

**BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Emmerich at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

1.1 Roll Call

Commissioners Present:	Lisa Emmerich Richard Ober Stephen Lucas Jamison Watts Jane Turney Mary Brentwood
Commissioners Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Dennis Beardsley, General Services Director Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

1.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The new Chair will preside at the February 23, 2010 meeting

COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD NOMINATED LISA EMMERICH FOR CHAIR.
The nomination was declined.

CHAIR EMMERICH NOMINATED JAMISON WATTS FOR CHAIR. COMMISSIONER LUCAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD NOMINATED RICHARD OBER FOR VICE-CHAIR.
COMMISSIONER TURNEY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

1.3 Public Comments (regarding items not on the agenda)

Chair Emmerich and all Commissioners joined General Services Director Beardsley at the podium to present him with a plaque of appreciation for all that he has done since he began serving with the BPPC in 1997. He retires on February 5 and tonight is his last meeting on staff. General Services Director Beardsley thanked commissioners past and present for all of the time they give to the community.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meetings of 11/20/09 and 12/28/09.

- 2.2 **Approval of Public Event Permit Application for Park Use from Butte Environmental Council “Endangered Species Faire” on April 30 and May 1, 2010 - Cedar Grove**
- 2.3 **Approval of Public Event Permit Application for Park Use - American Heart Association Heart Walk on Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25, 2010**
- 2.4 **Confirmation of General Services Director**
Chair Emmerich removed this item from Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO APPROVED ITEMS 2.1, 2.2, AND 2.3 ON CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER OBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING** None

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

4.1 **Items removed from Consent Agenda**

Confirmation of General Services Director

Ruben Martinez has been Operations and Maintenance Director in General Services Department. City Manager Dave Burkland recommends his appointment to General Serviced Director beginning February 6, 2010. As such he will have direct supervision of the Park and Natural Resources Manager and that position requires confirmation by the BPPC. City Council has agreed with the appointment.

COMMISSIONER WATTS MOVED TO CONFIRM RUBEN MARTINEZ AS NEW GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR CITY OF CHICO. COMMISSIONER TURNEY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4.2 **Update and Discussion of the Management of Hwy 32 Disc Golf Course Area/Trail Head**

This item is to be on BPPC regular agenda each month for discussion and update. At their October 26, 2009 meeting, Council moved to allow the short course to remain at its current location for four or five years until a better location is found.

In the meantime, grant funds will be used to place targets outside Bidwell Park and new targets on the existing long course. An Interim Management Plan is being used to establish priorities and action until the project is complete.

The Operating Agreement between Outside Recreation Advocacy, Inc. (ORAI) and the City has been before the Policy Advisory Committee recently for discussion. That agreement is reviewed and revised each month and will come to

BPPC for approval when completed.
No action required.

4.3 REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED BENCH INSTALLATIONS IN BIDWELL PARK FOR 2009 AND 2010

Commissioners were asked to consider locations for three donation benches in Bidwell Park. Two of the benches will be located in Upper Bidwell Park and will be a recycled bench. The 3rd bench will be located along the north side path leading to the Forest Avenue bridge. Information on the donors and the proposed locations were included in the report.

From the public
Antoinette and Chris Ruggle explained the location of the bench they requested for their son, Cody.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOCATIONS OF THE MELLO, RUGGLE AND NEVES BENCHES AS PROPOSED. COMMISSIONER TURNEY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Director's Report

- a. Update on One Mile concession proposals - staff is reviewing five proposals submitted;
- b. Public forum on feral and abandoned cats in Chico is scheduled for 02-24-10 in Council Chambers at 7 p.m.;
- c. Email from Tom Vargas, Capital Projects Director of Manzanita Corridor Project in answer to equestrian concerns at Manzanita and Centennial;
- d. Clerk's office is accepting applications for the vacant Commission position until February 1. The term expires January 2013;
- e. Newsletters from Altacal and Cat Coalition for information on their organizations;
- f. Emails between Susan Mason and Jennifer Hennessy, Finance Director, tracking Prop 40 accounting.

5.2 Park Crews/Rangers Report

Testing for 9-month Park Ranger position was 01-07-20 and top 20 are invited to interview on 02-04.

5.3 Urban Forest Manager/Street Trees Report

The Park Division received a \$100,000 grant for pruning trees in Lower Park, which will be done during first and last week of each month until completed. The company hired is from Sacramento but workers are local. During the latest storm about seven trees fell, one hitting a house on East 8th Street.

5.4 Correspondence-Communication
Kiwanis Observatory annual report

6. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** None

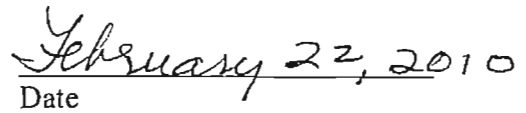
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

APPROVED:



Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant



Date

**BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Watts at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

1.1 Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jamison Watts, Chair
 Lisa Emmerich
 Jim Mikles,
 Stephen Lucas
 Richard Ober
 Jane Turney

Commissioner Absent: Mary Brentwood

Staff Present: Ruben Martinez, General Services Director
 Dan Efseaff, Parks and Natural
 Resources Manager
 Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst
 Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager
 Alicia M. Rock, Assistant City Attorney
 Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

1.2 Introduction of New Park and Natural Resources Director and New Park Commissioner

- a. Introduction of new BPPC Commissioner Jim Mikles, appointed by City Council on February 16, 2010.
- b. Introduction of Dan Efseaff, new Parks and Natural Resources Manager, key staff in future park planning and management.

1.3 Public Comments

General Services Director Martinez said Item 4.4 is noted as “recommends approval” but is actually a no-action item.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of 01/25/10

- 2.2 Consideration and Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from:**
- 1) Chico Artisans Faire to be held in City Plaza on 04-30-10, 05-02-10 and 05-20-10
 - 2) Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs at Horseshoe Lake on 05-22-10
 - 3) Chico Toy Museum to be held in City Plaza on 05-15-10 and 10-22-10
 - 4) Butte Bicycle Coalition to be held in City Plaza on 05-08-10
- 2.3 Consideration and Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use of Wildwood Park for the 2010 Season from:**
- 5) Butte United Soccer League
 - 6) Chico Central Little League
 - 7) Chico Youth Lacrosse

COMMISSIONER MIKLES MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

4.2 Discussion Regarding Commission Committees and Calendar

Commissioner Mikles was appointed to the committee positions vacated by Commissioner Skaggs. He accepted. General Services Director Martinez said the meeting dates given on the calendar in the packet are tentative and meetings will be scheduled as needed.

COMMISSIONER OBER MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND OF THE CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4.3 Update and Discussion of the Management of Hwy 32 Disc Golf Course Area/Trailhead

This item is to be on BPPC regular agenda each month for discussion and update. General Services Director Martinez said activity has been light as the course has been closed because of rain.

Chair Watts asked for clarification of some wording on page 2 of the Interim Management Plan.

From the public: none

4.4 Report from the Policy Advisory Committee 02-18-10 Meeting

The Committee continues to review and revise the “Operating Agreement for Recreational Services in Bidwell Park” with Outside Recreation Advocacy, Inc (ORAI) as it pertains to construction and management of the disc golf course. The committee will meet on March 18 to continue their revisions of the Operating Agreement to soon submit to the BPPC.

Assistant City Attorney Rock said such documents usually are drafted by City Attorney. The draft comes first to the BPPC and then on to the City Council as drafted or revised. Then Council will make comments and vote on final approval.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Director’s Report

- a. Update on One Mile Concessions Proposals – five proposals have been received and all meet standards for review.
- b. Update on Proposition 84 Funding for Highway 32 Disc Golf/Trailhead - Council approved execution of an application for Prop 84 funds to be used for construction of several amenities, including a parking lot, picnic tables and portable toilet at the site (CA Department of Parks and Recreation will evaluate proposal for possible funding).
- c. Update on Commission 2009-2011 Work Plan - Eight priorities were recommended in June 2009. Further discussion has been delayed until the new Parks and Natural Resources Director is on-board.
- d. Update of lease with Kiwanis for the Chico Observatory - The observatory is asking for a third extension of its operating agreement.

Commissioner Lucas asked that a Planner speak to BPPC on the issue of the Park being zoned as “open space” and to give an overview of the General Plan. Commissioner Turney asked that the designations of Lower, Middle and Upper Park be consistent on the maps.

5.2 Park Crews/Rangers Report Received and filed.

5.3 Urban Forest Manager/Street Trees Report

Urban Forest Manager Britton said she will bring an update on the Heritage Tree and Preservation Ordinance to BPPC soon. This is the last week of work for the Tree Intern, who has covered most of the City inventory. The \$100,000 stimulus money has been used pruning in Bidwell Park. The job is interrupted by nesting season and will be finished in June and July. We received Tree City USA Award for the 25th year.

