



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
August 25, 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

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 meeting held on 06/30/14.

2.2. Love on the Rocks - 5K/10K Run at Five Mile and Upper Bidwell Park (9/6/14)

Love on the Rocks is a team challenge run in which there will be a minister present to renew vows. The event will use the Five Mile Picnic Area and run out and back on the North Rim Trail with use of the pedestrian bridge on the return. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.3. Permit Application for the Almond Bowl – 5K, ½ and Full Marathon in Lower, Middle and Upper Bidwell Park (9/13/14).

Chico Running Club is requesting a permit to host a run in Lower, Middle and Upper Park. This is the 40th year for the event. The event requires BPPC consideration as the run will use trails in Bidwell Park that are not considered intensive use areas. **Recommendation:** *Approve permit with conditions.*

2.4. Permit Application for Earthdance - Music Festival in Cedar Grove (9/21/14)

Eartha Shanti requests a permit to host the Chico Earthdance, an international music festival for peace, proposed for Cedar Grove. This is the 8th year for the event. The application requires BPPC consideration because the event will exceed 10 hours. **Recommendation:** *Approve permit with conditions.*

2.5. Permit Application for the Bidwell Bump – Mountain Bike Race in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park (9/13/14).

Katherine Ketterer is requesting a permit to host a mountain bike race in Middle and Upper Park. The event requires BPPC consideration as the race will use trails in Bidwell Park that are not considered intensive use areas. **Recommendation:** *Approve permit with conditions.*

2.6. Permit Application for the Annual Z-Rock Pumpkin Head - Contest in City Plaza (10/25/14).

Results Radio LLC is requesting a permit to hold its annual Pumpkin Head contest in City Plaza. This is the 18th year for this event, the second year in City Plaza. The event requires BPPC consideration as the reservation is for more than 10 hours in length. **Recommendation:** *Approve permit with conditions.*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – if any

3. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

4.1. Acceptance of Donation for Oak Planting Program

The Butte Environmental Council (BEC) was recently awarded a grant from the California Wildlife Association and is proposing an oak planting project in Upper and Middle Bidwell Park. The four year project will plant oaks, engage citizens, develop education material, and protect previously planted oaks. Plantings will be restricted to developed or impacted areas of the park. While the City Charter authorizes the BPPC to accept in-kind donations (Section 1006.2), Staff believes that this project warranted the Commission's consideration. **Recommendation:** *Approval of project with Conditions.*

4.2. Acceptance of the Caper Acres Renovation Plan

Due to aging infrastructure, the BPPC included the renovation of Caper Acres in its 2013-2014 Work Plan. The BPPC Natural Resource Committee (NRC) hosted four public meetings to allow opportunities for public input on the project. At the July 10, 2014 meeting, the NRC provided input on the draft designs and directed staff to bring forward a completed plan to the full BPPC for consideration. The Consultant, Melton Design Group, and Staff will present a refined design, a list of project priorities and costs, and other information from the Master Caper Acres Renovation Plan. **Recommendation:** *Accept the plan and recommend Council adoption.*

4.3. Adopt Programmatic Tree Removal Permit

As per BPPC direction, the Tree Committee developed the criteria for a Programmatic Permit program to help expedite requests to remove undesirable trees. The program essentially provides preapproval for tree removal permits that meet certain criteria. All other requests (or requests that Staff does not support) would still come before the BPPC for consideration. Trees removed under this program will be reported to the BPPC and the program is subject to annual revisions by the BPPC. The removals and replanting will be completed at the applicant's expense. **Recommendation:** *Direct staff to complete the AP&P and provide authority for eligible permits.*

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**

Items 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 to a subsequent posted agenda.

6.1. Natural Resource Committee Report – Mary Brentwood, NRC Chair.

6.2. Parks and Street Trees Division Report (July and August) - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on September 29, 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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