

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Stephen Lucas, Chair  
Michael Candela  
David Wood  
Jim Walker  
Tom Barrett  
Richard Ober  
Lisa Emmerich

Commissioners Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

COMMISSIONER WALKER NOMINATED RICHARD OBER TO BE CHAIR AND DAVID WOOD TO BE VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE NOMINATION WHICH PASSED 7-0.

**1.3 Special Recognition**

Julie Biegel-Coryel was given a certificate of appreciation for her work as Park Volunteer Program Intern.

**1.4 Public Comments**                      None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of December 18, 2006**

**2.2 Approval of Applications and Public Event Permits for Park Use from Chico Area Recreation District for Several Events to be Held in 2007 and Request to Waive Permit Fees**

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Barrett.

**2.3 Approval of Application for Public Event Permit for Public Use from Cyrle Productions for the Artisans Faire May 4, 5, and 6, 2007 - City Plaza**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS 1 AND 3 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Applications and Public Event Permits for Park Use from Chico Area Recreation District for Several Events to be Held in 2007 and Request to Waive Permit Fees**

Ann Wellmann, Recreation Supervisor for CARD, assured Commissioners that chalk used at "Pastels in the Park" will not contain lead.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FROM CARD AND WAIVE PERMIT FEES. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**4.2 Review and Consideration of Design of the New Building at the Chico Creek Nature Center**

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUILDING DESIGN AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1 Director's Report**

- a. Baroni Park update
- b. Verbena Fields restoration project update
- c. Renovation of Children's Playground
- d. One- Mile Dam Replacement - Commissioner Ober asked to review the plans approved by BPPC at an earlier meeting.
- e. Comanche Creek Trail Master Plan
- f. New hourly Special Events Coordinators
- g. Wildlife-friendly fencing for Upper Bidwell Park/Ecological Reserve
- h. Iron Canyon fish ladder meeting
- i. New committee assignments
- j. Council actions/correspondence

**5.2 Monthly Reports**

- a. **Parks and Greenways/Street Trees**
- b. **Park Rangers**

**5.3 Urban Forester Report**

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

**5.5 Correspondence**                      none

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Susan Mason said there will be a meeting held by Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance next Monday at 6:30 p.m. in CR 1 to answer questions about the fish ladder design.

Jane E. Hazen wanted to know what committee she would contact with questions about general Park use and services. Chair Lucas suggested she called Park Office and be referred to the correct committee for each question.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting of February 26, 2007.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007  
7:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:     Richard Ober, Chair  
                                  Michael Candela  
                                  Jim Walker  
                                  Tom Barrett  
                                  Lisa Emmerich  
                                  Stephen Lucas

Commissioners Absent: David Wood, Vice-Chair

Staff Members Present:     Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
                                  Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
                                  Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney  
                                  Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Public Comments**

Paul Lehman, of Chico Mountain Bikers, asked BPPC to monitor the type of road base used in Upper Park so that it will be the best surface for any user and have aesthetic value.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of January 29, 2007**

**2.2 Approval of Application and Public Event Permits for Park Use from Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) for several events to be held in City Plaza in 2007**

Commissioner Candela removed this item from Consent Agenda.

**2.3 Review and Consideration of an Application and Permit from Chico Velo Cycling Club for a Hike in Upper Bidwell Park - April 22, 2007**

**2.4 Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use "Hooked on Fishing, Not on**

**Drugs” Event, Saturday, June 2, 2007 - Horseshoe Lake**

**2.5 Applications and Permits for Park Use of Wildwood Park for the 2007 Season from Butte United Soccer League, Chico Central Little League, and Chico Cal Soccer for use Until December 1, 2007**

General Services Director Beardsley removed this item from Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS 1, 3, AND 4 OF CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0-1.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS                      None**

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of Application and Public Event Permits for Park Use from Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) for several events to be held in City Plaza in 2007**

Commissioner Candela asked that the type of food and drinks to be served be monitor. Commissioner Barrett said the portable generators at Thursday Night Market make noise pollution.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS FROM DCBA. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0-1.

**b. Applications and Permits for Park Use of Wildwood Park for the 2007 Season from Butte United Soccer League, Chico Central Little League, and Chico Cal Soccer for use Until December 1, 2007**

General Services Director Beardsley said Butte United Soccer League is aware that fields cannot be reserved by anyone on Sundays but are available as first come, first serve.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE SEASON APPLICATIONS FOR WILDWOOD PARK. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0-1.

**4.2 Review and Consideration of Final Design of the Nice Cardoza Memorial Park Project in Caper Acres**

Dave Probst said the committee has raised the needed funds and is ready to proceed with construction in early May.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVED THE FINAL PLAYGROUND DESIGN AND AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0-1.

**4.3 Review and Consideration of Design Modifications to Iron Canyon Fish Ladder Structure in Upper Bidwell Park.**

Engineer Sam Plank showed photos of existing conditions of the ladder and the updated design.

Commissioners asked questions regarding size of equipment to be brought in, effect on the existing road, problems of crossing over the volcanic rock, and dewatering the weirs,

From the public, Susan Strachan, of Big Chico Creek Alliance, said spring run salmon have a hard time surviving in low waters and something needs to be done to get them through Iron Canyon.

Commissioner Candela requested a noticed public meeting for a field trip to the site. Staff will coordinate a date for that.

Information item; no action recommended.

**4.4 Update and Review of the Proposed Reconstruction of East Eighth Street Corridor**

In 1999, City Council adopted the Scenic Street Design Guidelines for East Eighth Street. Bob Greenlaw, City of Chico Senior Civil Engineer, and staff from the Capital Projects Services Department presented resulting concept designs for review and comment, and asked especially for direction on items in the project that pertain to Bidwell Park and the heritage trees.

Commissioners reviewed the proposal, asked questions and offered opinions.

Break from 8:55 to 9:05 p.m.

Present at 9:05 - Chair Ober, Commissioners Lucas, Walker, Candela, Barrett, and Emmerich.

Absent : Commissioner Wood

From the Public:

Neil McCabe showed photos in support of a petition opposing the preliminary design

signed by the neighborhood residents from Section 4.

Speaking in opposition to the project were: Suzanne McCabe, Maureen Kirk, Jane Hazen, Doug Alexander, Brad Boswell, Victoria Hunt, Rose Barrett, Brian Boswell, Nick Rapanich, Gail Boswell, Kristyne Demaree, Christian Todenhagen, Jim Panek, and Susan Mason.

Break from 10:30 p.m. to 10:40 p.m.

Present at 10:40 p.m. - Chair Ober, Commissioners Walker, Barrett, Emmerich, and Candela

Absent - Commissioners Wood and Lucas

#### **4.5 Review and Consideration of Proposed Chico Municipal Code Revision Prohibiting Coasting Devices Within the Interior of City Plaza**

General Services Director Beardsley recommends expanding Chapter 10.45 of Chico Municipal Code (CMC) to ban coasting devices from City Plaza. Commissioner Candela asked that the issue of riding bicycles in City Plaza be put on a future agenda.

From the public Jane Hazen spoke in opposition.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO CHANGE CMC TO BAN COASTING DEVICES FROM CITY PLAZA. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 3-2-2.

YES: EMMERICH, BARRETT, AND CANDELA

NO: OBER AND WALKER

#### **4.6 Confirmation of Appointment of Commissioners to the Various Subcommittees of the Commission**

All appointments were accepted without objection.

#### **4.7 Consideration and Approval of 2007 Calendar of Commission Meetings and Activities and Discussion Regarding Annual Work Plan**

Staff will set up proposed committee meeting dates and field trips by e-mail. Staff will bring a work plan to the April meeting. One suggestion was to plan a bus tour of certain locations.