5.4 Volunteer Report

Management Analyst Smith-Peters said Students Today and Leaders Forever volunteers from Portland Oregon heard about our Park and stopped to work here on their way to San Francisco. Chico Jr. High and Sierra View students have renewed commitments to work again at their adopted park sites this year.

A public forum on the increasing feral cat population will take place on February 26 at 7 pm..

Break from 7:35 to 7:45 p.m.

Present at 7:45: Watts, Emmerich, Ober, Lucas, Turney, and Mikles.

5.5 Correspondence-Communication

- a. Letter from Vice-Mayor Tom Nickell regarding a proposal for Bocce Ball at One Mile.

From the public: Mike Cannon is raising money for two courts of 12 x 60 feet with shaded patio and benches. General Services Director Martinez will meet with him to discuss more details and put the item on agenda for March.

- b. Email from Josephine Guardino to Jamison Watts requesting BPPC complete their priority list regarding implementation of the MMP and asking for a committee meeting to discuss soil erosion education, trail assessment, designation of official trails, and repair priorities for the year. Chair Watts sent the item to Natural Resources Committee.
- c. Letter from Mike Ramos and Christopher Singer asking that recreational bicycling be allowed to continue in Lindo Channel . Unauthorized trails and jumps have been built there by riders for 20 years and are usually removed by the City during dry weather.

From the public, 18 people spoke in favor of keeping the jumps (see sign-in sheet attached) and many more carried signs saying "Keep the Nut Jumps."

Commissioner Lucas said this is democracy in action and he wants the issue put on agenda as soon as possible. Commissioner Ober agreed and Chair Watts wants to talk more before the City takes action to remove the jumps. General Services Director Martinez said that he would like to meet with Mike and Christopher before bringing it back to the Commission.

- d. Email from Josephine Guardino to BPPC regarding questions on City/ORAI operating agreement. General Services Director Martinez

said he can answer most of her questions and will share his response with Commission at the next meeting.


6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Turney is Chair of Volunteer Committee and would like to set a meeting for this spring to discuss Park education issues.

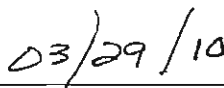
7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting of March 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

APPROVED:



Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant



Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Watts at 6:30 pm in Council Chamber.

1.1 Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jamison Watts, Chair
Lisa Emmerich
Stephen Lucas
Richard Ober
Jane Turner
Mary Brentwood
Jim Mikles

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Ruben Martinez, General Services Director
Dan Efseaff, Parks & Natural Resources Mgr
Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst
Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

1.2 Public Comments None

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of 02-22-10

2.2 Acceptance of Park Related Community Organization Funding Requests (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

2.3 Consideration and Approval of Applications and Permits for Park Use From:

- 1) Police Department Mounted Enforcement Team use of the Chico Equestrian Arena on August 13 to 15, 2010
- 2) Boardmart, Hyperlite, and Oakely Sunglasses' Wake Board Jam at the Sycamore Pool at One Mile on 05/05/10

Commissioner Ober asked to remove items 2.2 and 2.3(2) from the Consent Agenda

COMMISSIONER EMMERICH MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 2.1 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICE PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

**Acceptance of Park Related Community Organization Funding Requests
(Fiscal Year 2010-11)**

Commissioner Ober asked for an explanation as to the Chico Cat Coalition's request for funding with the organization's uncertain future. He has no problem with funding the Nature Center. Chris Carroll, Management Analyst from Housing and Neighborhood Services, stated that several organizations are talking to find answers to the feral cat problem in the Park. She will present the Commission's comments on this item to Finance Committee meeting April 7.

From the public: Josephine Guardino said this is a short term answer and the bigger questions would cost more. There may be a future opportunity for the Coalition to share a facility with the Butte Humane Society.

COMMISSIONER MIKLES MOVED TO SUPPORT FUNDING REQUESTS FOR NATURE CENTER AND CONDITIONALLY SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE CHICO CAT COALITION WITH CONTINUED EVALUATION OF THE FACILITY BEING USED. COMMISSIONER OBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0

Boardmart, Hyperline, and Oakely Sunglasses Wakeboard Rail Jam at the Sycamore Pool at One Mile on May 5, 2010.

Commissioner Ober said this is an unprecedented activity in the Park and sounds like a commercial event. He wanted more information about it.

Steve Berry of Boardmart explained how the rail would be constructed in the pool, he makes a video of all riders signing a release, and several new local businesses will be vendors. Steve said there would be some noise from a DJ and up to 12 vendors with booths.

Commissioner Lucas recommended that the security deposit be increased.

CHAIR WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT PROVIDED THE EVENT RUNS FROM 2:00 TO 6:00 P.M.; TWO POLICE OFFICERS ARE PRESENT; AND THE SECURITY DEPOSIT IS INCREASED AS DETERMINED BY STAFF. COMMISSIONER MIKELS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-2.

YES: WATTS, MIKELS, LUCAS, TURNEY AND BRENTWOOD

NO: OBER AND EMMERICH

4.2 Discussion of General Plan Zones for Parks and Open Spaces

Sr. Planner, Brendan Vieg is the project manager for the City update of the General Management Plan and answered questions on zoning. "Secondary Open Space" designates areas with public use, such as Bidwell Park. "Primary Open Space" designates more sensitive areas such as greenways and preserves. The plan also considers use of community facilities, such as aquatic and sports arenas, and to working with schools and colleges to maximize use of those areas.

Chair Watts would like the City to work on a green space plan with the Commission's Natural Resource Committee.

Break from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Present at 8:00: Watts, Brentwood, Lucas, Emmerich, Ober, Turney and Mikles.

BPPC agreed to hear Item 4.7 at this time.

4.7 Kiwanis Community Observatory

This would be the third extension of the Kiwanis Community Observatory Lease, as provided for in the original lease.

From the public:

Kris Koenig, of the Kiwanis Community Observatory, said they average 8,000 to 14,000 visitors per year.

Josephine Guardino asked about the Negative Declaration Mitigation for the port-a-potty as their blue color makes them stand out in the park. The Park and Natural Resources stated that staff was looking into a more natural color for the portable toilets.

Commissioner Mikles said he would look into what colors could be used to more effectively screen the units from view.

COMMISSIONER OBER MOVED TO APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR LEASE EXTENSION.
COMMISSIONER EMMERICH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4.3 One Mile Recreation Area Concessions

A review panel selected The Dog House from a field of five proposals to be the concessionaire vendor at One Mile.

From the public:

Chuck Averall, owner of The Dog House, explained the menu, and that they currently have two locations in Chico. He agreed that a five year lease with option for a five year extension would be acceptable.

Tom Haitcock said the bigger issue is commercialization of Bidwell Park; a long term agreement might not be the right way to go.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DOG HOUSE FOR A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH FIVE YEAR OPTIONS. COMMISSIONER WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-1.

YES: LUCAS, WATTS, EMMERICH, BRENTWOOD, OBER, MIKLES
NO: TURNEY

4.4 Report from the Policy Advisory Committee meeting of 03-18-10

Review and consideration of Operating Agreement between the City of Chico Park Division and Outsiders Recreation Advocacy, Inc. (ORAI) for construction and management of the Hwy 32 disc golf course.

Committee recommends passage of the Agreement as presented or modified. Chair Watts wants reports semi-annually or quarterly and more detailed plan of implementation, including responsibility for costs.

Commissioner Emmerich wants further definition regarding management of those locations identified as joint-use areas (disc golf/trail head access land).

Commissioner Lucas would remove one sentence in Sec 11 on page 4 regarding reimbursement.

Commissioner Turney would remove two paragraphs in Section 12, page 5

From the public:

Grace Marvin voiced concerns over the mitigation and monitoring responsibility.

Josephine Guardino also expressed concern over what constitutes the disc golf fairways and the proximity of public trails.

Lon Glazner and Gregg Payne spoke in favor of the agreement.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO TAKE OUT ONE SENTENCE ON PAGE 4 SEC 11 AND PASS THE AGREEMENT TO COUNCIL AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER OBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-1.

YES: LUCAS, OBER, WATTS, BRENTWOOD, MIKLES AND EMMERICH
NO: TURNEY

CHAIR WATTS MOVED TO ADDRESS THE REST OF MARCH AGENDA AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING BECAUSE OF LATE HOUR. COMMISSIONER LUCAS 2ND THE MOTION.

Postponing items 4.5 and 4.6 would require a 30-day extension for passage of the above agreement. Chair Watts withdrew his motion.

4.5 Re-location of 18 Targets from Short Disc Golf Course (Proposition 40 Component)

Outside Recreation Advocacy provided information of proposed relocation for 18 targets in six parks within Chico, allowing closure of the existing short course on Hwy 32.

