements

Part time hourly staff has been requested and a full-time staff member to head a crew for large, technical jobs. Volunteers would address trail signs and lighter maintenance. A high priority now is at Monkey Face. The work plan was received and filed.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Director's Report** Park Director Beardsley will have a written report on the clean up done by SIFE on April 29; the observatory is back under construction; a new roof was completed at Five Mile; seven wells have been closed.
- 2. Monthly Reports** Submitted regarding projects completed, on-going, and to do.
- 3. Incident Reports** A report on the Skateboard Park will be included next month.
- 4. Correspondence** 1) from Richard Lash, President of the Board of Directors of the Bidwell Park Golf Club, requesting a lease extension, and 2) from Becky Watner, Event Coordinator for DCBA, requesting a waiver of fees (denied).

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR None

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on May 11, 2001 to walk the proposed Annie Bidwell Trail.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
SIGN IN SHEET
APRIL 30, 2001

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1.	Sebastian Jarvis	1335 Sherman Avenue Apt 7
2.	Dick Cory	1765 Oak Way
3.	Suzanne Gibbs	602 Sycamore Street
4.	Rolland D. Berger	9 Lindo Park Drive
5.	Caryn Jones	5 Summerwood Court
6.	Ed Daniels	1804 Bidwell Avenue

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MAY 29, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call. Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Michael Candela Wendy Coggins, Barbara Kopicki, Mary Schreiber, David Wood, and Don Kidd; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of April 30, 2001

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Schreiber

2. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Downtown Chico Business Association for 2001 Thursday Night Market June 7 to September 28, 2001 - Plaza Park

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Chair Dunning.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from Regular Meeting of April 30, 2001

Commissioner Schreiber noted two changes: on page 4 item 4.5 (4) the motion was seconded by Commissioner Coggins; on page 5 item 4.6 b. the motion carried 5-1.

COMMISSIONER KIDD MOVED TO APPROVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2001 AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

B. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from DCBA for 2001 Thursday Night Market June 7 to September 28, 2001 - Plaza Park

Chair Dunning noted the permit said there would be no vendors in Plaza Park so what is their purpose. Park Director Beardsley said DCBA would

set up tables as a place for the public to rest. Commissioner Kidd said it also is so that no event will compete with the market.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT FOR DCBA TO USE PLAZA PARK ON THURSDAY NIGHT FROM JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2001. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. Review and Approval of Correspondence to the City Council - Teichert Ponds.

City Council wants information about Teichert Ponds regarding who wants to be involved in a management plan, goals for the area, and financial considerations. After BPPC discussion, Park Director Beardsley presented a draft letter stating the Commission's recommendations. Commissioner Wood said his big concern about public access was not addressed in the letter and he would like to add that; the second paragraph mentioned secondary goals but it had been decided to wait until completion of water quality study before talking about that. Commissioner Schreiber said the Commission's main point was the need for more information from a water quality study before we do anything and that is what the letter says. Chair Dunning agreed the letter responds to the question of the Commission's priority and he has no objections to sending it as is. Commissioner Kidd asked about safety issues before promoting public access, but that is an issue to be dealt with later.

Park Director Beardsley said CARD has sent a letter stating they are willing to discuss taking an active role in planning the future of Teichert Pond. Both letters would be forwarded to Council. Probably there will be a work session this fall.

COMMISSIONER COGGINS MOVED TO SUBMIT THE LETTER TO COUNCIL AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-1. AYES: CHAIR DUNNING, COMMISSIONERS KIDD, COGGINS, KOPICKI, SCHREIBER AND CANDELA. NOES: COMMISSIONER WOOD.

3. Report on Tree/Finance Committee Meeting of May 9, 2001

A. Reconsideration of policy and procedure regarding the identification and preservation of specimen trees located on private property within the City.

A Minute Order dated 10-29-79 established identifying and preserving specimen trees on private property within the City, but the procedure has not been done and there is no active program now. Committee recommends rescinding Minute Order 80-4 but develop the concept of a program to retain and maintain heritage trees in the community.

Urban Forester Boza submitted a memo outlining the components of a Heritage Tree Ordinance: 1) nomination and certification, 2) maintenance, 3) preservation and protection, and 4) de-certification. Participation would be voluntary from property owners. He guesses there are about 25 trees that could be considered as candidates and cost of pruning would be about \$800 to \$1000 per round. He has brought in information from other areas that have such a program, most recently from Palo Alto. BPPC would work with Planning Commission because of land use issues.

From the public, Caryn Jones said it would be helpful to incorporate a fact sheet giving the public general information on the specimens. Commissioner Kopicki suggested using them in a calendar. Chair Dunning agreed there is lots of potential for participation in the program.

COMMISSIONER SCHRIEBER MOVED TO RESCIND MINUTE ORDER 80-4 AND SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A HERITAGE TREE ORDINANCE TO COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER KOPICKI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

B. Update on per capita allocation from the 2000 Park Bond Act (Proposition 12).

Park Director Beardsley gave an update on per capita allocations and on candidate projects previously submitted for consideration. Council has not yet approved any projects. There is another \$22,000 available and Committee recommends it be used for site analysis and engineering for the Upper Park bridge, increasing the total amount allocated for that project to \$222,000.

COMMISSIONER KOPICKI MOVED TO INCREASE ALLOCATION FOR UPPER PARK BRIDGE TO \$222,000. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Park Director Beardsley said fire danger season has started and there will be no extension of permits. Fire Chief Brown said this is the earliest he can recall. This impacts Lindo Channel.

SIFE submitted their report on the April 29th park cleanup and invoice for \$900. There were about 60 volunteers and one ton picked up. SIFE will not do a second cleanup this year, but BEC will. Chair Dunning said the report was sparse and he would like to see on a map the areas covered.

Chair Dunning asked if people climbing trees with ropes in Lower Park were part of City training. Urban Forester Boza said it could be, but a private group likes to do recreational climbing also. There is no code to prohibit it, but they should get a

permit before.

Goats should arrive in about two weeks, later than first thought. They will begin in walnut orchard and work toward One Mile, taking about two months.

Roger Cole is working on the permits and materials for the stream bank project near Sycamore Field.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2001 there will be a meeting to discuss funding for Chico Creek Nature Center and the possibility of consolidating CARD and the City Park Department.