### **5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **5.1 Director's Report**

- a. Baroni Park update
- b. City Plaza Fountain
- c. One-Mile Dam Replacement Project Update

- d. Council Action/Correspondence

**5.2 Monthly Reports**

- a. Parks and Greenways/Street Trees
- b. Park Rangers

**5.3 Urban Forester Report**

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

**5.5 Correspondence**

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Jane Hazen said she has no input on such issues as changing Ringel Park into Ringel Landscapes and moving buses to where she cannot be comfortable. She wants a committee formed to talk about park uses.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. to the next regular meeting of March 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.



BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call:** Roll was called at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:     Richard Ober, Chair  
                                  David Wood, Vice-Chair  
                                  Michael Candela  
                                  Tom Barrett  
                                  Jim Walker  
                                  Stephen Lucas  
                                  Lisa Emmerich

Staff Members Present:     Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
                                  Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
                                  Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City attorney  
                                  Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Public Comment**     None

GSD Beardsley asked to postpone Item 4.8 (Report from Master Management Plan Committee) to the April meeting. There was no objection.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of February 26, 2007**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING**     None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**     None

**4.2 Appointment of a Commissioner to the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) Master Plan Committee**

Chair Ober appointed Tom Barrett as the BPPC's official member to the CARD Master Plan Committee and Jim Walker as alternate. They both accepted.

**4.3 Review and Consideration of Request from Chico Area Park and Recreation District to Replace and Relocate the Scoreboard at Doryland Field in Hooker Oak Recreation Area.**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE RELOCATION AND REMODEL OF CARD SCOREBOARD. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**4.4 Review and Consideration of Fiscal Year 2007-08 Park Related Community Organization Funding Requests**

a. Chico Creek Nature Center

Tom Haithcock, Nature Center Director, said they are asking for a modest increase, the first in seven years. He also added that they are opening bids for construction of their new building this week.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR \$62,506. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

b. Chico Cat Coalition

Commissioner Candela said he would like someone from the Cat Coalition to appear and give an update on their future needs.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR \$14,000. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**4.5 Update and Review of the Proposed Reconstruction of East Eighth Street Corridor**

Bob Greenlaw, Senior Civil Engineer, and Lane Green, Associate Civil Engineer, from the City's Capital Project Serviced Department presented changes that were made on Phase One since the Commission's February meeting. The changes included 1) modifications at the 8<sup>th</sup> and Fir Street intersection, 2) realignment of El Dorado Street with the driveway to Parkview School parking lot, 3) a modified roundabout at 8<sup>th</sup> and Kern, and 4) Forest Avenue roundabout as the only one remaining.

Suggestions from the public were given by Douglas Alexander, Mike Von Kleist, Renee Johnson, Karen Van Ness, Bill Travers, Phillip Price, Tom Haithcock, and Nora Totenhagen. Most were concerned about the proposed roundabouts.

Commission provided additional comments and suggested revisions to the City Capital Project Services Department staff on the project design. The suggested revisions included:

1. Adding accessible and regular parking to the park access at 8<sup>th</sup> and Fir Streets.
2. Making minor modifications to the entrance at the east end of Parkview School.
3. Moving the realignment of Cedar Way slightly to the west to spare the oak tree that would have been removed if the original realignment design was approved.
4. Providing additional parking on 8<sup>th</sup> Street along the Deer Pen area in Bidwell Park..

THE COMMISSION REQUESTED THAT THESE REVISIONS BE BROUGHT BACK FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AT ITS APRIL MEETING.

Break from 9:00 to 9:10

Present at 9:10: Chair Ober, Commissioners Wood, Candela, Emmerich, Barrett, Walker, and Lucas

#### **4.6 Review and Consideration of Proposed Chico Municipal Code Revisions Regarding Prohibiting Bicycles in City Plaza and “Dogs on Leash” Laws in City Parks**

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO ADOPT A TIERED SYSTEM OF FINES WITH THE FIRST OFFENCE RESULTING IN A FINE OR COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND SUBSEQUENT INFRACTIONS RESULTING IN A FINE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE WHERE ONE HOUR OF SERVICE EQUALS \$7.50 IN FINES. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-1.

AYES: OBER, WOOD, CANDELA, EMMERICH, BARRETT AND WALKER.

NOES: LUCAS

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO ADD LANGUAGE TO CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING USE OF BIKES WITHIN CITY PLAZA AND TO EXTEND THE CODE PROVISION TO ALL OF DOWNTOWN. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE

MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**4.7 Report from the Volunteer Committee Meeting of 03/12/07 (Commissioners Ober, Candela and Emmerich, Chair)**

**Review and consideration of Bidwell Park Volunteer Program**

Committee requested that the Volunteer Coordinator Smith-Peters redraft the Volunteer Program and bring it back to BPPC in April.

**4.8 Report from the Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of 03-19-07 (Commissioner Candela, Lucas and Walker, Chair)**

This item was postponed to the April 30, 2007 regular meeting.

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1 Director's Report**

Sphere of Influence document is going to Council next week.  
Crews are working on Little Chico Creek and Comanche Creek to clear property.

**5.2 Monthly Reports**

Ranger Steve Hogue has left employment with the Park Division and is now an officer at Police Department. Staff will be recruiting for one full time and two part-time rangers. One will be assigned to patrol downtown.

**5.3 Urban Forester Report**

Urban Forester Britton thanked Dan Gibson for his volunteer work. Bids for pruning were received today and the bids are low so more work will be done than expected. The Urban Forester indicated that she would like to schedule a meeting for Tree/Finance Committee to discuss tree removal policies.

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

A citizen has volunteered to put native plants in Upper Park.

**5.5 Correspondence      None**

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commissioner Walker asked if water can be pumped into Horseshoe Lake. GSD Beardsley said the lake is abnormally low and water can be pumped in.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 to the next regular meeting of April 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Richard Ober, Chair  
David Wood, Vice-Chair  
Lisa Emmerich, Commissioner  
Jim Walker, Commissioner  
Stephen Lucas, Commissioner  
Tom Barrett, Commissioner  
Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Debbie Presson, City Clerk  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Michael Candela, Commissioner

**2. CONSENT AGENDA** None

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**Work Session to Develop Work Plan**

City Clerk Presson said this work plan will be for 18 months, until December 2008. Following work plans will be for two years. It will be submitted to Council for input and approval.

Commissioner Candela arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Step 1: review purpose of commission as defined by the CMC.  
To set policy for Bidwell Park; oversee street trees and greenways; protect resources; interact with staff; be an open forum for public participation; create and interpret the Master Management Plan

Step 2: develop a mission statement that reflects that purpose

Who are we: park lovers and citizens appointed by Council to manage the parks, represent our neighbors and provide a place to discuss issues.

What do we do: preserve and enhance natural and recreational aspects of Bidwell Park and all parks; weigh and balance needs, desires and interests of the public

against the available City resources.

Who do we do it for: past, present and future citizens and visitors; people with special needs.

Why do we do it: from a sense of community responsibility; to oversee natural resources and environment; to preserve the integrity of the gift from Annie Bidwell.

Step 3: discuss any priorities already established by Council: some projects, such as Ringel Park renovation, are completed and others, such as Master Management Plan and neighborhood parks, are already in process.