From the public:

Lon Glazner and Gregg Payne spoke in favor of the locations.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE RELOCATION OF 18 TARGETS FROM HWY 32 SHORT COURSE TO PARK LOCATIONS PROPOSED. COMMISSIONER TURNEY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4.6 Update and Discussion of the Management of Hwy 32 Disc Golf Course Area/Trailhead

Natural Resources Manager Efseaff gave an update on the usage of the area and on the wet weather policy. He will bring a more detailed report of after he has had time to compile use and wet weather patterns.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Director's Report

- a. Promoters of Bocce Ball will bring a proposal in April.
- b. Director met with proponents for keeping the Chico Nut Jumps in Lindo Channel and with representative from Silver Dollar BMX site to discuss facility options for both activities.
- c. Director recommends that the new proposal for relocation of the short course be taken to Policy Advisory Committee.
- d. Report on CSU Chico student Adam McGrath, who will produce an analysis and possible solutions for the bank issue on Big Chico Creek west of Manzanita bridge.
- e. Update on Park Transfers - transfer of Baroni Park was approved in March. Staff is planning to request transfer of Hancock and Wildwood Park in April and Husa/Nobhill Park in May. All are planned to be effective July 1, 2010.

5.2 Park Crews/Rangers Report Received and filed

5.3 Urban Forest Manager/Street Trees Report

More grant money is available to keep Intern Scott Gregory working the next 3 more months; Upper and Middle trails were sprayed for star thistle; North Valley

Tree Service will prune and remove trees along the East Fifth Avenue reconstruction project; and a draft "Application for Heritage Tree is included in packet.

5.4 Volunteer Report

The 2009 Annual Bidwell Park Report was presented with volunteers donating a total of 19,726 hours. Volunteer weekly sessions have been extended to Wednesdays and some Saturdays through the Park Division Intern Blake McSorley. The Volunteer Program continues to grow and contributions to specific work projects have been increased too. Earth Day in Bidwell Park is scheduled for April 24 at Cedar Grove.

5.5 Correspondence-Communication

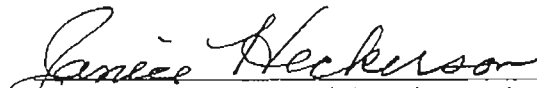
- a. Josephine Guardino email received 2/22/2010 on tree planting donations.
- b. Deedre Doe email and Linda Herman's response regarding BMX use in Lindo Channel.
- c. Letter from Robert and Juliet Bielher received March 1, 2010 on BMX use in Lindo Channel.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting of April 26, 2010 at Council Chamber beginning 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant



Date

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Watts at 6:30 pm in Council Chamber.

1.1 Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jamison Watts, Chair
Lisa Emmerich
Jane Turner
Mary Brentwood
Jim Mikles

Commissioners Absent: Stephen Lucas
Richard Ober

Staff Present: Ruben Martinez, General Services Director
Dan Efseaff, Parks & Natural Resources Mgr
Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

1.2 Public Comments None

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of 03/29/10

COMMISSIONER EMMERICH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 03-29-10 and COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

2.2 Items Removed from Consent Agenda None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Report from the Natural Resources Committee 04-08-10 Meeting

The Committee 1) recommends staff continue to work with CSU, Chico professors on the issue of bank erosion; 2) heard an over-view of Natural Resources Manager Efseaff's proposals for implementing the Master Management Plan; and 3) recommend developing a Trail Assessment form to be used by volunteers in monitoring trail conditions.

Commissioner Turney asked that the work plan be incorporated into the implementation of Master Management Plan.

From the public: None

4.2 CARD's Request for Improvements at Sycamore Field

CARD has asked the BPPC to approve four improvements at Sycamore Field to reduce maintenance and aid Chico Senior Softball Club in utilizing the facility for their program.

COMMISSIONER EMMERICH MOVED TO ACCEPT CARD'S IMPROVEMENTS AT SYCAMORE FIELD AS REQUESTED. COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

4.3 Bocce Ball Proposal for Several Public Park Sites

Friends of Chico Bocce submitted four sites for consideration in placing Bocce Ball courts in Chico parks. Natural Resource Manager Efsaeff recommends conceptual acceptance of Hooker Oak, Childrens' Playground and Community Park, two of which would require consulting with CARD. A comprehensive document would subsequently be worked out to include final layouts, maintenance responsibilities, construction costs and funding.

From the public:

Michael Cannon of Friends of Chico Bocce stated that One-Mile Recreation is his favorite site. Interest in this sport will grow and he invited all to a big tournament this weekend at Red Tavern.

Jake Preston, CARD's Parks Supervisor, said several viable sites are available so start with one and go from there. He will present this item to CARD Board.

Chair Watts was called out of the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Present at 7:25: Commissioners Brentwood, Mikles, Turner and Acting Chair Emmerich

COMMISSIONER MIKLES MOVED TO WORK WITH MR. CANNON AND CARD IN CONSIDERING THE SITES AT COMMUNITY PARK, HOOKER OAK AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND. COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-0

4.4 Placement of 18 Targets from Existing Short Disc Golf Course (Proposition 40 Component) to Locations Outside of Upper Bidwell Park

General Services Director Martinez recommends approval of suggested locations and CARD is in agreement. This will allow preparation of a submittal for Proposition 40 funds.

From the public: Lon Glazner and Gregg Payne spoke in favor of approval.

COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD MOVED FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SUGGESTED LOCATIONS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE 18 TARGETS FROM HIGHWAY 32 DISC GOLF SHORT COURSE. COMMISSIONER MIKLES SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Natural Resource Manager Efsaeff gave updates on the following projects: The Middle Trail rehabilitation project has been delayed by wet weather conditions and CCC is no longer available until the fall. Currently, there is regular maintenance on trails being conducted.

Three memorial benches have been completed;

Staff is meeting with Department of Fish and Game for suggestions on responding to sightings of mountain lions;

Earth Day was very successful, with over 160 volunteers removing weeds and other tasks. A 30-yard donated dumpster was filled with chipped green waste.

Verbena Fields will soon be mowed for the first time; staff wants to put in bird-watching points for volunteer organizations to monitor the bird population

Upper trails have been closed more than opened recently; staff will be looking at data collected for a better picture of the wet weather policy;

Staff will be streamlining our agendas and minutes to be consistent with Council. General Services Manager Martinez reported a \$4.5 million gap in the current budget. Reductions will be considered for operation costs, changes in staff, and items requiring formal negotiations.

BMX riders are forming a group to negotiate and are having good conversations. They are considering Henshaw Park as replacement for dirt jumps in Lindo Channel.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Dave Walker thinks Oakway Park is a perfect Community Park. He will form "Chico Dog" organization to find solution for off-lease areas to exercise pets.

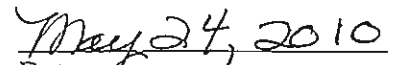
7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting of May 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chamber.

APPROVED:



Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant



Date

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BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2010

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order

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Commissioners Present: Jamison Watts, Chair
Stephen Lucas
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Mary Brentwood
Jim Mikles

Commissioners Absent: Lisa Emmerich

Staff Present: Ruben Martinez, General Services Director
Dan Efseaff, Parks & Natural Resources Mgr
Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst
Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Minutes from Meeting of 04/26/10

COMMISSIONER OBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 04-26-10 AND COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

2.2 Items Removed from Consent Agenda None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Short Disc Golf Course Replacement Locations

In March, 2009, BPPC considered replacement locations of 18 pins for the short disc golf course. Council requests reducing the number of pins from 18 to 12, which calls for the re-evaluation of potential sites.

From the public: Lon Glazner supported the site at Caper Acres.

Greg Payne wants the easiest and most cost effective sites considered.

CHAIR WATTS MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY PLACE THREE PINS EACH AT COMMUNITY AND WILDWOOD PARKS. COMMISSIONER LUCAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

Break from 7:30 to 7:45

Present at 7:45: Watts, Brentwood, Ober, Turney, Lucas, and Mikles

For the remaining six pins, Commission agreed to briefly discuss each of the 12 sites previously considered and reduce the number to six or less. Park Manager Efseaff will do further analysis and provide updated information on each remaining site at June regular meeting.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO REJECT AIRPORT SITE. COMMISSIONER OBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER TURNEY MOVED TO REJECT BIDWELL PARK NORTH OF THE FIVE-MILE RECREATION AREA SITE. COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-1.

YES: LUCAS, BRENTWOOD, WATTS, TURNEY, AND MIKLES
NO: OBER

COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD MOVED TO REJECT BIDWELL PARK IN THE VICINITY OF FIVE MILE RECREATION AREA. COMMISSIONER LUCAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD MOVED TO REJECT BIDWELL PARK HORSESHOE LAKE. COMMISSIONER TURNEY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH TIED 3-3.
YES: BRENTWOOD, TURNEY AND MIKLES
NO: OBER, LUCAS AND WATTS

It was agreed to reconsider this site later.

COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD MOVED TO REJECT BIDWELL PARK WALNUT ORCHARD. COMMISSIONER OBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO RETAIN BIDWELL PARK CAPER ACRES. CHAIR WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

COMMISSIONER OBER MOVED TO REJECT BIDWELL PARK EAST OF HWY 99. COMMISSIONER TURNEY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-1.
YES: OBER, TURNEY, WATTS, MIKLES AND BRENTWOOD
NO: LUCAS

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO REJECT COMANCHE CREEK. COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO REJECT BIDWELL PARK GOLF COURSE. COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-2.
YES: LUCAS, BRENTWOOD, WATTS, AND MIKLES
NO: TURNEY AND OBER

COMMISSIONER OBER MOVED TO REJECT LINDO CHANNEL. COMMISSIONER LUCAS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD MOVED TO RETAIN HOOKER OAK RECREATION AREA. COMMISSIONER TURNEY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO REJECT U.S. FOREST SERVICE GENETIC RESEARCH CENTER. COMMISSIONER MIKLES SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO RETAIN BIDWELL PARK HORSESHOE LAKE. COMMISSIONER OBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 4-2.
YES: LUCAS, MIKLES, OBER, WATTS,
NO: TURNEY AND BRENTWOOD

4.2 Review and Approval of the 9th and Hazel Greenway Restoration Project

Shawn Tillman, Senior Planner, said this project has progressed through efforts of Southwest Neighborhood group and City's Neighborhood Services Department. It may be a model for restoring creek corridors.

From the public:

Linda Hamilton and Debbie Villasenor explained some of the goals and work that has been done and asked for project approval

COMMISSIONER OBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE 9TH AND HAZEL GREENWAY RESTORATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER BRENTWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

5.1 Parks and Natural Resources Manager's Report

- work on Middle Trail was delayed by wet weather and is moved to fall

- construction began on playground equipment at Children's Playground
- agreements were reached for construction of restroom and concession stand at One Mile
- Sycamore Pool is being cleaned for opening on Memorial Day
- staff is getting information on sediment moving through One Mile Dam
- analysis of the wet weather policy is put off because rain keeps falling
- Meet and Greets are being planned throughout the Park for informal outreach; first one at Sycamore Pool on June 30 and later a schedule will be published

Park Crew and Ranger Reports

Urban Forest Manager Report

Volunteer Report

Upward Bound will be working mornings in the Park for six weeks this summer
Ribbon Cutting tomorrow for new bridge under Mangrove Avenue

General Services Director Martinez is talking to the BMX group who want to keep the jumps in Lindo Channel. CARD has a proposal for DeGarmo Park. The jumps will gradually come down in the Channel.

He is waiting for a formal proposal with more details from Friends of Bocce Ball. He will have a report on results of budget cuts

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

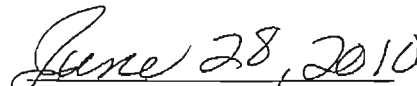
Debbie Villasenor has big interest in maintaining passive uses of Little Chico Creek in the Southwest Neighborhood area.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 to the next regular meeting of June 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chamber

APPROVED:


Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant


Date

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of the June 28, 2010, Regular Meeting
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Ober called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Stephen Lucas
Jim Mikles
Richard Ober
Jane Turner.

Commissioners absent: Jamison Watts.

Staff present: Dan Elseaff, Park and Natural Resources Manager; Ruben Martinez, General Services Director; Linda Herman, General Services Administrative Manager; Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager; Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant; and Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst.

1.3. Special Recognition

Scott Gregory, Park Intern was recognized for work on updating the street tree inventory and placing it on the City's GIS system. **Blake McSorley**, Park Attendant was recognized for work with the Park Division's Volunteer Program with special emphasis on habitat restoration and invasive weed removal.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of BPPC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve minutes of the 05/26/10 meeting as submitted. **MADE BY:** Emmerich **SECOND:** Brentwood **AYES:** 6 (Lucas, Brentwood, Ober, Emmerich, Turney and Mikles) **NOES:** 0 **ABSENT:** 1 (Watts).

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – none

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - none

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Analysis of Short Disc Golf Course Replacement Options

Staff recommended conceptual approval of the Hooker Oak Recreational Area as the site for the short disc golf course replacement and also recommended that the project proceed only if funding outside the Park or General Funds can be secured and an agreement is established with the non-profit group to develop the site. Parks and Natural Resource Manager Elseaff wrote an analysis of the short disc golf course replacement options and made a presentation of previously considered sites with an assessment of each.

From the public: Lon Glazner and Josephine Guardino support continuing to look at Caper Acres and Hooker Oak sites. Ms. Guardino expressed considerable concern about the Horseshoe Lake

area as a site. Mr. Glazner noted similar concerns about Horseshoe Lake and that the Hooker Oak site may be viable if the area near the Lindo Channel could be used.

MOTION: Reject Horseshoe Lake area as an optional site. **MADE BY:** Emmerich. **SECOND:** Brentwood. **AYES:** 6 (Lucas, Brentwood, Ober, Emmerich, Turney and Mikles) **NOES:** 0 **ABSENT:** 1 (Watts)

MOTION: Move forward with Caper Acres. **MADE BY:** Lucas. **SECOND:** None, motion failed.

MOTION: Direct staff to put majority of effort into exploring jurisdictional issues in the Lindo Channel area near Hooker Oak; if not feasible, the default site would become Caper Acres. **MADE BY:** Brentwood
FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Do not default to Caper Acres, but direct Staff to report back to the BPPC after investigating jurisdiction of other agencies. **MADE BY:** Mikles and accepted. **SECOND:** Mikles
AYES: 5 (Brentwood, Mikles, Emmerich, Turney, Ober). **NOES:** 1 (Lucas). **ABSENT:** 1 (Watts).

Break from 7:50 to 8:00 pm

Present at 8:00 pm: Ober, Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Turney

5. REPORTS

5.1. Natural Resources Committee Report

Discussed erosion issues at a swimming hole on Big Chico Creek along Vallombrosa as addressed in report by Adam McGrath and in Paragraph 1.6 of Manager's Report. Discussed ways to implement priorities of Master Management Plan and are making a list to bring back to full Commission.

5.2. Park and Natural Resources Manager Report

Park and Natural Resource Manager Elsealf provided an update on current park activities and projects including the disc golf long course mitigation, vegetation management and treatment of yellow starthistle in Middle Park and the potential of a controlled burn. He also announced, that the first Park Talk will be held at One Mile next week to inform the public of work planned or being done. General Services Director Martinez presented information on the proposed gate and restroom schedule changes in response to reduced staff hours.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

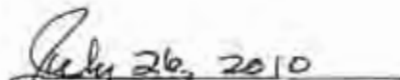
7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting on July 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: 7/26/10

Prepared By:


Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant


Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of the July 26, 2010 Regular Meeting
Municipal Center – 421 Main Street, Council Chambers

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Jamison Watts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Stephen Lucas
Jim Mikles
Richard Ober
Jane Turney

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resources Manager; Ruben Martinez, General Services Director, Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager; Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst; Linda Herman, General Services Administrative Manager, and Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approval of BPPC Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve minutes of 06-28-10 meeting as presented. **MADE BY:** Ober **SECOND:** Emmerich
AYES: 7 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Ober, Turney, Mikles, Lucas, Watts) **NOES:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Annual Review of Paragliding Activities in Bidwell Park

Staff provided information for BPPC discussion and review, Linda Herman, General Services Administrative Manager, stated that this is an annual review of paragliding because allowing it in Bidwell Park was enacted through a change to the Chico Municipal Code one year ago. Twelve annual permits were issued this year and 156 flights flown. The Julian's launch site is most popular. No complaints or conflicts have been reported.

From the public: Jon Stallman, a representative from the local Bidwell Park Fliers, reported that everything has gone well throughout the year; Shad Preston, a paraglider, spoke in favor of continued use. He had to give up biking so paragliding has opened up use of the Park to him again.

The BPPC asked several questions of Staff and the proponents. Commissioner Ober would like to review this issue again in one year.

4.2. Update on BPPC Biennial Work Plan Priorities for 2009-2011

Lise Smith-Peters and Dan Eiseff reviewed the eight priorities adopted in May, 2009 and provided a written status report as part of the packet. Work has been initiated on all priorities and several are close to completion.

1. Develop and implement a priority list of projects and programs based on the BPMMP that will include adaptive management strategies –In progress.
2. Implement the Hwy 32 Staging Area/Disc Golf Facility Project
 - a. Develop an Interim Management Plan for the site, including a wet weather policy – Interim Plan completed
 - b. Adopt a Management Plan for the site – In progress
3. Participate in the update of the City of Chico General Plan – In progress
4. Promote the expansion of the Park Division's Volunteer Program – In progress
5. Enhance and expand the Street Tree Program – In progress
6. Proceed with the transfers of specific facilities to the Chico Area Recreation and Park District. – Mostly complete
7. Develop management plan concepts for all greenways – In progress
8. Review and approve the Lease with the Bidwell Park Golf Club for the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course – Completed

An update will be presented in 2011 at which time, new priorities will be added.

4.3. Consideration of Heritage Tree Applications

Staff recommended approval of five Heritage Tree applications and requested that they be forwarded to the City Council for final approval. Denise Britton said that to create awareness of the program, staff named five trees on open space and park areas owned by the City. The City Manager has signed the applications for them and they will go to Council to complete the approval process.