2. **Monthly Reports** Commissioner Wood said the Volunteer Report showed no volunteer hours on trails but Michael Jones has given 45 hours.
3. **Incident Reports** Received and filed
4. **Correspondence** None

5. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** Commissioner Coggins asked about placing an emergency telephone at One Mile and also maybe one at Cedar Grove. Park Director Beardsley said costs of solar phones are about \$6,000 each so are low cost for a safety item and will be considered.
6. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting of June 25, 2001.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Present at roll call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Michael Candela, Wendy Coggins, Mary Schreiber, David Wood, and Don Kidd, staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from Regular Meeting of May 29, 2001

COMMISSIONER KIDD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Election of Vice Chair

Vice Chair Barbara Kopicki has moved out of the City limits and a new Vice Chair is needed.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ELECT WENDY COGGINS FOR VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. Park Watch Program - Presentation and Discussion

Janice Heckerson, Chair of the Park Watch Steering Committee, introduced 14 members in attendance and told Commissioners about the program. The training manual was included in Commissioners' packet. Chair Dunning thanked the volunteers for their work in the Park.

4. Presentation of Administrative Draft - Sandy Gulch (Lindo Channel Greenway) Resource Inventory

Park Director Beardsley said this document is the first step toward making up the master management program. It has been put on the City web site. Once a water

quality study is completed, the two documents will be available so discussion can proceed on the final plan.

Brendan Vieg, Project Manager, appeared before the Commission to discuss the draft and answer questions. The draft includes a summary report, GIS package covering property lines, contours and building footprints, historical land uses, channel stability, biological resources, and archaeology inventory.

Commissioners Schreiber and Kidd said it is an excellent document and enjoyable to read. Chair Dunning suggested it be kept before the public another 30 days before approval. No action required.

5. Discuss and Possibly Take Action Regarding Location of the Proposed Annie Bidwell Trail

On May 11, 2001 members of the City Council, Park Commission and the public walked sections of the proposed route for the Annie Bidwell Trail in Upper Park. Council has referred the matter back to BPPC to conceptually reaffirm or modify the route. Park Director Beardsley said two sections are now being considered: 1) from One Mile to Five Mile Recreation Areas, and 2) from Five Mile to Ten Mile House Road. The discussion for the section between One Mile and Five Mile includes closing all of South Park Drive to vehicle traffic.

In the first section, there are now seven picnic sites accessible by car on the Drive and four are handicapped accessible. Turnouts might be constructed on Eighth Street near the sites and picnic areas along Peterson Drive could take care of the overflow. If a traffic light is put in at El Monte this fall, South Park Drive would become a class I bike path for the use of junior high students and that would eliminate vehicle traffic. In the second section, the trail would need to avoid two sensitive areas. One section is at Alligator Hole and the other east of Salmon Hole past Browns Hole along the creek to Ten Mile House Road.

Commissioner Cadela would like to have a multi-use trail higher on the bank and a smaller trail lower for pedestrians only. Commissioner Wood would like both trails constructed at the same time. Commissioner Kidd said there is need for the easier lower trail in the shade for people who are neither handicapped nor young.

From the public, Caryn Jones supports the discussed proposals and said volunteers are eager to get started and build the trail in time for the 100 year anniversary of Annie Bidwell leaving the Park to the City. Tami Early supports having no vehicles on South Park Drive and two-way bike riding because there is confusion about the current rules. Steve Green, from Yahi group of Sierra Club, presented a letter opposing new sections of trail and foot bridges before more real planning is done. There are 45 miles of trail not currently maintained and the Trail Manual lists new trails at the bottom of priority. John Copeland said 15 Years ago the roads became one way because of serious accidents and it would be better to have

all of South Park Drive for bikes only. Carol McClendon said South Park Drive is empty since the recent attempted rape and would be further isolated, so consider security. Billie Bresnahan cautions against alternative routes in consideration of the species of plants and animals there.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MADE A MOTION TO ADD A PEDESTRIAN-ONLY TRAIL IN TWO AREAS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT-BETWEEN ALLIGATOR HOLE AND DAY CAMP AND AT THE EASTERN END. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

Break from 9:10 to 9:20

Item 4.9 Request from Earl and Susan Nance for a Garden Permit in Lindo Channel Inserted early into the agenda for the public convenience.

Earl and Susan Nance have requested a permit to continue gardening on City property in Lindo Channel and allow for planting and watering California poppies next spring. This would be an exception to the policy which talks about allowing native plants without watering. Earl Nance said for the past 12 years he has mowed starthistles with a gas weed eater and planted flowers for fire safety.

The long term objective is to get native plants in the Channel. Urban Forester Boza said watering at times not required for native plants potentially invites other organisms to grow. It would not be a problem in this limited area, but he suggest tapering off water at end of August. Commissioner Schreiber said poppies are more attractive than starthistle. Chair Dunning said flowers are better than bare ground, but a gardening permit and the fire protection policy are two different issues.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO APPROVE A PERMIT FOR NANCE TO CUT STARHISTLE AND PLANT AND WATER CALIFORNIA POPPIES. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

6. Discussion of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve

Commissioner Candela asked that the Commission discuss what communication they may want to provide the CSU, Chico University Research Foundation regarding management of the 2,724 acre preserve on the east boundary of Bidwell Park. A draft management plan has been completed and will be presented to a Community Advisory Committee, which is yet to be formed. Commissioner Candela said BPPC wants to be a good neighbor and let them know our areas of concern or encouragement. He wants to be sure the Foundation is operating in ways consistent with the grant.

Commissioner Kidd said, since the Preserve was purchased with both public and private money, the public should not be locked out. The goals stated in the

document do not appear to go along with that concept. He would also like to request the persons selected for the oversight committee be from all walks of life and truly represent the public. Commissioner Wood views it as an extension of the Park, which he has always used, and wants the Annie Bidwell Trail to go through it. He would like to write a letter requesting consideration be given to the public access policy. We should contact them now, early in the procedure.

Commissioner Schreiber agreed a letter should be written about granting public access.

Park Director Beardsley said BPPC should pass along any conceptual suggestions and opinions, though it is a university process and not a city one. Remember this is a preliminary draft and a lot of discussion is going to happen. There will be meetings, and probably with public input. ACA Rock said it is not appropriate to direct people in use of property that is not the City's. BPPC can express concerns but not direct them. Extending a trail through their property can not be our recommendation.