Step 4: brainstorm goals, projects or priorities and *benefits*

- complete Bidwell Park MMP and establish annual priorities *a blueprint for the future of Bidwell Park*
- annual reviews of trail improvement program, volunteer program and vegetation management plan *for continued enhancement*
- review and approve improvement plans for Children's Playground *for health and safety issues*, vegetation management plan for Comanche Creek, and the CARD MMP *to strengthen partnership and protect the road map for our future and changing needs..*
- MMP's and vegetation management plans for all greenways.
- educate the public on problem of intrusive plants *to aid potential native plant revegetation*
- develop a policy on pocket parks *to regenerate old neighborhoods*
- fund lighting and landscape districts *to ensure long-term availability of park facilities more directly*
- permanent restroom at Sycamore Pool and elsewhere
- produce an annual report of endangered species and species of concern
- fund alternative transportation within Bidwell Park

Commissioners discussed their three highest priorities and agreed upon:

1) eliminate invasive plants; 2) pockets parks; 3) review and evaluate development standards.

5. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**      None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 to the next regular meeting of April 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:     Richard Ober, Chair  
                                  Michael Candela  
                                  Tom Barrett  
                                  Jim Walker  
                                  Stephen Lucas  
                                  Lisa Emmerich

Commissioners Absent:     David Wood, Vice-Chair

Staff Members Present:     Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
                                  Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
                                  Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City attorney  
                                  Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Special Recognition**

Chair Ober gave special recognition and thanks to Dan Gibson, of Redwood to Roses Tree Service, for working, free to charge, to preserve the oak tree at Eaton and Cohasset Roads.

**1.3 Public Comments**             None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 26, 20007**

Commissioner Walked asked to remove this item from Consent Agenda

**2.2 Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting of April 16,2007**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2007 AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER LUCAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC MEETINGS**             None



#### **4. REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

###### **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 26, 20007**

Commissioner Walker said it is important to include discussion in the minutes. A roundabout was a major issue and was not reflected in the minutes. GSD Beardsley said these are action minutes but more will be added to reporting this item and it will be brought back in April.

##### **4.2 Review and Consideration of an Application and Permit from the Chico Peace and Justice Center to Conduct a Free Speech Demonstration in Children's Playground on May 7, 2007**

GSD Beardsley stated that he met with Peace and Justice Center to address his concerns regarding irrigation during the display and the length of time of the display. He indicated that modifications were made to the location for the placement of flags so that they will be located on the perimeter of Children's Playground near the fence along Shasta Way. He stated that this should alleviate the concerns regarding irrigation and potential conflicts with other park users.

From the public:

Laurel Blankenship, director for Peace and Justice Center, that the staff reported 3,200 flags would be installed and that it really will be 103,000. She also said that the project started in Boulder, Colorado to transport the flags around the country to denote deaths of Americans and Iraqis since the war began. Volunteers will place and remove the flags.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

##### **4.3 Update and Review of the Proposed Reconstruction of East Eighth Street Corridor**

Bob Greenlaw, Senior Civil Engineer, and Lane Green, Associate Civil Engineer, from the City's Capital Project Services Department said that the public meeting on April 18 was well attended by about 100 residents. The Commission considered and discussed street lighting, a revised parking lot at El Dorado Street, traffic guide for bike path at Parkview School, types of road surfacing to quiet sound, providing accessible parking,

parallel parking options, raised crosswalks, more Park access, and further consideration of a roundabout at Forest Avenue.

From the Public:

Comments were given by Mike Von Kleist, Neil McCabe, Susanne McCabe, Ceanne Johnson, Victoria Hunt, George Dailey, and Brian Boswell. Most stated concerns regarding design elements proposed in Phase II. Greenlaw indicated that the Commission will have opportunity to comment on the Phase II design elements in the future.

THE COMMISSION REQUESTED THAT IDEAS REGARDING PARALLEL PARKING, SIGNAGE AND POSSIBLY PROVIDING PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CEDAR WAY BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION ONCE DESIGNED, BUT DIRECTED STAFF TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I.

Break from 8:30 to 8:40

Commissioners present at 8:40: Ober, Candela, Barrett, Walker, Lucas, and Emmerich.

**4.4 Report from the Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of 04/27/07 (Commissioners Candela, Lucas, and Walker, Chair)**

**Review and consideration of a letter concerning Annie Bidwell's South Rim Trail in Bidwell Park**

The Committee reported that it will be continuing its discussion regarding this issue to a future Committee meeting.

**4.5 Report from the Volunteer Committee Meeting of 04/25/07 (Commissioners Ober, Candela and Emmerich, Chair)**

**Review and consideration of Bidwell Park Volunteer Program**

Lise Smith-Peters, Volunteer Coordinator, considered comments from public and Committee members in preparing the City's first written Volunteer Program. Commissioner Walker noted this the Volunteer Program was the most economic program the City has. Commissioner Barrett requested that the report include identification of the types of tools and materials needed for each job.

From the public:

Susan Mason from Friends of Bidwell Park referred to her 4/25/07 email, which was provided to the Commission at the meeting, suggesting that the Volunteer Coordinator

seek volunteers with biological, ecological and other expertise. Chair Ober requested that this issue be sent to the Master Management Plan Committee for further consideration. Ms. Mason also suggested that a report be made next year to evaluate the success of the Volunteer program and to determine its cost effectiveness. Commissioner Emmerich suggested that this report be prepared through the Volunteer Committee.

COMMISSIONER EMMERICH MOVED TO APPROVE THE REPORT. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

## **5. REPORTS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **5.1 Director's Report**

- a. Baroni Park Update/Donation
- b. Chico Creek Nature Center Project - contract about to be signed
- c. Nico Project - Caper Acres will be closed several days during May until construction is completed.
- d. Ceres/Highland Park - a meeting this week for neighbors at McManus School
- e. One-Mile Dam Replacement- moving forward with the project
- f. CARD projects - disc golf at Hooker Oak soon to be reviewed by BPPC; maybe doing some programming at skateboard park
- g. Council actions - Internal Affairs Committee will discuss dog leash policy at its 5/8/06 meeting.

GSD Beardsley reported that the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan has been issued and that the Commission has been provided copies of the EIR at tonight's meeting. He stated that there will be a public meeting regarding the EIR on 6/13/07, and that it will be brought before the Commission in August or September, 2007.

### **5.2 Monthly Reports**

- a. Parks and Greenways/Street Trees
- b. Park Rangers

### **5.3 Urban Forester**

Urban Forester Britton reported that she is pleased with the pruning being done at One Mile and Caper Acres; she will be speaking at Avenues Neighborhood Association and Internal Affairs Committee meetings about the tree program.

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

The new Volunteer Program report is completed and presented to BPPC. The Commission commented that the volunteers did a great job in making Picnic Area #23 accessible.

**5.5 Correspondence**      None

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

GSD Beardsley reported that staff is still trying to schedule the Commission's proposed park tour.

Commissioner Barrett said that he has received inquiries about the water in the Nob Hill detention pond and asked whether this was under the City's control. GSD Beardsley responded that most of the water in the pond is "nuisance water" from neighbor's irrigation systems and that a public education campaign may help this situation.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, May, 29, 2007.

APPROVED:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 29, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Richard Ober, Chair  
David Wood, Vice-Chair  
Michael Candela  
Tom Barrett  
Jim Walker  
Stephen Lucas  
Lisa Emmerich

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City attorney  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant  
Linda Herman, Management Analyst

**1.2 Special Recognition**

Chair Ober recognized Marsh Junior High Government Association, Starbucks Coffee Company, Home Depot, and the Target staff for their part in contributing to the success of Earth Day this year. Statistics show that 160 people worked 346 volunteer hours.