Motion: To approve the applications and forward to City Council. **Made By:** Ober
Second by: Emmerich **Friendly Amendment:** put plaques on each tree **Made by :**
Brentwood and accepted **Ayes:** 7 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Ober, Turney, Mikles, Lucas, Watts) **Noes:** 0 **Absent:** 0

4.4. Review of Wet Weather Use Policy

Dan Eiseff presented a review of the Interim Wet Weather Use Policy for discussion and review. He showed the results of analysis of data collected from October 2009 to May 2010 and interpreted some of the statistics. Staff will continue to gather information and will have some recommendations for changes probably in September.

From the public: Tom Halthcock said the use of trails is not all that needs to be considered and that enforcement needs to be considered too.

4.5. Relocated Disc Golf Short Course - Feasibility of the channel near Hooker Oak

Staff recommends that the Hooker Oak site be considered as the relocated disc golf short course and recommends that the project proceed only if an agreement is established with the non-profit group to develop the site and funding outside the Park or General Funds can be secured for the project development, construction, and maintenance.

Staff has been in contact with several agencies (US Fish and Wildlife Service, Butte County, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Water Resources, and Central Valley Flood Protection Board) about their jurisdiction regarding the use of the Lindo Channel/Hooker Oak area for a six pin disc golf course. All agencies seemed positive about the use of this area. It appears to staff that the Hooker Oak site,

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including the Lindo Channel area, is most feasible of sites considered for a disc golf short course. Once the site is selected, BPPC can begin talking with ORAI about an operating agreement.

Lucas asked why limit this area to six holes when we started with replacing 18 - ask the agencies to consider more than six during this complex process. Emmerich said the course size and money for upkeep is up to ORAI to develop so BPPC can leave number of pins and time frame open-ended for ORAI.

Motion: Consider Hooker Oak site for relocation of six pins of disc golf short course on condition project proceeds only if an agreement is established with the non-profit group to develop the site and if funding outside the Park or General Funds can be secured for the project development, construction, and maintenance. **Made By:** Ober **Second:** Turney **Friendly Amendment:** Staff work with ORAI to see what capacity is at the site. **Made By:** Watts and rejected. **Motion Withdrawn:** Ober.

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider the Hooker Oak site for relocation of disc golf short course on condition project proceed only if an agreement is established with the non-profit group to develop the site and if funding outside the Park or General Funds can be secured for the project development, construction, and maintenance. **Made By:** Ober **Second:** Mikles **Ayes:** 7 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Ober, Turney, Mikles, Lucas, Watts) **Noes:** 0 **Absent:** 0

5. REPORTS

5.1. Urban Forest Manager's Report

Denice Britton reported staff received successful bids for stump removal; East 5th Avenue street improvement plans are finalized; a landscape contract was signed for final year with Lifescapes, then it goes out to bid for another five years; crew is marking trees for pruning along Petersen Dr; seeking partnerships with public regarding care of city trees that would include workshops to educate and encourage tree planting; historically, citizens planted the original street trees.

5.2. Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report.

Dan Efseaff presented from his written report. Information included that the groundbreaking of One Mile restrooms is August 16; signs are posted at Manzanita swimming holes and it is unknown if they have any effect; next Park Talk is on 09/30 at Nature Center at 4:00 pm.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NONE

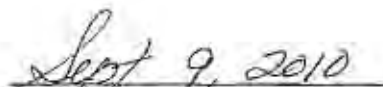
7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm to the next regular meeting on August 30, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: 08/30/10

Prepared BY:


Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant


Date

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of August 30, 2010 Regular Meeting
Municipal Center – 421 Main Street, Council Chambers

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Jamison Watts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Lisa Emmerich
Stephen Lucas
Jim Mikles
Richard Ober
Jane Turney
Jamison Watts

Commissioners absent: Mary Brentwood.

Staff present: Dan Elseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager, Ruben Martinez, General Services Director, Lise Smith-Peters, Management Analyst, Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager, Alicia Rock, Assistant City Attorney, and Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant.

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.

Motion: To approve meeting minutes of 07/26/10. **Made By:** Lucas **Second by:** Emmerich **Ayes:** 6 (Watts, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Turney, and Ober) **Noes:** 0 **Absent:** 1 (Brentwood)

2.2 Approval of Heritage Tree Permit for Bastogne Walnut on E. 8th St at Park Forest Subdivision.

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Ober.

2.3 Authorization to Sign an Agreement with the Pacific Center for Astronomical Outreach to operate the Chico Community Observatory (CCO).

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Ober.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Heritage Tree Permit for Bastogne Walnut on E. 8th St at Park Forest Subdivision.

Commissioner Ober wanted to acknowledge that this first heritage tree permit is a big step. From the public: Bruce McCrea, applicant, stated that he felt the \$300 application fee was exorbitant for designating the trees. Urban Forest Manager Britton said it is to cover staff time.

Motion: To forward the Heritage Tree Permit to Council for approval and request that they consider changing the fee. **Made By:** Watts **Second by:** Mikles **Ayes:** 6 (Watts, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Turney and Ober) **Noes:** 0 **Absent:** 1 (Brentwood)

Authorization to Sign an Agreement with the Pacific Center for Astronomical Outreach To operate the Chico Community Observatory (CCO).

Commissioner Ober asked if directing staff to renegotiate the new agreement means it would come back to the BPPC for consideration. Park Manager Efseaff said since there are few changes, that it will not be brought back to the Commission. He stated that changes included a clause for vegetation management and a new plat showing the boundary, which includes the amphitheatre.

Motion: To authorize signing an agreement with Pacific Center for Astronomical Outreach to operate the Chico Community Observatory. **Made By:** Ober **Second by:** Turney **Ayes:** 6 (Watts, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Turney and Ober) **Noes:** 0 **Absent:** 1 (Brentwood)

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

Urban Forest Manager Britton and Assistant City Attorney Rock left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Consideration of a Permit for the Bidwell Bump Mountain Bike Race.

Applicant requests a permit to host a mountain bike race in Upper Park on established trails on September 18, 2010. Route would be on the north and south side of the park.

Chair Watts asked if applicant would provide maintenance or repair of trails. Park Manager Efseaff said authorized trails are under a regular maintenance schedule and some trails have also been adopted.

From the public: Kyle Hughes said there will be course marshals for safety and to keep riders on main trail. Chico State wants to work closely with City and Chico mountain bikers community on helping with trail work.

Motion: To approve use permit application for Bidwell Bump Mountain Bike Race with conditions. **Made By:** Mikles **Second by:** Ober **Ayes:** 6 (Watts, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Turney and Ober) **Noes:** 0 **Absent:** 1 (Brentwood)

4.2 Authorization to apply for funding under the Recreational Trails Program (California State Parks and the Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF).

Staff is looking into materials required for submission of a trails grant to fund for trail signage throughout Bidwell Park. If there is time to get a proposal ready for next meeting, it will be on the September agenda for feed back. This would also put a plan in place for staff to be better equipped to write a complete proposal for next year.

From the public: none

Motion: To authorize staff to prepare grant application. **Made By:** Watt **Second by:** Turney **Ayes:** 6 (Watts, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Turney and Ober) **Noes:** 0 **Absent:** 1 (Brentwood)

5. **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.

5.1. **Urban Forest Manager's Report** Filed

5.2. **Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report.**

Schedule for new gate hours will be put in force on 09/07/10. Implementation guide from Outdoor Recreation Advocacy, Inc (ORAI) was accepted. Dog House concession stand had a grand opening last Friday. Maintenance and inspection was done on One Mile Dam and report states that conditions are great.

Crews are testing road material in the Park this fall. Next *Park Talk* for the public is on 09/30/10 at Nature Center and staff is working on publishing a newsletter. The grazing permit for Bidwell Ranch property is up for renewal next year. Public access is allowed but City must be notified. There is no management plan for the area now.

General Services Director Martinez reported BMX (Norcal Dirty Jumpers) is still active and putting a proposal together for building a course. They have narrowed possible sites down to three. Humboldt Skate Park has been transferred to CARD; bike riding is not part of that facility.

Staff is preparing badges for identifying researchers working in the Park. The park reservation program is being streamlined to reduce staff time involved.

6. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – None**

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.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn at 7:55 p.m. to the next regular meeting on September 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved 09/27/10
Prepared By:

Janice Heckerson
Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

Sept 27, 2010
Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of September 27, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Stephen Lucas
Jim Mikles
Richard Ober
Jane Turney
Jamison Watts

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Dan Eiseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Ruben Martinez (General Services Director), Lise Smith-Peters (Management Analyst), Denice Britton (Urban Forest Manager) and Janice Heckerson (Administrative Assistant)

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

Motion: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 08/30/10 **Made By:** Emmerich **Second By:** Ober
Ayes: (7) (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Ober, Turney and Watts) **Noes:** (0) **Absent:** (0)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of the Cross Country Fun 1 mile, 5k, and 10k Permit Application.