From the public, Caryn Jones read from minutes of Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) saying 2/3 of the money came from the public. WCB does require representation from local government and adjoining landowners so it is appropriate for BPPC to give opinions. She urges to address easements through the property, public access, and keeping the process open to all interested people.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED THAT STAFF WRITE A DRAFT LETTER TO DONALD HOLTGRIEVE, MANAGER OF BCCEP, FOR REVIEW AT JULY REGULAR MEETING ADDRESSING PUBLIC ACCESS, APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND A MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REFLECTING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

7. Report of Trail Safety Committee Meeting of May 30, 2001

A. Report and Recommendations from Trail Advisory Group

Steve Green has shared his GSI and the Committee may have a set of maps for the meeting of July 26, at 5:30 p.m.

B. Work Plan for Trail Improvements

There is consideration to reconstruct a portion of Yahli Trail. The bike community has been asked for dialogue. Barring objection, the work will proceed.

C. Removal of One-Way Signs on Closed Section of South Park Drive

It has been suggested that the signs be removed from the portion of South Park Drive where vehicles can no longer drive because they cause

confusion.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE ONE-WAY SIGNS FROM THE SECTION OF SOUTH PARK DRIVE WHERE VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

8. Report of Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of May 30, 2001

A. Discussion of the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. to extend lease

No Action

B. Staff report and recommendations regarding encroachments and garden permits - Lindo Channel Greenway

Encroachments will continue to be discussed in the meeting next week. Commissioner Wood said he heard there were no clearing permits issued and asked how many were applied for. Park Director Beardsley said there were some issued in April and May.

C. Art under Highway 99 in Lower Bidwell Park

Committee supports using the support columns under Highway 99 for art work to discourage graffiti. Urban Forester Boza said it is a CalTrans overcrossing so they must give approval paint it, and they may have some money available. Park Director Beardsley said we could work with the Art Commission for ideas. Commissioner Kidd suggested getting schools involved.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO HAVE STAFF SEND A LETTER REGARDING THE PROJECT TO THE ARTS COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

D. Plaques in Lower Bidwell Park for existing benches

Staff has received a donation of \$500 and a request to place a memorial plaque on an existing bench. Proceeds from the donation above the cost of the plaque would be used to benefit Bidwell Park.

COMMISSIONER KIDD MOVED TO APPROVED ALLOWING THE PLAQUE. COMMISSIONER SCHRIEBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

E. Review and discussion of Chapter 12R of the Chico Municipal Code

Comments for revision are to be directed to Park Director Beardsley. He

has received one set of comments, which will be presented for further discussion.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Three elms will be removed from Plaza Park next week at 4th and Main. The plan calls for two a year but a third overhangs 4th Street so was moved up. Five replacements will be planted in early July. As part of Chapter 18R of CMC, a landscape design manual for the community, dealing with public land, was started in 1997. A Landscape Architecture Intern is now starting to update the manual and species list and will work with staff and interested local groups through to completion. Hopefully the goats will arrive in the Park in July. They are paid \$325 per acre, about \$15,000 annually. BEC park cleanup is September 15. Council will discuss a BMX freestyle project on July 17.

2. Monthly Reports

Received from Park Director about monthly occurrences and workloads of Park Maintenance, Street Trees, Volunteer Coordinator, and Park Rangers.

3. Incident Reports Received and filed.

4. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 to the next regular meeting of July 30, 2001.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2001
SING IN SHEET

	Name	Address
1.	Caryn Jones	5 Summerwood Court
2.	Tami Early	46 Terrace Drive
3.	Steve Green	1391 Higgins Avenue
4.	John Copeland	1650 Bidwell Avenue
5.	Carol McClendon	15 Shimmering Oak Court
6.	Billie Bresnahan	1163 Olive Street #7
7.	Suzanne Gibbs	602 Sycamore Street 95928

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
JULY 30, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Acting Chair Wendy Coggins, Commissioners Don Kidd, Mary Schrieber, Mike Candela and Kathryn Tzikas; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent: Chair Glenn Dunning and Commissioner David Wood;

Commission observed a minute of silence in remembrance of Butte County Deputy Hunter and Lt. Estes, who were killed in the line of duty last week.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from Regular Meeting of June 25, 2001

COMMISSIONER KIDD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Discussion of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve

Park Director Beardsley presented a draft letter Commission requested be written to Dean Kenneth N. Derucher expressing specific suggestions and requests regarding future planning for the Preserve. Commissioner Candela read his proposed modifications. Commissioner Kidd said the changes sounded stronger and clearer. Commissioner Schrieber read two sentences she would add to thank the Board for their consideration.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO SEND THE LETTER AS AMENDED.
COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

3. Approval of Revised Proposal for Night Closing Hours for the Sycamore Pool - Bidwell Park

Park Director Beardsley presented a draft memo requested by Commission regarding change in the hours Sycamore Pool would be open to the public. In response to a complaint about noise, it is proposed to have a trial period for three months next season when the pool would be closed from 11:00 p.m until one hour before sunrise. The deck would remain open, but swimming would become an infraction subject to fine. There were two call outs on complaints for noise last year. No swimming would be easier to enforce than noise complaints.

From the public: Michael Newton said he is for it. He runs there at night and a lot of things are going on. It would help stop undesirable activities. John Gillander said don't restrict more healthy activities, we can ticket for drinking now.

Commissioner Schreiber said two complaints may not be enough to change the rules. Commissioner Candela said some users don't cause a disturbance. Commissioner Kidd had read incident reports and found none during those hours proposed for closure.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO FIND OTHER OPTIONS TO PREVENT DISTURBANCES AT SYCAMORE POOL AREA. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

4. Report on Master Management Plan Committee Meetings of June 28 and July 11, 2001

A. Status report on Sandy Gulch (Lindo Channel) encroachments

The resource analysis is done and he is expecting to do more planning in 2002. Both of our State Representatives are interested in having legislation that would allow the City of Chico to sell property, but no bill can be introduced until January 2002. And at such time as it should it become law, there is no tacit approval to leave an encroachment.

B. Appeal of Samuel L. Glory and Tressie Richardson, 1690 Filbert Avenue to allow landscaping to stay in place until City of Chico can sell or exchange property

Committee feels there is justification to delay removal of the encroachment and recommends the same. There was no further discussion from Commission or public.

COMMISSIONER SCHRIEBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE APPEAL. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

C. 179 Cohasset Lane - Riverside Apartments

Committee recommends removal of approximately 800 square feet of asphalt encroachment. There was no further discussion from Commission or public.