**1.3 Public Comments**                      None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 26, 2007**

**2.2 Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2007**

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

4.2 Review and Consideration of Proposed Donation for the Development of the Basketball Court at Baroni Neighborhood Park

Staff has received an anonymous offer of a \$40,000 donation for the construction of a multi-purpose 3/4 sized basketball court in the new Baroni Neighborhood Park. The court was proposed as an enhanced park design feature which was not approved through the Landscape and Lighting District ballot process.

The original park design included a 1/2 sized court. Over 800 property owners in the Lighting and Landscape District were notified by flyer and two inquiries were received. Approval of accepting the donation will go to City Council. Staff stated that the recommended that the BPPC approve modifications of the park design to include this slightly larger court based on the following:

1. The court is located in the center of park for sound and visibility purposes
2. no additional lighting will be installed for the court
3. will be used for other purposes
4. not a budget problem to maintain

Public comment: none

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE A CHANGE IN DESIGN TO INCLUDE THE 3/4 SIZE MULTI-USE/BASKETBALL COURT. COMMISSIONER LUCAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4.3 Review and Consideration of Preliminary Design Concepts for Renovation of Children's Playground

The City's consultant will present preliminary conceptual designs and ideas for the renovation of the Children's Playground for the Commission's review and consideration

City Council approved \$250,000 to make improvements to Children's Playground and hired Genesis Landscape Architecture to prepare the draft design for the project. Tom Phelps, of Genesis Landscape, presented some of his preliminary design concepts and asked BPPC for comments and direction before preparation of the final draft. The focus of the redesign is to increase park usership (especially for children and families),

improve functionality and circulation patterns, promote better care of the older trees, replace wooden benches and tables, update trash receptacles, repair old irrigation system, and refurbish deteriorating pathways.

The Commissioners provided the following direction and priorities to the consultant for the design:

1. Enhance the children's play area.
2. Improve access for the public.
3. Provide more public parking.
4. Work with Bike Committee to make racks more functional.
5. Add more accessible creek sites similar to those in Bidwell Park.
6. Add accessible parking along the path on the north side near the Esplanade.
7. Possibly a small water feature.
8. Address the feasibility and need for restrooms.

Public comment: None

There will be a progress report in July.

Break from 8:15 to 8:25

Present at 8:25: Ober, Wood, Barrett, Emmerich, Candela, Walker, and Lucas.

#### **4.4 Consideration of a Request from Commissioner Candela to agendaize Discussion of Deer Crossing Issues and the Potential Use of Goats in Bidwell Park**

Commissioner Candela has requested that the Commission discuss the following items:

1. Installation of additional cutouts in the fence in lower Bidwell Park adjacent to Vallombrosa Avenue to assist fawns in crossing the fence.
2. The City possibly purchasing and managing its own goat herd for vegetation management in Bidwell Park.

GSD Beardsley needs to know who asked for help on the deer problem, as well as the frequency and location of need for additional crossings. Chair Ober said more information is needed before discussing these problems.

From the public: Susan Mason said a bigger deer management problem could be with the construction going on around the park. The deer herd spends time in Cedar Grove and across the street where houses soon will be built.

The Commission discussed Councilmember Nickell's suggestion regarding the City owning its own goat herd, discussing the possibility of keeping them in the old deer pens and whether the goats are effective for vegetation management purposes. The Commission directed staff to contact to CSU, Chico Agriculture Department regarding the viability of the Department administering a goat herd and this portion of the City's vegetation management plan.

## **5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5.1 Director's Report**

- a. Baroni Park update/donation (see item 4.2)
- b. Chico Creek Nature Center project
- c. Nico Project Update - is moving along and looking fantastic. A palm tree is back in the plan and maybe mist. Possible opening July 4;.
- d. Ceres Highland Park update
- e. One-Mile Dam replacement project
- f. Additional Seasonal Rangers
- g. "Economic and Social Value of Parks and Recreation" - City of Roseville
- h. Commission park tour - set for Saturday, June 9 at 9:00 am
- i. Council Actions/Correspondence
  - Dog leash laws - Internal Affairs Committee postponed its consideration of BPPC's recommendations
  - City Manager's FY06-07 mid-cycle budget message

### **5.2 Monthly Reports**

- a. Parks and Greenways/Street Trees
- b. Park Rangers

### **5.3 Urban Forester Report**

Urban Forester Britton is working with the Volunteer Coordinator on a potential intern plan with the tree program

### **5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

Ms. Smith-Peters acknowledged that CSUC Civil Engineer Society work at picnic site



#23 was a great success.

**5.5 Correspondence**      None

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

GSD Beardsley said a public meeting for the Master Management Plan draft EIR is set for June 13. Comments on the draft should be in written form. BPPC will receive all comments and answers to comments and the draft EIR for review. BPPC still has only the disc golf item to review. The rest of the Plan issues will be sent to City Council.

Commissioner Barrett said the permit for DCBA Thursday night market said no generators are allowed but one is being used and a radio station set up also. GSD Beardsley said staff is still trying to work things out with them.

Commissioner Walker said Commission should look at ADA picnic areas on the bike tour. Walker stated that the signs send a message that they are reserved only for the disabled, but they are not reserved but just accessible.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to June 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at One Mile dam area.

APPROVED:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Richard Ober, Chair  
Michael Candela  
Tom Barrett  
Jim Walker  
Stephen Lucas

Commissioners Absent: David Wood, Vice-Chair  
Lisa Emmerich

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City attorney  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant  
Linda Herman, Management Analyst

**1.2 Special Recognition**

Volunteer Coordinator Lise Smith-Peters and Chair Ober gave a recognition award to Mike Laganowsky on behalf of the work done by CSU, Chico Civil Engineering Society to establish an accessible picnic site at area #23. They gave 300 volunteer hours and raised funds to accomplish this work.

**1.3 Public Comments**                      None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of May 29, 2007**

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**                      None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

4.1 **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** None

4.2 **Report from the Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of 06/18/07  
(Commissioner Candela, Lucas, and Walker, Chair)**

a. **Review and consideration of a request from the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) for an amendment to the lease for the Hooker Oak Park**

In order to qualify for state grant money, CARD staff requested that the current lease for Hooker Oak Park be extended another 25 years past the current remaining eight years. There are three projects being considered to be funded with grant funds: 1) a small disc golf course, 2) improvements to the current picnic area, and 3) a new accessible restroom.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE LEASE EXTENSION. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5-0

b. **Review and discussion regarding a request from the Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. for consideration of the future of the current lease**

Bernard Hietpas, President of the Bidwell Park Golf Club, asked that the Commission consider having a long-term lease for the golf course so they can make plans for capital projects and to increase the Club's chances to obtain a better, long-term management contract. The golf course General Improvement Plan identifies that two million dollars are needed to cover the cost of golf course improvements in the next ten years. The Club's contract with American Golf is for routine maintenance and does not allow for capital improvements, which need to be part of a long-term strategy.

Commissioners discussed the City managing the course again, or possibly offering management of the facility to CARD. The Commissioners also requested more information about the proposed capital projects, basis of projections of golf round revenues, and requested that staff survey other similar courses who have renegotiated management contracts for more revenue or to require that the contractor provide capital improvements.

Staff will get more information from the Golf Club board and bring the issue back to full Commission before September.

**c. Report on the status of the southern property line in Upper Bidwell Park**

John Schooling wrote a letter to the committee 1½ years ago with concerns that the property boundary between the south end of Upper Bidwell Park and the adjacent private property is incorrect and crosses a park trail.

Tom Varga, Capital Project Services Director, reviewed a land survey previously conducted on the site and determined it was complete and the property line was accurate.