Applicant requests a permit to host cross country fun run and races in Middle and Upper Park on November 13, 2010. The CSU, Chico Department of Kinesiology has held this event in Upper Park for the past 11 years and anticipates approximately 100-200 people.

Commissioners determined that monitors will keep participants on the trail; an alternate trail is available if needed; and this is a class project so they will evaluate the route after the run.

Brentwood said the map was not revised as discussed. Dan said staff is trying to develop a more designated trail system so there may be some changes in the future.

Organizer Traci Ciapponi reported on past races and adjustments made in the course.

Motion: Approve permit with conditions **Made By:** Brentwood **Second By:** Emmerich **Ayes:** (7) (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Ober, Turney and Watts) **Noes:** (0) **Absent:** (0)

4.2 Reschedule the December BPPC Meeting from December 27 to December 13, 2010.

The BPPC meeting for December is scheduled for December 27. Traditionally, the meeting has been moved to two weeks before to minimize holiday conflicts.

Motion: BPPC action to move the meeting to 12/13/10. **Made By:** Watts **Second By:** Ober **Ayes:** (7) (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Ober, Turney and Watts) **Noes:** (0) **Absent:** (0)

4.3 Consideration of Heritage Tree Application Fees

At its meeting on 8/30/10, the BPPC requested that staff forward to Council the issue of reducing the application fees for Heritage Tree Designation. The fee discussion was taken up by the Tree-Finance Committee on 09/23/10 since it includes the potential for installing an optional plaque.

Urban Forest Manager Britton said the Tree Committee recommends a fee of \$100, which would cover about two hours staff of time and all are agreeable except on the issue of a brass plaque, which would cost another \$300. The Commission suggested that staff look into additional options for less expensive plaques.

Chair Watts said the formal recommendation was for a \$100 fee including a simple plaque on a post which an applicant would be required to put up for identification of the tree. Staff would provide guidance for the work. Lisa suggested using a plastic sign that is less expensive. Commissioner Lucas recommended a fee of \$100 with staff working out further plaque details including a standard design. He also added that there be an option available for owners to purchase the more expensive brass plaque if they choose.

Motion: Heritage Tree application to be reduced to \$150 and includes a simple plaque with type and design to be determined and an owner can do more if they like. **Made By:** Ober **Friendly amendment:** An alternate plaque must be approved by the City **Made By:** Emmerich **Second By:** Brentwood **Ayes:** (7) (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Ober, Turney and Watts) **Noes:** (0) **Absent:** (0)

5. 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 on a subsequent posted agenda.

5.1 Urban Forest Manager's Report - Denise Britton, Urban Forest Manager

August was a month for a lot of summer limb drop requiring clearance; Children's Playground will be completed shortly and the landscape contractor will be renovating the lawn. Commissioner Lucas said it is a great project and needs a formal opening.

5.2 Natural Resources Committee Report - Mary Brentwood, Committee Chair

The Committee is narrowing down priorities and considering costs of each project. Park and Natural Resource Manager Efseoff said it is important that we share products along the way and start rolling them out. He would designate smaller areas within the Park to define management issues and for good communication with volunteers and safety personnel.

5.3 Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report - Dan Efseoff, Park and Natural Resource Manager

The disc golf long course implementation plan is moving along. Commissioner Turney voiced concern that some elements in the plan are not consistent with the MMP. Chair Watts suggested the Policy Committee should review it again. Commissioner Lucas said the goal was for the Plan to be implemented by winter rains and ORAI is working hard to achieve that. Commissioner Emmerich would like information on how former assurances match up with construction.

Commissioner Ober asked the Policy Committee members to visit the site on Thursday afternoon in two weeks or prior to the meeting. Park staff will coordinate the tours of the site.

6. 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.

Susan Mason said Friends of Bidwell Park completed over 10,000 hours of volunteer work and plan to finish removal of privets from Lower and Middle Bidwell Park in October.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on October 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved 10/25/10 8:15

Prepared By:


Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

October 25, 2010
Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Stephen Lucas
Jim Mikles
Richard Ober
Jane Turner
Jamison Watts

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Ruben Martinez (General Services Director), Denice Britton (Urban Forest Manager), and Janice Heckerson (Administrative Assistant).

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

Approval of minutes for regular meeting of September 27, 2010.

2.2. Consideration of a Permit Application to Place a Menorah at City Plaza during Chanukah

The Chabad Jewish Center requests City approval for the installation of a Menorah on top of the City Plaza restroom. The Menorah would remain lit from December 2 to December 9, 2010. The Commission approved the same request in 2007, 2008 and 2009. A public lighting ceremony of the Menorah will occur December 2.

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda. **Made By:** Ober **Second By:** Emmerich **Ayes:** (7) (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Ober, Turney and Watts) **No:** (0) **Absent:** (0)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of a Permit for the Chico State Cycling Mountain Bike Race

Applicant requests a permit to host a mountain bike race in Middle and Upper Park on established trails on November 6, 2010. Route would be on the north and south side of the park (see attached map). The applicant expects approximately 175 participants and the event will

include a cross country race as well as a downhill race. Park Manager Efseaff said this is not a public event. If the weather is wet, both days of the race will be on the all-weather trail in Oroville.

From the public: Kirby Faulkner, Chico State Cycling Team president, said volunteers will be directing riders where to go and let other users know of the race. Bob Jones said that the damage associated with the ride could not do more damage to the trails than the work being done on Middle Trail right now. Kyle Warner said packed trails are hard to move but trail work makes them dusty and easier to damage. Josephine Guardino, Friends of Bidwell Park, thinks there is confusion between the terms, "Official" and "Established" trails, and that the route of races should be carefully regulated until there is more money for maintenance. Sam Wilson, Chico State Cycle Team Vice-president, they have tried to adopt a trail but it has been difficult to organize maintenance days. Tom Haithcock advised each group designate a representative to get information for Park volunteering and distribute it to the members.

Commissioners asked about the Middle trail work and Staff member Efseaff explained that it is work to improve approximately 700 feet long. The trail will be realigned and reconstructed to better withstand wet weather use. The alignment is intended to maintain the character of the area, but also add some playful features. He will bring a report and photos to a later meeting.

Motion: Approve Permit for Chico State Cycling Mountain Bike Race. **Made By:** Lucas. **Second By:** Ober. **Ayes:** 7 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Mikles, Ober, Turney and Watts) **No:** 0. **Absent:** (0).

5. 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. Chair Watts stated the public comment will be reserved until after the reports have been given.

5.1. Special Report: Review of Disc Golf Long Course Implementation

The BPPC started off with Committee Chair, Rich Ober, providing a review of the Policy Advisory Committee's detailed discussion on the installation of the Disc Golf Long Course at Hwy 32. Staff (Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager) provided a progress report on current project status. Policy Advisory Committee Chair Ober said there are mandates to get the long course built this season in order to limit damage historically done on the site. Rainy season is here and mitigation measures are in progress. A report is available on what has been done so far.

Park Manager Efseaff reported that significant progress on the project is being made. As part of the "adaptive management" approach, adjustments will be an inevitable part of the process, but that the protection of the resources and intent of the mitigations must be folded into any decisions to change. He showed a time sequence of photo-point pictures showing progress on erosion on an access road; progress on narrowing trails on areas designed as out-of-bounds and on t-pads, and the use of mulch to help reduce compaction in designated areas. He showed a hole where the area mulched has been reduced in order to minimize damage to plants on site.

Urban Forest Manager Britton can do an assessment of trees on the course and grade them for health. She will continue to monitor them, using 2004 as base line.

Discussion ensued on the project and where it should be placed on future agendas (for example, presented as a regular agenda item or under reports). For the time-being, the project will be presented as a special report, unless a new issue or policy question arises.

Break from 8:00 pm to 8:05 p.m.

5.2. Natural Resources Committee Report

Committee Chair Brentwood reported on the discussion of updating the trails and natural resources management plans, and prescribed burns. A meeting summary was also provided. Chair Watts would like a plan creating specific implementation measures to get projects started. Commissioner Lucas wants to be sure the Park users have full access to the opportunities to plan and implement the projects.

5.3. Report on a Research Request from Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation (BCDWRC).

The BCDWRC requests permission to install stream gauges and conduct infiltration testing on Big Chico Creek in Bidwell Park as part of its "Lower Tuscan Aquifer Monitoring, Recharge, and Data Management Project." Staff plans to meet with project staff to discuss the project in more detail. The item will be on the agenda next month.

5.4. Urban Forest Manager's Report

Denice Britton (Urban Forest Manager) reported the two walnuts on West 11th Avenue were removed and a third one pruned. Staff has implemented a new way to plant trees that makes roots stronger in later years. The field at Wildwood will be refurbished in the fall this year instead of spring, but teams can continue practicing there.