COMMISSIONER SCHRIEBER MOVED TO APPROVE REMOVAL OF ASPHALT..
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

D. Appeal of Marshall and Vickie Gregory, 44 Guynn Bridge Court to allow landscaping to stay in place until City of Chico can sell or exchange property

From the public, Marshall Gregory said the County originally told them they could do what they like with the property behind their home as long as they did not build a structure. So they planted extensively to eliminate fire and erosion problems and want to keep their landscaping in place while waiting for possible legislation. John Gillander said that such legislation can happen so treat every one equally.

Committee recommends irrigation be removed, area become naturalized, and owner obtain a vegetation removal permit for fire protection

Break from 8:30 to 8:45

COMMISSIONERS TZIKAS AND KIDD ABSTAIN. THERE IS NO QUORUM FOR A VOTE.

E. Appeal of John and Linda Patrick, 50 Guynn Bridge Court to allow landscaping to stay in place until City of Chico can sell or exchange property

Committee recommends irrigation be removed, area become naturalized, and owner obtain a vegetation removal permit for fire protection.

COMMISSIONERS TZIKAS AND KIDD ABSTAIN. THERE IS NO QUORUM FOR A VOTE

F. Review and discussion of Chapter 12R of the Chico Municipal Code

Commissioners reviewed recommended changes to several rules in Articles III, IV and V, and deleting 12R.04.360 regarding military use of the Park.

Commissioner Candela recommended including wording from the Penal Code regarding firearms to make 12R04.230 consistent with State law. From the public, Caryn Jones distributed a section from a book on butterflies to confirm that insects reproduce extravagantly so she would like to support being able to collect non-aquatic insects in the Park.

This item was referred back to Committee for review.

5. Tree/Finance Committee Meeting of July 25, 2001

Review and discussion of Chapter 14 of the Chico Municipal Code relating to street trees

Urban Forester Boza gave an oral report on Chico's street trees. There are about 31,000 trees on our jurisdiction made up of about 55 varieties so no disease would extremely effect our urban forest. Care of the trees is determined in three ways: 1) task based, 2) response to a service request, and 3) cycle trimming, which is the best return on the investment. Crews are working toward a 4-5 year cycle. The crew has one supervisor, six regular members, one seasonal employee to water, and some part time summer help for specific programs.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Written report submitted. Park Director Beardsley added that the opening workshop for Vallombrosa Scenic Street Plan is set for August 4; goats have arrived in the orchard area; Commissioner Candela will attend the Master Management meeting and the Trail/Safety Committee meeting for Commissioner Schreiber.

2. Monthly Reports Submitted

3. Incident Reports Submitted

4. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 to the next regular meeting of August 27, 2001.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Michael Candela, Wendy Coggins, Mary Schreiber, David Wood, Don Kidd, and Kathryn Tzikas; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, and Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of July 30, 2001

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2001 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None.

2. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from North Valley Astronomers - Star Gazing Through Amateur Telescopes Events.

The Observatory will be completed in October and requests a permit to be allowed public access for late night star gazing events beyond the regular closing time of 11:00 p.m. for Upper Park. The events would be on first Saturday of each month. The change would effect only the gate at Wildwood, not the upper gate.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. Discussion of City of Chico Financial Support Provided the Chico Creek Nature Center

City Council Finance Committee asked for a report regarding the City's financing of the Center. There are no proposals for any changes, just a discussion of funding

and how their mission is being accomplished. Commissioner Wood said the Council has asked for more fund raising, but funds in that area are going down.

From the public, Director Jenise Webb said City money is used for payroll only and other funds go to programs. She thinks other funding is increasing. Proposition 12 grant money of \$170,000 will be used for replacing the burned building, with a result that programs can be expanded and more money raised that way. Director Judy White said costs of programs increased this year to keep up with the cost of living. The Center is getting no money from the Chamber of Commerce for being an Information Center.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED THAT STAFF WRITE A LETTER TO COUNCIL EXPRESSING THAT CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER IS PROVIDING A DESIRED SERVICE AT A COST MUCH LESS THAN THE CITY COULD PROVIDE IT FOR. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4. Report on Master Management Plan Committee Meetings of June 28 and August 8, 2001

A. Appeal of Marshall and Vickie Gregory, 44 Guynn Bridge Court, to allow landscaping to stay in place until City of Chico can sell or exchange property

Commission has recommended owners of 44 Guynn Bridge Court remove irrigation and return property to natural vegetation on an encroachment into Lindo Channel. Marshall Gregory said they bought the property in 1985 and cleaned it up. At the time, the County said the only restriction was not to build a structure. After years of maintenance, they want to leave the area as is until possible legislation saying the City could sell property. The lawn and irrigation are better for fire control and to stop erosion. He does not know well the two Commissioners who abstained from voting on the first appeal. Vickie Gregory said their irrigation keeps down the fire danger and has been there 16 years.

Commissioner Dunning said this is an encroachment but not a financial hardship to reverse, so it should be removed. Commissioner Tzikas said it is not obstructing access and is better to look at then vines and thistle.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO DENY THE APPEAL. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION. AYES: CHAIR DUNNING, COMMISSIONERS CANDELA, COGGINS, SCHREIBER AND WOOD. NOES: COMMISSIONERS KIDD AND TZIKAS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

B. Appeal of John and Linda Patrick, 50 Guynn Bridge Court, to allow landscaping to stay in place until City of Chico can sell or exchange

property

Park Director Beardsley said a fence is on private property so this appeal is discussing only irrigation and lawn, and the walkway does not need to be removed. From the public, Linda Patrick said this is identical to the adjacent property at #50 only she has a piece of asphalt which will not be removed. There is not other access to the area so the public would have to go up the bank to get there. It is appalling the Commission would let her property be subject to having no fire protection. Suzanne Gibbs said maybe the landowners could work with Chris Boza for native planting and leave the water system for emergency.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO DENY THE APPEAL. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION. AYES: CHAIR DUNNING, COMMISSIONERS CANDELA, COGGINS, SCHREIBER AND WOOD. NOES: COMMISSIONERS KIDD AND TZIKAS. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

C. Review and discussion of Chapter 12R of Chico Municipal Code

Park Director Beardsley presented wording for changes to the 12R'S recommended by the Committee, with attention to the section on firearms. From the public, Suzanne Gibbs asked to know the exact wording for the changes and Director Beardsley read it. Specific language to be incorporated in the Code will come back to the Commission in two months.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

D. One Mile Recreation Area - noise and disturbance

The Commission previously approved a proposal to close the swimming area at One Mile. The Committee now recommends that the proposed closing be put in abeyance and see what the effects are of the new lighting and irrigation project to be done in 2002-03.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO RESCIND THE CLOSING OF ONE MILE SWIMMING AREA. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

E. Status report on discussions regarding Bidwell Golf Course Club, Inc. lease

There is a request for a 20 year extension of the current golf course contract. The committee is preparing a report to come to the full Commission in September.