Commissioner Candela said one issue is the boundary line, but another is that the public may have acquired adverse ownership by continued use of the trail. The Committee will be meeting with the property owner at its next meeting

Commission agreed to meet with the property owner to move toward a mutually agreed upon general policy, knowing that the Commission is not authorized to make a decision. Discussion would focus on viewshed, but include consideration of the trail issues, which may be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council.

**4.3 Follow up and Review of Bidwell Park and Playground Commission's Bidwell Park Tour on July 9, 2007**

Items considered from the Commission's tour included accessible parking areas with appropriate pavement markings, changing the color of port-a-potties on the north side of One-Mile Recreation Area, replacement of such port-a-potties with a permanent restroom, the possibility of allowing food concessions, patches of dirt in the paved bike paths, and bent bike racks in the congested area on the north side where cars back out of parking spaces.

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1 Director's Report**

- a. CARD disc golf proposal - a map of the course was provided in the Commission's packet
- b. Baroni Park Update - a citizen donated \$13,000 and staff will be inquiring on the donor's interests for the money
- c. Chico Creek Nature Center project - Construction is moving along.
- d. Nico Project update - Lon Glasner said it will take five to six days of work to complete the project. City Engineer Dept, OK'd a design to plumb a fake palm tree for misters.
- e. Ceres/Highland Park update - Property owners did not approve Landscape and

- Lighting District.
- f. One-mile Dam replacement project - permits are filed and work is progressing
  - g. Goats and deer issues in Bidwell Park - Staff is continuing to work on these issues.
  - h. Volunteer Committee - a meeting is set in August to measure the success of the program.
  - i. Council actions/correspondence - there is a meeting on June 26, 2007 regarding Children's Playground with Downtown Chico Business Association, and a design workshop with the Chico Mother's Club and other interested parties on July 12, 2007.

## **5.2 Monthly Reports**

- a. Parks and greenways/street trees
- b. Park Rangers  
There is no additional information on the fatality in Upper Park last week. The number of citations increase this time of year.

## **5.3 Urban Forester Report**

## **5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

The Recreation Trail Grant application submitted last year came back with good comments, but was not approved for a grant. Staff is leaning toward resubmitting it next year.

## **5.5 Correspondence**

## **6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Thomas Wahl said there is inadequate water running in Big Chico Creek below Five Mile Recreation Area that is a detriment to the Park and the ecosystem. Mr. Wahl believes that a standard of how to let water flow through Five Mile should be established to protect the hydrology of the Creek.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 to the next regular meeting of July 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Richard Ober, Chair  
David Wood, Vice-Chair  
Michael Candela  
Tom Barrett  
Jim Walker  
Lisa Emmerich

Commissioners Absent: Stephen Lucas

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant  
Linda Herman, Management Analyst

**1.2 Public Comments** None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 30, 2007**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2007. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0 YES: OBER, WOOD, CANDELA, BARRETT, AND EMMERICH. ABSTAIN: WALKER. ABSENT: LUCAS.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** None

**4.2 Review and Consideration of Proposed Planned Improvements to Children's Playground**

Tom Phelps, of Genesis Landscape Architecture, reviewed proposed plans for Phase I

improvements to Children's Playground. He addressed the bike path and parking, fencing, playground structure and surface, traffic directions, signs, lighting, landscape areas, and possible connections to the amphitheater, to a foot bridge to Bidwell Mansion, and to the proposed natural history museum. The project will be funded with Redevelopment Agency funds.

Budget discussion addressed maintenance costs, and possible donations and help from service clubs and local businesses. Commissioner Candela wants to see costs of each item so the budget can be balanced and everything built can be maintained. He also wanted more information regarding the costs and long-term maintenance benefits of the "pour 'n play" type playground surfacing versus wood bark. Commissioner Walker wants more information before committing to future costs.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PHASE I CONTINGENT ON RECEIVING WORKABLE BUDGET FIGURES. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

Break from 8:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Commissioners present at 8:20: Ober, Wood, Barrett, Emmerich, Walker, and Candela . Absent: Lucas.

**4.3 Report from the Volunteer Committee Meeting of 08/06/07 (Commissioners Emmerich, Candela, and Ober)**

**Review and discussion of evaluation tools for the Bidwell Park volunteer program**

Commissioner Emmerich reported the Committee will continue working on a mission statement and bring a draft evaluation document to the October Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) meeting. The document would include a cost benefit analysis of the contribution the volunteers are making, an estimated number of hours with a dollar value attached, and consideration of the quality and type of the volunteer's efforts.

**4.4 Report from the Ad Hoc Work Plan Committee Meeting of 08/06/07 (Commissioners Emmerich, Ober and Wood)**

As requested by City Council, BPPC met in April to discuss development of a work plan. This Committee continued that discussion and submitted six items to be considered through December 2008 for the plan. The Commissioners requested that "develop management plan concepts for all greenways" be added to the 2-3 year goals and priorities for the Commission.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED TO APPROVE THE PLAN AS REVISED BY THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

**4.5 Report from Tree/Finance Committee Meeting of 08/09/07 (Commissioners Barrett, Emmerich and Lucas)**

**a. Consideration of a request from Hyde Park property owners to remove and replace the Sycamore Street trees**

At the Committee meeting, it was decided that the property owners would meet among themselves and Urban Forester Britton will provide them some ideas on how to address their tree concerns.

**b. Consideration of submitting grant applications for expansion of street tree inventory and development of an urban forest management plan**

In the grant application, Urban Forester Britton is requesting funding to hire a CSU, Chico intern to work on the tree inventory. After the inventory is completed, Britton indicated that a consultant may be needed to develop the urban forest management plan.

**c. Update on urban forestry activities**

The goal is still to prune brush and thin out vegetation under the canopy along South Park Drive.

**d. Review and consideration of request to establish a memorial rose garden in Bidwell Park**

Members of the Butte Rose Society were unable to attend this meeting, so the item was continued for the Committee's September 13 meeting (*This item was rescheduled to the Committee's October meeting*). There is now more interest in having the rose garden at the Merriam Park Development site.

**e. Review and consideration of establishing a policy regarding donations and/or sponsorships by corporate and non-corporate organizations**

Committee suggests that BPPC review any requests for approval of recognition plaques or logos which are greater than a maximum size of 6" x 6". Commissioner Ober and Candela expressed concerns about the plaques being consistent with those types of recognitions currently being used, and requested that the Committee work more on the wording of the policy.



**f. Review and consideration of allowing concessions in the One-Mile recreation area**

Committee recommended taking no action on this issue. Commissioner Candela would like to talk about it some more and Commissioner Wood thinks it would draw more people to the area. Staff will check on sales restrictions of 300 feet from Bidwell Park along Vallombrosa. This item was sent to the Master Management Plan Committee.

**4.6 Report from the Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of 08/13/07 (Commissioners Candela, Lucas and Walker)**

**Discussion regarding properties along southern boundary of Upper Bidwell Park**

Committee met with property owner Bill Brouhard and discussed some conceptual ideas. This item is continued until after a visit to the site scheduled for September 7, 2007 (*This meeting was rescheduled to 9/21/07*).

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Director's Report**

- a. Baroni Park:** Will be completed in December
- b. Chick Creek Nature Center:** An impressive building is going up.
- c. One Mile Dam Project:** Will award construction contract in September.
- d. Notice of intent to adopt mitigated negative declaration - 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor project:** The street design is not final regarding traffic circle.
- e. Council actions/correspondence:** None

There is a one-year extension on First and Verbena Park grant with intent to go out for bid in the spring. The Manzanita foot bridge in Bidwell Park is now open. There will be much construction during the next two years on the Manzanita and Eighth Street corridors.