5.5. Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report

Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager) read from the Manager's report submitted as part of the packet. Some notable highlights include: The Middle Trail rehabilitation is being done through a grant. Dan explained that there has been press but the process of informing the public should be even more widespread. The foundation was poured for the restroom on the northside parking lot at One Mile. The Chico Cat Coalition has caught five cats since July. They are still actively catching cats in the Park when possible. Staff continues to work on the wet weather policy.

Chair Watts opened discussion on the Reports to the public at this time.

From the Public:

Tom Haithcock thanked volunteers for working at Nature Center. He questioned whether the Outdoor Recreation Activities group has come up with cash as promised on the Disc Golf Course construction. Josephine Guardino said there was to be no fencing on the course for aesthetic reasons; mulch was to be out before there was damage, but you waited too long; adaptive management should be done after construction is done as designated by the Plan. She also said that as a multi-use area that the focus should not be just on disc golfers.

Commissioners Turney and Emmerich stated that they think that the disc golf report should be on the regular agenda for discussion. Chair Watts stated that the proper oversight of mitigations are a big part of BPPC's job, and he would like to know how priorities are being chosen, what have Outsiders contributed in money and time, and what is the time line for completion. Commissioner Emmerich said BPPC needs to keep an eye on this project and an interim report would help.

General Services Director Martinez said Prop 40 money expires in March and he wants all work done by January. The course is in the best shape for this winter than it ever has been. To be agendized, there needs to be specific questions on the project or policy for action to be taken.

Commissioner Lucas said questions are being answered as we go along; staff has been capable of implementing mitigation and giving BPPC updates. Questions can be addressed in the staff report.

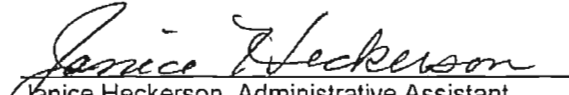
Staff will address questions brought up tonight in a staff report and give commissioners more time to read the current summary. Staff will proceed with interim reports for special questions and give clear finance information.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – NONE

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:35 p.m. to the next regular meeting on November 29, 2010, 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

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Prepared by:


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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
November 29, 2010, 6:30 pm Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Stephen Lucas
Jim Mikles
Richard Ober
Jamison Watts

Commissioners absent:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Jane Turney

Staff present: Dan Eiseff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Denice Britton (Urban Forest Manager), Ruben Martinez (General Services Director), Lise Smith-Peters (Management Analyst), and Janice Heckerson (Administrative Assistant).

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

Approval of minutes for regular meeting of October 25, 2010.

2.2. Consideration of the American Cancer Society Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk Permit Application.

Applicant requests a permit to host a walk fundraiser in Lower Bidwell Park on October 23, 2011, with set-up occurring on October 22. The American Cancer Society held this event in Lower Park in 2010 and anticipates approximately 1,000 participants.

2.3 Consideration of Two Heritage Tree applications from CARD

The Chico Area Recreational District (CARD) submitted applications for an oak and a walnut tree at the 20th Street Community Park to be included as Heritage Trees. Each of the trees qualifies under the CMC 16.68 regulations.

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Watts. **SECOND:** Ober. **AYES:** (4) Lucas, Mikles, Ober, and Watts). **NOES:** (0) **ABSENT:** (3) Brentwood, Emmerich, and Turney

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Naming the Trail Head and Disc Golf Course, Bidwell Park Features

The development of the new long Disc Golf Course and potential for future trail head, parking, and other improvements, provides an opportunity to name the Highway 32/Disc Golf Course area to give it a distinctive identity. Staff recommended that both the trailhead and disc golf course have a singular name to minimize confusion.

From the Public: Lon Glazner, President of Outside Recreation Advocacy, Inc. (ORAI) said they have already ordered t-shirts and discs with the name and logo, and have designed a sign for consideration at the site. However, their intention was naming the course only and not necessarily the trailhead area. Josephine Guardino reminded that this is a public area for multi-use. She stated that the trail head has been obliterated. Other organizations should remember that they have a voice in the decision making for the Park. She suggested keeping "trail head" in name. Gregg Payne showed the discs with Outsiders logo he designed. He showed a photo of falcons taken in the area. He feels the name fits the site.

Commissioner Lucas likes the name for both trail head and disc golf course. Ober also likes having one name for both areas. Watts agreed. Mikles said that in the future for Staff to be mindful of better outreach to interested parties for similar projects.

MOTION: Approve adoption of the name Peregrine Point for both the trail head and disc golf course.
MADE BY: Ober. **SECOND:** Mikles. **AYES:** 4 (Lucas, Mikles, Ober, and Watts). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 3 (Brentwood, Emmerich, and Turney).

4.2. Research Request from Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation (BCDWRC) to Install Stream Gauges and Conduct Infiltration Testing in Bidwell Park.

The Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation (BCDWRC) propose to conduct work along Big Chico Creek as part of the Lower Tuscan Aquifer Monitoring, Recharge, and Data Management Project (Project). The project includes the installation of data collection and monitoring equipment.

Management Analyst Smith-Peters said this will be a three-year monitoring study on Big Chico Creek involving installation of data collection and monitoring equipment at Five Mile Bridge. Currently stations are already located in Big Chico Creek at Bidwell Golf Course and Rose Avenue Bridge. The project also includes gathering information along Mill Creek, Butte Creek, Deer Creek, and Little Dry Creek. Staff recommends approval of the project as long as proponents work closely with staff during the installation, provide the opportunity to utilize the installed stream gauge equipment for potential long-term monitoring, abandon the temporary shallow temperature gradient wells according to current standards, and share the information and data with the Park Division.

Tim Godwin (Senior Hydrogeologist, Brown and Caldwell), said the study is well under way in the other creek locations. The work within Bidwell Park will focus on the changes and discharges within the stream. The activity is noninvasive, and is a field study data project to manage and assess water usage. All data will be uploaded into the Butte County data base and available to the public. Data will be incorporated with management of the creek resource in the future.

Paul Goslin (Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation), said there is not much data in this area and a better understanding of resources in our whole water resource system is needed. It is difficult to speculate what the data will show but more information is needed to protect the basin.

Chair Watts said some members of the public are concerned about outside parties who may use such data for securing the transfer of water from the Lower Tuscan Aquifer to other areas. Chair Watts stated that he would not like to see this data used to hurt our County's water resource in the future. However, more data is needed to help make good decisions for resource management and to fill in the data gaps. Commissioner Mikles is concerned information might support more transfers and would like to know how this data would be used. He also asked if other Counties were supporting this project.

Mr. Goslin stated that there has been a lot of speculation about this project. He said that the data is currently not in existence and so this study will provide only basic data, and will not be specific enough. Tehama County is also supporting the project.

Commissioner Ober asked if the ultimate goal is to recharge the aquifer and if the data application would be used in making decisions about water usage in long term planning. He stated that gathering data is separate from how agencies may use the data in the future.

From the public: None.

MOTION: Approve conditional approval of the research request from BCDWRC as recommended by staff. **MADE BY:** Mikles. **SECOND** Ober. **AYES:** 4 (Lucas, Mikles, Ober, and Watts). **NOES:** 0 **ABSENT** 3 (Brentwood, Emmerich and Turney).

5. REPORTS

5.1 Special report: review of disc golf long course implementation

Park and Natural Resource Manager Efseaff said that much of the work has been completed at the site; Sections of the report include 24 pages on mitigation measures, photos, ORAI's profit and loss statement; volunteer hours, donations, and spending by vendors. The monitoring plan is being worked on and will be shared with the Commission. There is some 2005 baseline data (mainly on the impact of play on some of the trees) that can be used but a more comprehensive inventory will be made. More information is needed over time to take correcting action.

Urban Forest Manager Britton and Park and Natural Resources Manager Efseaff will work out a specific plan for the oaks at the disc golf course, probably with monitoring twice a year.

From the public: Josephine Guardino complemented everyone involved for the hard work done at the site. Much of the work was done well but some things have been left undone. She expressed concern that the original trail has been "obliterated" by the straw placed on site for erosion control. She stated that mulch is being used for decoration, not for mitigation; some trees do not have barriers; that trails need to be better defined; marked holes that have poor visibility; fix some erosion; close the old trails; and she would like information about who is paying for staff time. Lon Glazer said that trails are a separate matter to be discussed from the actual disc golf course. Gregg Payne said the bike trails are still there and are distinguishable; ten years of heavy use without monitoring made it as bad as it is going to be so now we need to be positive about improving the site.

5.2 Urban Forest Manager's Report

The Street Tree Division has a new intern to assist in a plan for tree planting. We are discussing street trees for the 1st and 2nd Streets Downtown Project. The project will be presented to the BPPC.

5.3 Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report

There has been some damage to Caper Acres that resulted in closing the area down for several days. Caper Acres is now open but we will be identifying some areas that are in need of renovation and volunteer help will be welcomed. This is the 8th week into the 12-week schedule for a new restroom at One Mile. It includes a utility room for storage of the lifeguard equipment.