5. Trail/Safety Meeting of August 8, 2001

1. Request from Karen Van Derpool to review dog-off-leash policy between Manzanita Avenue and Five Mile Recreation Area

Staff contacted Ms. Van Derpool and responded that the dog did need to be on a lease in the designated area. Rangers will patrol the area and she will contact staff if she has any other complaints.

2. Status report on the Trail Advisory Group

The group continues to meet and have very good discussions. More volunteers are needed. The Trails Manual is done and it is time to implement the plan. Future work on new trails may be done on a project-by-project basis with environmental reviews done for each, or Commission may elect to request an EIR for the entire Park project and continue work on existing trails while that is being done.

Planning Director Kim Seidler said maintenance is always fine but new construction has the potential for significant effect on the environment and needs to be treated conservatively. Commission could plan for disconnected projects with a separate environmental review for each, or for a long-term plan covered by one EIR document that deals with parts that need to come together and the cumulative effect. An EIR gives better legal protection, offers mitigation measures, and deals with everything up front. The cost would probably be about \$100,00 to cover such a vast area as the entire Park.

Park Director Beardsley suggested funding for the EIR could be requested over a period of several years, since many agree that Council probably would not provide such a big lump sum. The requests could be made as a separate proposal or as part of the regular budget cycle. The annual five year capitol improvement project review is done in October and trail projects could be included there.

From the public, Suzanne Gibbs said this project is a legacy on your part and you can anticipate some things you want in the future and include them now. Look at the big picture; small fixes may put us in a legal bind.

3. Work plan for trail improvements

Commissioner Wood would like to see some special projects done soon.

He is especially interested in Monkey Face and a connecting trail with Middle Trail. He asked to get dollar amounts for each plan and choose the projects in October. Chair Dunning thinks long term planning is best and Commission should get cost assessments and make the request. Maybe select one project to do in the meantime. Commissioner Kidd said really big projects never really get done. Commissioner Schreiber said to look into both a long term plan and something smaller to do immediately. Trail Committee will consider this further.

4. Request from Michael Jones regarding a trail project in Upper Bidwell Park

From the public, Caryn Jones said the foregoing discussion is what they wanted to achieve with their request for trail projects. She believes it is better to get the whole project done, but sometimes one cannot. Things put on a project list may still be there in ten years. But she wanted Commission to consider all input before making a decision.

5. Letter from Ed McLaughlin, General Manager, Chico Velo Club regarding South Park Drive

Mr. McLaughlin wrote a letter requesting reconsideration for removing the One-Way signs on South Park Drive. Park Director Beardsley recommended the all issues regarding the Drive be considered as part of Annie Bidwell Trail review.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Park Director Beardsley announced Trail Advisory Group meetings; presented an invitation to Park Watch General Meeting at 5:30 on September 22 at Five Mile; BEC fall cleanup is on September 15; and several grant proposals have been approved by Council. Urban forester Boza and HLA, of Sacramento, will complete a preliminary site characterization study at Horseshoe Lake for lead study, then begin the risk assessment segment, and make some long-term decisions of what to do there. Lifeguards has a significant attrition this summer so pool hours were not always covered. However, the pool is closed only for cleaning.

2. Monthly Reports

Received and filed

3. Incident Reports

Received and filed

4. Correspondence

From Mike Smith regarding his opposition to a general legislative act allowing the City to sell property.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Kidd read about a potential find of marijuana by the goats. Park Director Beardsley said traps often used in that kind of a garden to keep varmints from eating plants were found, but evidence was eaten. Police are following up. Commissioner Wood announced a tour of Big Chico Creek Preserve on September 22. Chair Dunning said Kirkwood Meadows near Tahoe has a full disc golf course that has much use.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 25, 2001.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2001
SIGN IN SHEET

	Name	Address
1.	Marshall J. Gregory	44 Guynn Bridge Court Chico
2.	Vickie Gregory	44 Gyunn Bridge Court
3.	Linda Patrick	50 Guynn Bridge Court
4.	Suzanne Gibbs	602 Sycamore Street
5.	Caryn Jones	5 Summerwood Court

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Michael Candela, Mary Schreiber, David Wood, Kathryn Tzikas, and Don Kidd; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

Park Director Beardsley submitted two items to be added to the agenda.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO ADD TWO ITEMS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.
COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

Commissioner Wendy Coggins arrived at 7:40 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of August 27, 2001**
- 2. Application and Permit Request from the Chico State Cycling Club to Use Upper Bidwell Park on Saturday, October 6, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a Cross County Mountain Bike Race.**
- 3. Letter to California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, Supporting Chico Creek Nature Center's Nomination for Grant Funding Under the "Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers Grant Program" Funded From the 2000 Parks Bond Act.**

Chair Dunning asked to remove this item from the Consent Agenda.

- 4. Application and Permit Request from Adventure Outings to Use Upper Bidwell Park on Saturday, October 27, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Rim to Rim (Run/Ride) Race**
- 5. Application and Permit Request from CSU, Chico Class PhEd 230, to use Upper Bidwell Park on Saturday, November 10, 2001 from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Class Project Fun Run, 5K, 10K**

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS MODIFIED. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

Letter to California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, Supporting Chico Creek Nature Center's Nomination for Grant Funding Under the "Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers Grant Program" Funded From the 2000 Parks Bond Act.

Park Director Beardsley submitted a draft letter of support for funding to the Nature Center. Chair Dunning suggested making the last sentence into two sentences to be clearer.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ACCEPTED THE LETTER AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0

2. **Approval of Letter Supporting the Chico Creek Nature Center**

Park Director Beardsley submitted a draft letter to Council in support of the Nature Center's programs and services.