**2. Monthly Reports**

- a. Parks Crew:** Received and filed
- b. Park Rangers :** There were 49 citations given.

**3. Urban Forester/Street Trees Report**

Lots of maintenance has been done. PG&E, County and City will be working together to prune along Centennial after several recent outages from limb breakage.

4. **Volunteer Coordinator Report** Received and filed

5. **Correspondence** None

6. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commissioner Barrett said that neighbors have planted shrubbery along the Chico Creek bike path too close to the edge. Staff will check for potential encroachments.

Also, Commissioner Wood inquired on whether the City could do anything about water runoff across the bike path along Lindo Channel, and voiced other concerns of encroachment violations in the City's parks and greenways. GSD Beardley said that he would talk to Code Enforcement staff to determine whether anything could be done based on public health and safety issues. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like a letter sent to one of the property owners who has been watering invasive plants on the Channel. GSD Beardsley suggested that maybe staff could send out a letter to all Lindo Channel property owners restating the City's encroachment policy and offering knowledge of invasive plants.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting of September 24, 2007.

APPROVED:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: David Wood, Acting Chair  
Tom Barrett  
Stephen Lucas  
James Walker  
Michael Candela

Commissioners Absent: Richard Ober  
Lisa Emmerich

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney  
Ruben Martinez, Operation & Maintenance Director  
Linda Herman, Management Analyst  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Special Recognition**

Chair Wood presented a plaque to Laura Nissim for over 450 volunteer hours of work in the Park. Ms. Nissim said she has been clearing blackberry and will now plant 1.5 acres of native vegetation near Caper Acres. She introduced her co-worker Jane Fountain and said Volunteer Coordinator Lise Smith-Peters inspired her to do the work.

**1.3 Public Comments.** None

Commission agreed to move Item 4.6 to be heard after Item 4.2.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of August 27, 2007**

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2007.  
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-1-2.  
AYES: WOOD, WALKER, CANDELA AND BARRETT.  
ABSTAIN: LUCAS.  
ABSENT: OBER AND EMMERICH.

- 3. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**                      None
- 4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1    Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** None

**4.2    Review and Consideration of Proposal from Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) to Establish a Disc Golf Course in Hooker Oak Recreation Area**

Steve Visconti, CARD General Manager, has previously presented BPPC with the initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the course and presented the final golf course design for consideration and approval to the Commission. It is a nine-hole family course for use by beginners of all ages. Commissioner Candela suggested that hole #8 be moved to avoid potential impacts on an elderberry patch nearby. Starthistle in the area would be kept down by foot traffic or eradicated by hand if necessary. Design of parking areas will be looked at further after completion of Manzanita corridor construction.

From the public: Susan Mason indicated that she had received calls from the equestrian community with concerns regarding the golf course. Steve Visconti said that CARD staff will be meeting with the group in hopes of addressing these concerns.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE PLAN WITH ANOTHER CHANCE TO REVIEW AFTER APPROVAL BY THE CARD BOARD.  
COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-1-2.  
THE COMMISSION ALSO AGREED THAT A SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING COULD BE CALLED TO REVIEW THE GOLF COURSE IF TIMING WAS AN ISSUE FOR CARD.  
AYES: BARRETT, WALKER, WOOD AND CANDELA.  
NO: LUCAS.  
ABSENT: OBER AND EMMERICH.

**4.6    Review and Consideration of a Request to Form a Landscape and Lighting District for the Ceres-Highland Neighborhood Park**

Residents in vicinity of the park have gathered 200 signatures on a petition to re-ballot for creation of a new landscape and lighting district (LLD). Doing this will cost about \$20,000 and will take time; however, prior work will provide a good place to start.

Commissioner Walker said he wrote a thesis on conducting the district formation process and would like to talk further with the new committee.

From the public: Michelle McGivern, Chair of the new committee, thanked BPPC for their consideration and said they would love to work with Mr. Walker.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST AND TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE FUNDING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DISTRICT FORMATION AND THE PARK. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0-2.

AYES: WOOD, BARRETT, WALKER, CANDELA AND LUCAS.

ABSENT: OBER AND EMMERICH

#### **4.3 Review and Discussion of Chemical and Pesticide Use in Bidwell Park**

Staff provided a report on the chemicals and pesticides used in Bidwell Park by staff and lessees, but with no analysis of the information. Selection of material used in other City parks and landscaped areas have been decided by City staff and the City's landscape contractor. Creeks have regularly been tested with no high level of contamination found.

Commissioner Barrett questioned whether the City and the lessees are abiding by Proposition 65 by posting signs. The City is required only to post the presence of a pesticide in a storage area, which signs would be seen during annual inspections. Staff will look into seeing that all lessees are using proper signs.

Commissioner Barrett said that he would like to see a policy requiring that the City's landscape contractor and lessees have an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy and program. The Commission agreed to send this issue to Stream/Preservation Committee to assess whether there is a need for an IPM policy on the use of chemicals and pesticides in Bidwell Park, including the use or possession of any Proposition 65 chemicals.

#### **4.4 Report from the Master Management Committee Meeting of 09-02-07 (Commissioners Lucas, Candela and Walker)**

Committee met with Bill Brouhard, owner of property along the southern boundary of Bidwell Park, to clarify issues on viewshed and potential boundary lines. They set up story poles where a house might be built and looked for the flags from different points of view. Commissioner Walker would like to do this same procedure with cameras in December when foliage is gone. They believe desirable outcomes could happen. A report of the second site visit will come back to BPPC.

### **5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **5.1 Director's Report**

##### **a. Baroni Park update**

- b. **Chico Creek Nature Center update**
- c. **One-Mile dam project update**  
The dam arrived today and should be completed in 3-4 weeks
- d. **Iron Canyon fish ladder**  
CSU, Chico has the funds to do the environmental review; other reviews have been done and funded by Fish and Wildlife.
- e. **Verbena Fields community event**
- f. **Council Actions/Correspondence**
  - 1) Bidwell Park Master Plan
  - 2) NobHill/Husa Ranch landscape and lighting district
  - 3) Letter to Butte County Public Works regarding Five-Mile gravel management

**5.2 Monthly Reports**  
Park crews/Rangers/Trail plan

**5.3 Urban Forester/Street Trees Report**

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

**5.5 Correspondence**

- a. E-mail regarding disc golf course
- b. Letter dated 09/11/07 regarding East 8<sup>th</sup> Street project mitigated negative declaration

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commissioner Walker was surprised to see heavy equipment in Lindo Channel near S&S Produce. That is an elderberry mitigation project area, but staff will look into what the equipment may be planning to do in the bottom of the Channel.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm to the next regular meeting of October 29,2007

Approved:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m by Chair Ober.

Commissioners Present: Richard Ober, Chair  
David Wood, Vice Chair  
Tom Barrett  
Stephen Lucas  
James Walker  
Michael Candela  
Lisa Emmerich

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Ruben Martinez, Director of O&M  
Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Linda Herman, Management Analyst  
Lise Smith-Peters, Volunteer Coordinator  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Special Recognition**

Chair Ober presented a plaque to Boy Scout Troop 316 of Paradise for their contribution of 282 hours to rebuild picnic site #34 after it was destroyed by a felled tree.