Chico State bike race was canceled because of the weather forecast. The evaluation of the Bidwell Bump bike race is included in the packet. The Dog House concession has submitted their annual report and it includes some suggestions for consideration.

Volunteer Coordinator Smith-Peters said Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance cultivated native plants over the summer and planted them with additional park volunteers at the Sycamore Restoration site on November 20. She also stated that Friends of Bidwell Park (FOBP) has been going hard at the privet removal project and has successfully eliminated most of the Lower Park privet population (except for the Lost Park area). She thanked Susan Mason of FOBP for providing many sessions that helped put CSU and Butte College volunteers to work in the Park. The workday at Commanche Creek was also discussed and the Southwest Neighborhood Association has scheduled another workdate on December 13.

Commissioner Lucas asked about work being done in a neighborhood park that has no management plan. Park and Natural Resource Manager Efseaff reported he talked to the groups doing the work and determined their work is consistent with a vegetation plan that was created for the area and is in effect. The area is not currently open for other uses.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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.

Josephine Guardino asked why the "business from the floor" is now being conducted at the end of the evening. She pointed out it makes it so that people have to wait a long time to talk and she suggested that the BPPC go back to having this item earlier on the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: 12/13/10

Prepared By:


Janice Heckerson, Administrative Assistant

December 13, 2010
Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Watts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Stephen Lucas
Jane Turner
Jamison Watts

Commissioners absent:

Jim Mikles
Rich Ober

Staff present: Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Denice Britton (Urban Forest Manager), Lise Smith-Peters (Management Analyst) and Janice Heckerson, (Administrative Assistant).

1.3. Special Recognition for Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance

Michael Stauffer received a certificate of appreciation for the native plant project that members of the Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance have conducted for growing native plants for Bidwell Park restoration sites. The group plans to continue this beneficial program.

Chair Watts asked commissioners for their suggestions about hearing "business from the floor" early in the meeting. Commissioner Turney asked how other city boards and commissions handle this and would like for us to be consistent. Commissioner Lucas said it is inappropriate to keep mothers and children waiting for hours to speak and that having it earlier is friendlier to the public. Commissioner Brentwood supports earlier on the agenda for the same reasons as above. A speaker can be clear that his/her statement is only a comment and there will be no action taken on non-agenda items at that meeting. Staff stated that the City Council, Boards and Commissions all have "business from the floor" at the end of their regular meeting schedules.

Chair Watts requested that Business From the Floor be placed before the Consent Agenda on subsequent agendas.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approval of minutes of November 29, 2010, as submitted. **MADE BY:** Lucas. **SECOND:** Emmerich. **AYES:** 5 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Turner, and Watts). **NOES:** 0 **ABSENT:** (2) Mikles, Ober

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT NONE

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Horseshoe Lake Drinking Fountain Upgrade Donation.

The Chico Running Club (CRC) has offered to donate funds toward the parts and some labor for the installation of an all-weather water fountain at Horseshoe Lake. The CRC requests that a plaque be placed on the fountain acknowledging the donation. If successful, the CRC would consider donations toward a second fountain in the Park.

Park and Natural Resource Manager Efseaff said policy has been to winterize park facilities, including draining the drinking fountains. Chico Running Club offered up to \$5,000 to upgrade to new, all season fountains that drain after each use. Staff would install it near Horseshoe Lake. CRC would like to have a simple plaque on the fixture(s) they donated.

Mr. Tim Danielsen of CRC said the Club did not specify a location and believes that the donation may cover the costs of two fountains. Commissioner Turney recommended the location for the fountain be near the restrooms at parking lot E.

MOTION: Approve acceptance of donation for fountains at two locations (if the donation of \$5,000 covers two fountains) with acknowledgement plaques. **MADE BY:** Lucas. **SECOND:** Emmerich. **AYES:** 5 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Turner, and Watts). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** (2) Ober, Mikles

4.2. Consideration of a Permit for the "Frost or Fog 5k and ¼ Marathon"

Under the Sun Events requests a permit to host a race in Middle and Upper Park on January 15, 2011. Approximately 500 people participate in the 7-year old event. The route would be modified if trails are closed. This application requires BPPC consideration as the group is requesting the use of non-intensive use areas.

This event is considered an intensive use because of the number of participants who will be in an area listed for non-intensive use. All activity will be on paved surfaces.

Staff is working to abide by the Chico Municipal Code to have applications submitted 85 days before an event. Chair Watts encouraged staff to be stringent with the deadline so applications can be reviewed with more time. Commissioner Turney suggested that a two-tier application fee to accommodate late filing be put on agenda another time. Park and Natural Resource Manager Efseaff will place a review of permit policy on a future agenda.

From the public: none

MOTION: Approve permit for "Frost or Fog 5k and ¼ Marathon" as submitted. **MADE BY:**Emmerich. **SECOND:** Lucas. **AYES:** 5 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Lucas, Turner, and Watts). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** (2) Ober, Mikles

5. REPORTS

5.1. Special Report: Review of Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course Implementation

Park and Natural Resource Manager Efseaff said the course is in good shape and activities have slowed down up there. There is no evidence of erosion related to construction and many features have been installed on the course. Trail alignments will be watched over time for problem areas. The required sign with the new name needs to be cut and a location designated. It is planned to have all signage up before the disc golf opens. A working draft of a serviceable monitoring plan will come available in the next few weeks for the public, ORAI, and BPPC.

From the public:

Josephine Guardino Friends of Bidwell Park President said materials refer to the site as "park and disc golf" but it is more. She stated that there needs to be trails put back in for hikers. She has walked all holes and looked at mitigations that are spelled out in the Environmental Impact Review (EIR). Some of the mitigations are lacking, especially defining the trails through the fairways. She also stated that text on signs should come to the BPPC before being approved. Rock harvesting is haphazard and there should be a policy addressing it.

Lon Glazner, Outside Recreation Advocacy, Inc. President, said the group has spent a lot of time on mitigations. They have had 110 individuals put in 1700 hours to date. The labor to complete work for opening could be done in one weekend with about 100 hours. The guidance they are receiving from staff is not what Ms Guardino is saying. It is an adaptive management process. The group is working on the signs now.

Commissioner Brentwood asked for a time line for the hiking trail. The course and the trail occupy the same real estate but are not the same issue. Park and Natural Resource Manager Efsseff said hiking trail and the parking area is undefined in the Master Management Plan and that funding will need to be generated for the trail head amenities and parking lot. Improvements to existing trails and signage are planned for the site and should be in place this spring.

Chair Watts feels a letter received from Friends of Bidwell Park should be looked at closely and compared with staff's monitoring plan. He recommends the Policy Advisory Committee meet and take a closer look at the mitigation measures as called for in the EIR.

Commissioner Lucas appreciates the level of oversight on this big project, but staff must be allowed room to do the work. We have done our part so do not micro-manage. We need to avoid causing more work than needed to meet the intent of the EIR.

Commissioner Emmerich said the Commission is here to protect the park, defend public interest, and raise any concerns we have. In the past, many decisions have been turned over to staff and we are left to see the outcome.

Chair Watts charged the Policy Advisory Committee to check that all mitigation measures be taken per EIR. He asked that the Committee take a closer look and offer a more transparent approach so that the public is more involved.

5.2. Volunteer Committee Report – Jane Turney, Committee Chair

The Committee is looking at ways volunteer hours are being reported and have gathered information from several other organizations. Staff will produce a one-page form that will describe the reporting process and categories and will have space for recording individual and/or group hours worked. After review and comments from the volunteer working group, it will come back to BPPC.

5.3. Urban Forest Manager's Report

Urban Forest Manager Denice Britton is pleased with the results on Chico's community tree. The crew is doing formative pruning on street trees. She is working on Tree City USA application and on the arrangements for handing over Wildwood Park to CARD. Emerson Park located in Merriam Park (at end of Hartford off Springfield Drive) will soon enter its 90 day maintenance period.

5.4. Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report

Park and Natural Resource Manager Efsseff is streamlining the commission reports. He would like to hear opinions of Commissioners on the changes. The first phase of native grass planting has been completed in two demonstration sites. North One Mile restroom is moving forward. Staff has inventoried each entrance and will start work at the end of this month. The December

Park Talk on trails had a good turnout. Staff is talking to the City Attorney on the update of interim wet weather policy. Rod and Gun Club asked BPPC to look at a conflict between hours of their classes and the Upper Park gate closing.

Comments from public on reports None

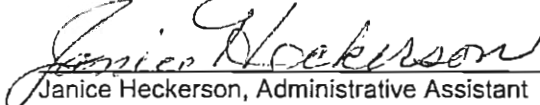
Chair Watts and Commissioner Turney were thanked for their participation on the BPPC and were wished well during their last meeting.

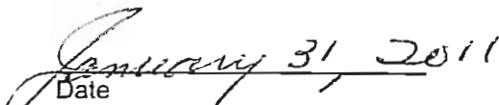
6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:35 pm to the next regular meeting on January 31, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

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Prepared By:


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Date

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