COMMISSIONER KIDD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LETTER AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. **Request from Kathy Newman, 830 Brookwood Avenue, to Access the Lindo Channel Greenway (Sandy Gulch) to Remove a Tree.**

This item was held over because Ms. Newman in not in attendance. Chair Dunning noted this request does not show an emergency or financial hardship and it would not be allowed if she cannot convince the Commission it is necessary.

4. **Application and Permit Request from Richard L. Elsom, Celebration of People, Inc. to Use Children's Playground Friday, May 3, 2002 from 5:00 p.m.to Saturday, May 4, 2002 for a Celebration of Youth Art and Music Fair.**

Park Director Beardsley said this permit goes along with a desire to get more quality family activities in Children's Park. An issue in question is use of amplified sound. Chico Municipal Code allows for amplified sound in Bidwell Bowl between 10:00 a.m. and

9:00 p.m. for a total of 20 minutes. Staff would be willing to do some experiments with various sound levels to see what might be acceptable beyond that.

From the Public, Richard Elsom and Bob Gray said there are two parts to the permit. One is for the Fair and the rest is to be a program worked out from public input. The key is to present choirs and bands from local schools. Organizations need lead time to prepare for the date, so the permit could be approved and the sound issue worked out later.

COMMISSIONER COGGINS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONITORING AMPLIFIED SOUND AT BIDWELL BOWL. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. Report on Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of September 12, 2001:

A. Request for additional pedestrian access across Vallombrosa Avenue and Jardin Way

Ted Sullivan requested this access to the Park, the Director of Public Works has reviewed it, and committee recommends approval .

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCESS. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

B. Report on discussions regarding Bidwell Golf Course Club, Inc lease

Park Director Beardsley presented potential modifications to the lease. The lease could be extended another twenty years (total 31 years) to allow for financing some major improvements, such as irrigation. Other issues to consider include golf course fees and amount of rent for the grounds. He would like to have acceptance of the points given, to inform Council of the of progress on the lease modification, and to draft the new agreement to bring back to Committee.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO GO FORWARD ON PREPARING THE LEASE MODIFICATIONS. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

C. Interpretative signs on the Yahi Trail

From the public, Michael Jones said he would like to provide signs that are unobtrusive and would resist vandalism. He would pay the costs and would

use decals on a 4x4 post that looks like wood but is made of metal and filled with concrete.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVED THE DESIGN FOR INTERPRETIVE SIGNS ON YAHY TRAIL. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

6. Trail/Safety Meeting of September 12, 2001

A. Work plan for trail improvements

It is recommended that Yahi Trail and Monkey Face be considered high priority for environmental review. Next step would be to get the cost estimates for preparing the review. High priority for maintenance would be on North Rim, both Upper and Middle trails. California Conservation Corp and Salt Creek Crew will be available to work on the projects. From the public, Michael Jones determined that the beginning of Yahi is considered to be part of Lower Trail so would be treated in that priority.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED TO PROCEED WITH THE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

B. Request from Commissioner Wood to discuss creation of a fourth class of trail

Commissioner Wood asked that special trails be recognized as an exemption to those already designated in the Trails Manual, mostly in determining grade and width. The committee supports that concept and will bring a formal amendment to the Manual at a future date.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF SPECIAL CLASS D TRAILS. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

C. Signs

Sixteen of 20 interpretative signs on the Yahi trail have been pulled out and destroyed. Replacement with metal posts have been approved. The new posts will be used on the South side of Upper Park Road and the inventory of wood posts will be used up on the north side. Chair Dunning asked the public to treat

park signs with respect.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVED THE DESIGN FOR INTERPRETIVE SIGNS ON YAHI TRAIL. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Directors Report

Park Director Beardsley updated the written report: Vegetation management program is doing arondol eradication and has completed working its way down the creek on the south side; now starting to remove acres of it at the golf course for the next three weeks. Council will hear a Lindo Channel appeal on October 16. In November the Wildlife Conservation Board will consider a grant for \$89,000 to build the fishing deck at Horseshoe Lake. The goats are out of the park; a bid will go out for next year and there must be more security. Ranger Roxanne is working with school classrooms on creekside restoration and raising salmon. The program continues to involve youth in education and interest in the Park.

2. Monthly Reports Received and filed.

3. Incident Reports Received and filed.

4. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 to the next regular meeting of October 20, 2001.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
OCTOBER 29, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Don Kidd, Kathryn Tzikas, Mary Schreiber, David Wood and Michael Candela; Student Commissioner Chelsie Brown; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent Commissioner Wendy Coggins, who arrived at 7:37.

Park Director Beardsley added a letter to item 5.4 Communications.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of September 24, 2001

Commissioner Schreiber removed this item from the Consent Agenda.

2. Approval of 23rd Annual Endangered Species Faire Permit Application - May 3 to May 5, 2002 - Cedar Grove

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PERMIT APPLICATION.
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Review 99-11 (City of Chico) North Campus Reconstruction

Tom Alexander, Senior Civil Engineer, and Pam Figge, Principal Planner, appeared to discuss the project. Mr. Alexander said the City received federal community block grant funds for roadway improvements throughout the City. Some projects are completed and now the north campus neighborhood is being considered. Several streets will receive improvements to curb, gutter, sidewalk, storm drain and sanitary sewer facilities. A permit is required to remove thirty street trees to facilitate the construction.

Urban Forester Boza said the trees to be removed are various species and sizes, and are fairly old. It is recommended they be replace at a 3-1 ratio with smaller scale trees. A bid could go out in the spring and work done by end of summer. Commission agreed a) there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; and b) the

document has been prepared in conformance with appropriate guidelines.

COMMISSIONER KIDD MOVED TO ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2001

Last line should read ..meeting adjourned to October 29, 2001.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. Receive Report from the California Department of Water Resources Regarding Iron Canyon and Bear Hole Fish Passage Project on Big Chico Creek - Preliminary Engineering Technical Report

Park Director Beardsley said this item, on the need for fish passage solutions in Big Chico Creek, is for inform only and there are no recommendations. It is to look at preliminary designs, cost estimates, probable maintenance, and discussion of alternative projects.

Bill McLaughlin, engineer with California Department of Water Resources, said there are two projects being considered here. One is at Iron Canyon about one mile upstream from Bear Hole, where there is a fish ladder built in the 1950's. It is worn, damaged and does not meet current standards. They considered a new ladder and trapping/transporting the fish but he recommends the existing ladder be repaired and improved, rather than replaced. There is 35 feet elevation gain and weirs would be about 1 ½ feet high. The lower portion would be under water in high flow. Estimated cost is \$740,000.