**1.3 Public Comments**                      None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 24, 2007**

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Wood.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**                      None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **4.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

##### **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 24, 2007**

Commissioner Wood asked that staff check the number of hours worked by volunteer Laura Nissum.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 AFTER CONFIRMATION OF THE HOURS WORKED. COMMISSIONER LUCAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

#### **4.2 Consideration of Request from Commissioner Barrett Regarding Establishing a Labyrinth in Children's Playground**

Marilyn Jennings explained the different designs and uses of a labyrinth. She is proposing that the City build one of approximately 42 feet in diameter at Children's Playground using interlocking pavers. It is estimated to cost \$60,000, which could be raised from donations.

Comments from the public: none

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF THE LABYRINTH UPON APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN PLAN BY BPPC, COMPLETION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT, AND ACCEPTANCE OF A FUNDING PLAN. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-1. YES: BARRETT, EMMERICH, OBER, LUCAS, CANDELA AND WOOD. NO: WALKER

#### **4.3 Report on the City Council Review of Commission's Work Plan and Proposed Amendment to the Work Plan Regarding the Tree Preservation Regulations**

BPPC submitted seven priorities to focus on in their work plan for 2007-08. The Internal Affairs Committee requested adding another goal concerning issues related to the urban forest. This priority will include working with the Planning Commission and interested citizens on proposed amendments to the current City ordinances relating to tree preservation and street trees.

Comments from the public: none

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUGGESTED EIGHTH PRIORITY.



COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-1.  
YES: WALKER, CANDELA, WOOD, BARRETT, EMMERICH AND OBER  
NO: LUCAS

**4.4 Request from Commissioner Wood to Review and Discuss Upper Park Trail Closure Policy**

Commissioners reviewed the current policy for trail closures and discussed possible additions or amendments.

Comments from the public: none

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO SEND THIS ISSUE TO THE TRAILS/SAFETY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CURRENT POLICY. THERE WAS NO SECOND.

**4.5 Report from the Master Management Committee Meeting of 10/08/07 (Commissioners Lucas, Candela and Walker)**

**a. Review and consideration of Bidwell Park bench policy and new locations for future benches.**

The current policy allows for installation of three benches per year at designated locations throughout Bidwell Park. Committee recommends amending that policy to allow for up to three more benches per year for the next three years in the One Mile Recreation Area between Caper Acres and Annie's Glen. Staff provided the Commission with a map of the proposed bench installation locations up to be installed between now and the year 2011.

Comments from the public:

Susan Mason noted there are two proposed benches for Upper Park but no designated locations indicated on the map. Volunteer Coordinator Lise Smith-Peters said there is no specific location for either yet, and they will come before BPPC before final approval.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO THE BENCH POLICY AND THE BENCH LOCATIONS PROPOSED BY STAFF.  
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**b. Review of items regarding development of properties along the southern boundary of Upper Bidwell Park**

This item includes specifying desired outcomes in the sphere of influence around

Bidwell Park as well as addressing issues of viewshed in Upper Park, especially regarding development of Parcel #9.

Comments from the public:

Bill Brouhard, landowner, said he felt the right thing to do when developing his land near the Park was to come to BPPC, who's job is to protect Bidwell Park. He would like to start discussion of issues early in the design process but there is no guiding policy for doing that now. He prefers more specific information to work with and would bring his ideas for desired outcomes to the committee.

A field trip in Upper Park to view construction from the Park is set in December when there is no foliage and the Committee will meet to discuss desired outcomes for the sphere of influence. Both will be reported to BPPC.

Break from 8:50 to 9:00 p.m.

Present at 9:00 pm. Commissioners Ober, Wood, Barrett, Walker, Candela, and Emmerich.

Absent: Commissioner Lucas

**4.6 Report from the Preservation/Stream Committee Meeting of 10/09/07 (Barrett, Ober and Wood)**

**Review and consideration of alternative techniques to control Yellow Starthistle**

The Committee reported that it was looking at three potential project areas to test starthistle control measures, the horse arena, upper park trails, and the area between Parking Lot A and B in Upper Park. The Committee asked a vegetation management group to do more research and report at its next meeting. This item was continued to the Committee's meeting on November 13, 2007.

Comments from the public:

Susan Mason is hoping to add a fourth location in lower park where possibly the Salt Creek crews can do hand clearing, best early in the spring.

**4.7 Report and Discussion of Evaluation Tools for the Bidwell Park Volunteer Program (Commissioners Emmerich, Candela and Ober)**

**Review and discussion of evaluation tools for the Bidwell Park volunteer program**

Chair Emmerich said they continue to develop survey instruments allowing staff to

collect and compile information to evaluate a program or a particular project. She read the new mission statement for approval as follows:

“The mission of the Bidwell Park Volunteer Program is:

- to foster broad-based participation by community volunteers in activities that augment on-going city programs promoting the health, well-being and sustainability of the Park; and
- to enhance the community’s understanding of and appreciation for the Park’s unique natural resources.”

Commissioner Candela requested that the words “recreational resources” be added to the last line in the second bulleted item. After discussion, the Commission suggested that the first bullet be changed to read :

- “to foster broad-based participation by community volunteers in activities that augment on-going city programs promoting the health, well-being and sustainability of the recreational opportunities of the Park; and

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MISSION STATEMENT WITH THE ADDITION OF “RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES” IN THE FIRST BULLET.

COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-2.

YES: BARRETT, WALKER, EMMERICH AND OBER

NO: CANDELA AND WOOD

ABSENT: LUCAS

## **5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5.1 Interim Assistant City Manager’s Report**

- a. **Baroni Park Update** sod will be down in ten days
- b. **Chico Creek Nature Center Update** Dry wall is up
- c. **One Mile Dam Project Update**
- d. **Letter from Clare Aslan regarding bird research/fruit traps**
- e. **Manzanita Corridor Reconstruction Update**
- f. **Council Actions**  
Authorized process for preparing a new engineering report for the Ceres/Highland Landscape and Lighting District for the new park; Consultants and neighbors are defining a new district now.

A beaver is diverting water into Lindo Channel and staff is allowing this natural occurrence

**5.2 Month Reports**

**a. Park Crews/Rangers**

**5.3 Urban Forester/Street Trees Report**

Urban Forester Denice Britton said six trees were planted for shade around the Nico Project in Caper Acres. Several trees will be removed from Bidwell Park- two oaks at Willow street entrance, three dead Cyprus in Cedar Grove, a Hackberry at Cedar Grove parking lot, and another hanging over a back yard.

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Reports**

**5.5 Correspondence**

10/09/07 email from Bill Smith and staff's response

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**            None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. to the next regular meeting of November 26, 2007.

APPROVED:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m by Vice Chair Wood

Commissioners Present: David Wood, Acting Chair  
Tom Barrett  
Stephen Lucas  
James Walker  
Michael Candela  
Lisa Emmerich

Commissioners Absent: Chair Richard Ober

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Linda Herman, Management Analyst  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Public Comments** None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2007**

**2.2 Approval of a Request from Butte County Department of Public Health to Waive Public Event Permit Fees for the “Growing Healthy Children Walk/Run” in Bidwell Park on May 3, 2008**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** None

**4.2 Review and Consideration of a Request from Rabbi Mendy Zweibel of the Chadbad Jewish Center to Place a Menorah at City Plaza from December 3-14, 2007**

The menorah is 8 feet x 9 feet, is well constructed, and will be anchored to be safe in possible storms. Staff is proposing to place the menorah on the east side wing of the restroom. In response to a question from Commissioner Walker, Rabbi Zweibel said all nine candles would be lighted the first night and not the traditional one candle per night.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

**4.3 Committee Meeting of 11/13/07 (Commissioners Barrett and Wood, Ober absent)**

**a. Review and consideration of alternative techniques to control Yellow Starthistle**

The committee discussed several possible methods for controlling starthistle and identified possible locations for testing such methods. They requested more information on several points and recommended six steps to implement a plan for testing in the Park.

