



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
November 24, 2014, 6:30 pm
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Special Recognition: Park Watch Members of the Month: Linda Gilmore (May), Elaina McReynolds (June), Mike Priemsburger (July), Sharon Stern and Edgar Ovalle (August), Carla Moreno (October).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 10/27/14.

2.2. Permit to Install a Chanukah Menorah at City Plaza (12/16/14 to 12/24/14)

The Chabad Jewish Center requests to install a Menorah on the City Plaza restroom and hold a lighting celebration (12/16/14). As with last year's installation, the applicant will need to have their own contractor install the Menorah with direction from Park staff. The multiple day event is in its 9th year and requires BPPC consideration. **Recommendation:** *Approval of permit with conditions.*

2.3. Permit for Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Plaza (12/4/14).

The Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) requests a permit for a Tree Lighting Ceremony and installation of lights on a tree at City Plaza. Crowds will enjoy a musical program and participate in the countdown to light the tree. The tree will remain lighted until the end of December. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.4. Permit for Heart and Sole 5K (3/21/15).

Under the Sun Events / Enloe Medical Center requests a permit to host a race that starts and ends at Chico Area Recreation Center which changes the Standard Course as entry into Bidwell Park will be at the 4th St entrance and North 1 Mile Entrance at Vallombrosa Way. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.5. Permit for Graduation picnic at Picnic Site #37 (5/16/15).

The applicant requests a permit to reserve picnic site #37 for a graduation picnic with family. This picnic site is not an area allowed for reservations without BPPC approval. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.6. Permit for the Walk to End Alzheimer's (10/10/15).

The Alzheimer's Association requests a permit to host the Walk to End Alzheimer's, a stroll through Bidwell Park. The event includes information booths and family friendly activities. Applicant requests set up the day before, which requires BPPC consideration for a multi-day event. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Permit to Remove and Replace a Street Tree (520 West 12th Avenue)

At the 10/27/14 meeting, the BPPC moved to deny an appeal and permit to prune a Chico street tree (a 20" DBH English Walnut (*Juglans regia*)) by 25% to allow for better solar panel exposure. The BPPC noted that they may be receptive to the removal of the tree with an adequate tree replacement alternative. The BPPC will consider an alternative that includes the removal of the one tree and planting of 3 street trees as replacements. The removal and replanting will be conducted at landowner expense according to City standards. **Recommendation:** *If BPPC approves removal for the landowners convenience, staff recommends replacement with 3 street trees.*

4.2. Consideration of Urban Forest Management Plan

At the 10/27/14 meeting, Commissioner Ober requested to agendaize the consideration of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). The BPPC moved (6-0-1) to agendaize the UFMP for discussion and for action to either approve or not approve at the November meeting or earliest possible opportunity. At the 11/4/14 meeting of the Chico City Council, the Council imposed a 6-month deadline on the Public Works Department to contract out the functions of the Urban Forest Manager and complete the Urban Forest Management Plan. **Recommendation:** *Staff recommends that the BPPC consider and discuss the major unfinished items and refer to the UFMP back to the Tree Committee.*

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Commission cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

6. REPORTS

The items below are provided for the Commission's information and discussion. No action can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them in a subsequent posted agenda.

6.1. PG&E Tree-Removal and Trimming Work Along Utility Corridor on the Comanche Creek Property.

6.2. 2014 Annual Report for the Wet Weather Plan

6.3. Parks and Street Trees Division Report - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Due to the Christmas holiday, the next regular meeting will be on December 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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