Bear Hole has no existing ladder so there are different issues to address. He proposes to put in two graded control systems downstream to create a swim-through for fish. The upper structure would average 4-5 feet deep by 25 feet long; the lower structure 3-4 feet deep and 20 feet long. The concrete structures would always be submerged. It would redesign the channel.

Paul Ward, of Fish and Game, said there once was about 60,000 salmon and now the run can be as low at 2,000. There are a few remaining, incremental habitats for this

endangered species. These improvements might let the fish go upstream another 1 ½ miles to Higgins Hole, where not much more can be done to get them to Bear Lake. The canyon continues to change so there must be some commitment to ongoing maintenance for any project. If the stream is changed, City liability will not be effected because other agencies will do the work and because it is for fish passage. Once the solution is identified, funding is probably available.

From the public, Suzanne Gibbs said she appreciates the work done on this report. It is one of the steps needed to improve the creeks. She favors a petition to close the creek to fishing to protect from poaching.

3. Report on Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of October 10, 2001

a. Review Bidwell Park gate opening and closing schedule

Senior Ranger Donohue and the Committee recommends that the gate at Cedar Grove be opened when the restroom is opened at 5:30 a.m. instead of at 9:00. a.m., and the gate at One Mile be opened at 7:00 a.m instead of 9:00. The north side gate would still open at 5:30 a.m. This would simplify the schedule for both the public and the gate contractor.

From the public, Suzanne Gibbs said the neighborhood should be noticed for a public hearing on such a change, as it effects the area. Activities in the Park will start earlier and end the tranquility as it is now. Also Commissioners should consider the issue of dogs off leash during hours when cars are in the Park.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO SEND A NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON CHANGE OF GATE OPENING TIMES. COMMISSIONER KIDD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

b. Plaza Park - Master Plan

Commissioner Kidd asked that Bob Tolar of Tolar Sounds, who does most of the sound work in Park Plaza, asked to be involved in consideration of any new structure for sound. No action required.

4. Trail/Safety Meeting of October 10, 2001

a. Discussion of trails between South Park Drive and East 8th Street

Committee requested more information for a future discussion of trails in the vicinity of Cedar Grove. No action taken.

b. Request from Commissioner Wood to discuss creation of a fourth class of trail

Park Director Beardsley read the proposed language to be added to the Trails Manual for Class D Trails Design.

Special Class Trail designations can be assigned to an entire trail or segments of Class B and Class C trails. A Class D designation would specifically allow for trails that would be exempt from specific standards and have scenic trail values, special views or particular trail qualities. Exemptions would most commonly be for width and grade. Such exemptions would be identified prior to their designation. Unless otherwise noted, all other specifications for Class B and Class C trails would still apply .

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE FOR CLASS D TRAILS AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. Art Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of October 10, 2001

Committee discussed a mural project for underneath the freeway overpass at Peterson Memorial Drive. Staff will be contacting some artists, maybe involving high school students. Chair Dunning asked the public to contact artists and to come forth if they would like to be involved.

Break from 9:00 to 9:10. Commissioner Coggins left the meeting.

6. Tree/Finance Committee Meeting of October 17, 2001

a. Review and approval of Park Department landscape design manual for public right-of-way, parks and other public facilities

The final draft of this manual is presented for approval. It contains a design manual, plant list and standard plans. Work began in 1993. The standard plans portion was approved in June of 1997. A landscape architect intern was able to complete work on the rest this summer. It has been presented to 110 entities for review before tonight.

COMMISSIONER TZIKAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MANUAL. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

b. Review and approval of capitol improvement program

Commission reviewed the list of 42 items proposed for capitol projects in the following fiscal year and considered new requests for funds.

CARD asked for \$160,000 for engineering fees to prepare plans and specifications for construction of facilities at DeGarmo Community Park, \$250,000 to renovate Shapiro Pool, and \$250,000 to renovate restrooms and ballfields at Hooker Oak Park. Mary Cahill, of CARD, explained the master plan for DeGarmo Park and said Shapiro pool does not meet code so would be remodeled and add a water slide and a zero entry ramp. Chico Creek Nature Center asked for \$14,865 to install three light fixtures in the parking lot. Judy White, Director, appeared to answer questions.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF \$160,000 FOR DEGARMO COMMUNITY PARK. COMMISSIONER TZITKA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR \$250,000 CDBG FUNDING FOR SHAPIRO POOL. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND FUNDING OF \$250,000 FOR HOOKER OAK PARK WITH NO SOURCE IDENTIFIED. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO REQUEST FUNDING OF \$15,000 FOR LIGHT FIXTURES FOR CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

Park Director Beardsley reviewed the status of the items already on the five year capitol improvement/ planning plan. He said money could be available from different funds and also could be allocated in increments over several years. Most items on page 1 and 2 are already funded because of grants.

Chair Dunning said he would like to see attention given to projects that have been on the list a while before the trails get money. Commissioner Wood confirmed there is at least two years work that can be done on trails before the environmental report is completed. Commissioner Candela confirmed that the proposed First and Verbena community park will be included in the Lindo Channel Master Management Plan. Commissioner Kidd requested that new light fixtures have a pre-installed electric receptacle at the base.

From the public, Michael Jones spoke in favor of supporting Upper Park trails environmental report, on item #40 - it should not cost \$14,000 to design a trail at Longfellow Avenue, and on# 43 - there is no need for a tracked vehicle to do trail work.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO ADOPT THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/PLANNING PROGRAM AS PRESENTED, EMPHASIZING THAT ITEM 33, UPPER BIDWELL PARK TRAIL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, IS NOT TO BE DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF ANOTHER CAPITOL PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director' s Report

Work done on the middle trail from Easter Cross to Horseshoe Lake for Make A Difference Day makes a big difference; BEC report on fall clean up is enclosed; annual report of chemical use also enclosed; 27 tons of Arundo has been removed and taken to the dump, where it is not included in green waste but quickly buried.

2. Monthly Reports Received and filed.

3. Incident reports Received and filed.

4. Correspondence

A letter from Marilyn Warrens asking to explore possible sites for a Chico rose garden. It will be referred to the Master Management Plan Committee .