From the public:

Anthony Nicosia and Aaron Peaph suggested control methods to consider, particularly using clover.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1 Interim Assistant City Manager's Report**

- a. Baroni Park** is finished and looks sharp; dedication will be in spring.
- b. Chico Creek Nature Center** will be completed by end of December
- c. One-Mile Dam Project** will be done in mid-December. The pool will be filled for testing next week and the pump house will be done in 2-3 weeks.
- d. Council Actions/correspondence**
  - i. Budget Presentations**
  - ii. Information from San Carlos Parks Foundation**

**5.2 Monthly Reports**

- a. Park Crews and Rangers**

**5.3 Urban Forester/Street Trees Report**

The Department of Forestry is considering grant applications from the City and will let us know the first of 2008. Crews have started putting up Christmas tree lights in City Plaza. The BPPC will need to appoint a representative on the Ad Hoc Committee regarding tree preservation ordinance.

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

The report contains a list of donations, which includes a water pump to be used at restoration sites in the Park and along greenways.

**5.5 Correspondence**

Letter from Mike McCrady and Pat Orr regarding Development Review for a project to divide a parcel at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Orient Streets near Annie's Glenn. (Letter was provided to Commission at the meeting)

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commissioner Walker questioned whether the City will be doing anything to control the beavers from damaging trees and making dams on Big Chico Creek. The Interim Assistant City Manager stated that, historically, the policy has been to leave them alone and let the Department of Fish and Game make the call.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 17, 2007.

APPROVED:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date

**BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m by Vice Chair Wood

Commissioners Present: Richard Ober, Chair  
David Wood  
Tom Barrett  
James Walker

Commissioners Absent: Lisa Emmerich  
Stephen Lucas  
Michael Candela

Staff Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney  
Denice Britton, Urban Forester  
Linda Herman, Management Analyst  
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

**1.2 Public Comments** None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Clarified Minutes of October 29, 2007**

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Wood.

**2.2 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of November 26, 2007**

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 2.2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-0.

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Clarified Minutes of October 29, 2007**



Commissioner Wood wanted to make an addition to the Volunteer Mission Statement. It will be put on the January agenda for discussion.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLARIFIED MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2007. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-0.

**4.2 Review and Consideration of Request from the Chico Bass Club to Place and Maintain Fishing Line Receptacles**

From the public:

Rich Cavanagh, President of Chico Bass Club, said the Club wants to place six collection tubes at Horseshoe Lake to collect and recycle fishing line that is left behind at Horseshoe Lake. They would like to put the club logo on each tube, or at the kiosk.

Susan Mason, Friends of Bidwell Park, has picked up lots line and sinkers when the lake was emptied. Tubes would be placed at high water level

Commissioner Emmerich arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Ober would like to further discuss placement of logos in the Park

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS PROJECT AND TO GO FORTH WITH STATING A POLICY ON PLACING LOGOS. COMMISSIONER BARRETT SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

**4.3 Consideration of a Request to Establish a Labyrinth in Children's Playground**

BPPC conceptually approved the request at October 29, 2007 meeting and asked for more information

From the public:

Marilyn Jennings submitted a proposal giving information on design, funding and the environmental review process.

Interim Assistant City Manager (IACM) Beardsley said the landscape architect now working on the Children's Playground renovation design will make sure that the labyrinth is incorporated into the design.

**4.4 Review and Consideration of Proposal from Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) to Establish a Disc Golf Course in Hooker Oak Recreation Area**

Steve Visconti, General Manager of CARD, said the appeals period for the Environmental Review of the project has ended with no response, he continues to work with the Equestrian Association, and the Noon Rotary and an Eagle Scout have offered to help with construction. Hopes the course will be completed by March 1, 2008.

From the public:

Susan Mason is hoping volunteers can remove lots of weeds at the site.

John Mertz, Friends of Bidwell Park, has no difficulties with the plan

COMMISSIONER WOOD MOVED TO APPROVE DISC GOLF COURSE AS PRESENTED BY CARD. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

#### **4.5 Review and Consideration of a Proposed Bicycle Under Crossing and Pedestrian Bridge at Annie's Glen**

Senior Civil Engineer Bob Greenlaw and Associate Civil Engineer Jeff Jukkola presented the proposed plan for Commission review and comment: The Commission provided the following directions:

- 1) lighting for the pathway continuous from downtown to One Mile - approved
  - 2) Drainage concerns near the 100 feet long tunnel. Commission approved grading to drain water into Big Chico Creek and no need to pump elsewhere.
  - 3) tree removal of a 30-inch Sycamore tree on the north side of the creek, near Vallombrosa and realignment of the path to east side of the 48 foot oak near the entrance to the tunnel.
  - 4) City policy on public art for this project - to be decided in the future.
- Commission further recommended lighting on this project match that at the One Mile Recreation area and that the pedestrian/bike path connect to Poplar street.
- 5) consider an egress across Vallombrosa to Memorial Way to guide children to schools

From the public;

Susan Mason made suggestions regarding trash truck routes, removing asphalt, storm drain filters and neighborhood notification of the project.

Sandy Renault started the idea and likes the project.

COMMISSIONER BARRETT MOVE D TO GO FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT WITH THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

Break from 8:30 to 8:45

Present at 8:45: Commissioner Ober, Wood, Barrett, Emmerich and Walker

**4.6 Report from the Volunteer Committee Meeting of 11/28/07 (Commissioner Candela, Lucas and Walker)**

**a. Review and Discussion of Evaluation Tools for the Bidwell Park Volunteer Program**

The committee continues to work on the survey instrument to evaluate the volunteer program. Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Smith-Peters will determine the value of each standard job or project to try to determine the value of the program. Commissioner Walker asked if the volunteers might estimate the value of his/her time donated to determine how much the City may be saving.

No action required.

**4.7 Report from the Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of 12/10/07 (Commissioners Candela, Lucas and Walker)**

**1. Update on the request from the Bidwell Park Golf Club to consider items related to the future of the club's lease**

The current lease ends in 2012. There is a need to address long term needs in the future contract. The committee will continue discussions with the Club.

**2. Review and consideration of allowing concessions in the One-Mile Recreation Area**

Committee decided not to move forward with this issue unless there is more interest. Venders would need to enter into a competitive bid process, which takes a long time for reply and to process.

Commissioner Wood would like the competitive bid policy included in the January packet.

From the Public:

Carla Moreno, Park Watch, has run off a vender, but now would know there could be a policy.

**4.8 Appointment of a Commission Member to the Ad-Hoc Tree Preservation Ordinance Committee**

Representatives from Planning Department, BPPC, and the community will make up the Ad Hoc Committee to review the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance and possible revisions. Commissioner Barrett volunteered to serve as the BPPC representative and Commissioner Walker would be the alternate.

**5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1 Interim Assistant City Manager's Report**

- a. Baroni Park - opening first of January, 2008.
- b. Chico Creek Nature Center update - 90% completed
- c. One-Mile Dam - pool will be taken down during a spring storm event to wash gravel down stream. Only the control building portion remains to be completed.
- d. Hooker Oak Recreation Area - bench installation from CARD was authorized to proceed.
- e. Council Actions/Correspondence - None

**5.2 Monthly Reports**

Park Crews/Ranger

**5.3 Urban Forest Manager/Street Trees Report**

**5.4 Volunteer Coordinator Report**

**5.5 Correspondence**

Letter from Delores Sidener regarding Deer Pens

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**                      None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting of January 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL:

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Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

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Date