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Candela received a notice from CSUC regarding Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve citizens advisory committee meeting. He can not attend and would ask someone else to take his place. Commissioner Kidd said he would go if they agreed he could substitute.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting of November 26, 2001.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 26, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Don Kidd, Mary Schreiber, David Wood, Michael Candela and Wendy Coggins; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent: Commissioner Kathryn Tzikas.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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COMMISSIONER KIDD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Receive and Comment on Annual Vegetation Management Report

Staff filed the Vegetation Management Program Review and the proposed program for 2002. The plan is to continue evolving park vegetation from a monoculture, such as where Himalayan Blackberries have intruded and taken over an area, to a variety of naturel vegetation throughout the park. Work has gone through a sequence of burns, spraying and hand crews to the current use of goats and hand crews with occasional spot spraying possible in the future for small areas of reinfestation. Star Thistle is being burned near Horseshoe Lake, Arrundo donax (Giant Reed) eradication along the creek began last year by hand crews, and removal of Ailanthus started in 1989 and is done every year. Dr. Paul Maslin and Range Baxter have been doing creekside revegation to remove privot and plant native riparian vegetation involving elementary classroom students.

Urban Forester Boza presented slides showing the progress of the program. One objective of the plan is to make gradual changes so that the vistas are not changed

dramatically and the result will be more lasting. In response to questions, he said grape vines do not injure a predominate tree but can provide fire fuel near residential developments so are kept down in some areas, poison oak is native and difficult to control but some attempt to control is made in the most used areas, old walnut trees provide nutrients to the ground when allowed to disintegrate naturally, and it is policy to make full disclosure of all chemical usage in the park.

Park Director recommended approval of the request with the following stipulations:

1. Amplified sound be allowed during the event for two 40 minute sets.
2. Send a copy of the current regulations to the neighborhood.
3. Provide an opportunity for residents to comment on the event through a brief questionnaire about two days prior to the event that can be mailed back to the Park Department. The applicant has also offered to do some house to house surveying to augment the mailing.
4. The applicant will document, to the greatest extend possible, sound levels at various distances north of the Bidwell Bowl to provide some hard data for future reference.
5. The Master Management Plan Committee will review the evaluation of the event. The neighborhood will be notified of the time and place of that meeting.
6. As an exception to current policy, the City Council will need to review and approve the recommendation.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND PROPOSED PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. Report on Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of November 19, 2001

Consider request from Celebration of People, Inc for a temporary exemption from the existing time limitation for amplified sound in Bidwell Bowl

The committee made six stipulations to the approval of allowing an extension of time for amplified sound in Bidwell Bowl at this event. Neighbors in attendance were willing to participate in monitoring the event and evaluating the results.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT WITH STIPULATIONS. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4. Trail/Safety Meeting of November 14, 2001

1. Discussion of trails between South Park Drive and East 8th Street

Committee needs more information before making decisions so continued discussion to the meeting of June, 2002. They will seek input from the Bike Advisory Committee and the Trails Advisory Committee.

2. Discuss and action regarding trail plan for new addition - Bidwell Park

Council has approved funding for trails in Upper Park so information is being gathered to move ahead with the program. Map with overlays of proposed trails will be discussed at a future meeting.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director' s Report

Filed and Updated. Council approved funds for EIR on Upper Park Trail Plan and made an hourly part-time Ranger a permanent seasonal position. An interagency group will meet after the first of the year to discuss implementing and developing neighborhood/community parks. About 250 trees will be planted in January.

2. Monthly Report Received and filed.

3. Incident Reports Received and filed

4. Correspondence

A letter from Kathryn V. Foley, of Durham, protesting terms of the lease with Chico Equestrian Association and a response from Susan E. Stevenson, President of CEA.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Candela requested an item regarding the Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve be placed on the next agenda. Commissioner Candela also suggested Chico Creek Nature Center might use the observatory for programs.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting of December 17, 2001.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2001
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Glenn Dunning, Commissioners Don Kidd, Mary Schreiber, David Wood, Michael Candela, Kathryn Tzikas and Wendy Coggins; Staff: Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of November 26, 2001

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Chair Dunning.

2. Consideration of Application and Permit for Public Use from Parent Education Network for "Pastels in the Park 2002" - September 14 to 16, 2002 -Plaza Park.

3. Consideration of Application and Permit for Public Use from Big Brothers Big Sisters for Wiffle Ball Tournament - June 15 & 16, 2002 - One Mile Recreation Area.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEMS 2 AND 3 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

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Six stipulations recommended by Park Director Beardsley listed under item 4:2 should be included under item 4:3(a)

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER COGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. Presentation of “Kids in Creeks in the Classroom”

Roxanne Baxter presented slides and told about this environmental program being done in Bidwell Park and along Little Chico Creek. In the fall, students from CSUC and Butte College and teachers from about 30 elementary classrooms meet to participate. Their training includes a day with the Department of Fish and Game learning about how to raise salmon and steelhead. They set up aquariums duplicating natural habitat for salmon eggs, which are hatched in the classroom and released in Feather River by Christmas. Most of the work is done on outdoor field trips. There are four stations set up on the field trips; 1) removal of invasive plants, 2) planting, 3) a nature hike, and 4) the game of “Hooks and Ladders” illustrating the salmon's return up river to spawn. Habitat restoration in the Park emphasizes plant diversity and this program gives the children knowledge and pride in their parks. Funding has come year -to-year from grants but there is now a 2 ½ year program funded to work in Lindo Channel.

3. Trail/Safety Meeting of November 6, 2001

Discussion and action regarding trail plan for new addition - Bidwell Park

The Committee's focus is on getting the EIR completed in 2002 on the north side of Chico Creek. Michael Jones flagged some portions being considered so the public can see the proposed alignments. Commissioner Wood would like to see a complete loop up the north side and back on the south.

4. Report on Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of November 12, 2001

A. Consider request to establish a memorial rose garden.

From the public, Marilyn Wade Warrens said she would donate time and money to creating a memorial rose garden for Chico. The location needs to be determined and the garden would need consistent support over time from organizations. She has found two sites she liked; 1) on property leased to CARD Near Five Mile left of the baseball field, and 2) near the walnut orchard. Suzanne Gibbs thinks places other than the park would be better. Past commissions have protected the walnut orchard and non-native plants should not be introduced into the Park.

Commissioners Kidd thanked Ms. Warrens for her donation and thinks the Park is large enough to find a place there. Chair Dunning said agreement on the site is difficult and asked the public to give their ideas.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A ROSE GARDEN. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.