

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
January 30, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Swearing-in of Commissioners

Deputy City Clerk Dani Brinkley swore in the new Commissioners: Glatz, Haar, Nickell and McReynolds

1.3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Dan Efseaff, Parks and Natural Resources Manager explained the annual process of the election of chair and vice chair. Efseaff noted that the Commission would nominate for each position and then votes on each nominee in the order received. The first person receiving four or more votes will serve as the new Chair. Staff will then follow the same process on the selection of Vice Chair. Once the Vice Chair is selected, staff would turn the rest of the meeting over to the newly appointed Chair.

Chair nominations: Aaron Haar (self), Marisa Stoller (Tom Nickell and Valerie Reddemann), Alberto Hernandez (self).

Haar - Ayes: 0.

Stoller – Ayes: 5. Stoller selected as Chair.

Vice Chair nominations: Aaron Haar (Tom Nickell), Valerie Reddemann (Marisa Stoller).

Haar – Ayes: 1.

Reddemann – Ayes: 5. Reddemann selected as Vice-Chair.

The Commission then took a short recess and then reconvened with Stoller presiding as Chair.

1.4 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz

Aaron Haar

Alberto Hernandez

Elaina McReynolds

Tom Nickell

Valerie Reddemann

Marisa Stoller

Staff present: Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director), and Shane Romain (Park Services Coordinator).

1.5. Special Presentation: Recognition of Outgoing BPPC Commissioners

Chair Stoller and Dan Efseaff recognized out-going Commissioners Jim Moravec, Mary Brentwood and Janine Rood for years of service.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 12/19/16

2.2. Permit Earthbound Skills to Reserve 5 Mile Picnic Area. (3/13/17 – 3/17/17)

Applicant (Joni Mitchell Earthbound Skills) would like a permit to hold a 5-day Spring break camp at 5 Mile Picnic Area. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.3. Permit DCBA to Reserve City Plaza for Thursday Night Farmer's Market (4/6/17 – 9/28/17)

Applicant (Stephanie Yunker Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) requests to hold the 21th Annual Thursday Night Farmer's Market at City Plaza. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.4. Permit DCBA to Reserve City Plaza for Friday Night Concerts in the Plaza (5/5/17 – 9/8/17)

Applicant (Stephanie Yunker Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) is requesting to hold the 40st Annual Friday Night Concerts at City Plaza. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.5. Permit Kayla Mahoney to Reserve Picnic Site #37 (9/8/17)

Applicant (Kayla Mahoney) would like a permit to reserve picnic site #37 for a wedding rehearsal brunch. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** Haar. **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

1. 2.2 Joni with Earthbound Skills cancelled event at Five Mile for March 13th through March 17th.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Tree Permit: 695 E 4th St

Applicant (Blake Anderson) requests to remove and replace a Chinese Pistache with an October Glory Maple tree. Applicant cites improved aesthetics as the principal reason for removal. Staff previously approved a planting request, but rejected the removal as the tree is not dead, dying, or poses a dangerous or defective condition. Under City code, the BPPC may consider the permit for the convenience of the landowner. Removal and replacement costs will be borne by the applicant.

Efseaff provided an overview of this item and a review of City policy and code on tree removals. Staff did not recommend removal; however did provide conditions if the BPPC approves the permit.

Reddemann asked how long for a replacement tree to catch up in size. Efseaff replied about 10-15 years.

Stoller asked why other Chinese Pistache in the area had been removed. Efseaff said they were removed because they were damaged and in poor health

Haar concerned about potential aphid problems and disease within first 10 years of the maple tree establishment. Recommends keeping the Pistache tree.

Comments from the Public

Blake Anderson provided case for removal and replanting. Suggested a 24" box. He expressed an appreciation for the park and town. Nickell asked why not just 2 more Pistache. Anderson said that was not an aesthetically pleasing option.

Steve and Sally Thompson live near Cypress and Woodland and supports the aesthetically pleasing aspects of the replacement trees as 3 of 4 of previous trees have died and this would provide a more consistent look. Steven supported the sentiment and complained of the existing trees.

Charles Withuhn, Chico Tree Advocates (CTA) - Visited site and neighborhood and is concerned about losing large trees throughout Chico. He favored a phasing in process as they provide a variety in age and species and wished to keep the trees because of their age and location.

Woody Elliot - supports CTA position wholeheartedly and noted: the poor policy to remove healthy trees, the required care and cost of living in an urban forest, and the ecological health of trees. Supports native trees planting at areas, live oak.

Commissioner discussion on merits of removing or keeping the tree.

MOTION: To decline permit **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** Haar. **AYES:** 3. **NOES:** 4. **ABSENT:** 0. Motion Failed.

MOTION: To approve permit **MADE BY:** Hernandez. **SECOND:** Glatz. **AYES:** 4. **NOES:** 2. **ABSENT:** 0. **Motion** passed.

4.2. Discussion of Committee Assignments and the 2017 Meeting Calendar

BPPC members serve on the Policy Advisory, Natural Resources, and Street Trees Committees as well as the City's *ad hoc* Bicycle Advisory Committee. Assignments are at the BPPC Chair's prerogative with staff recommendations. In addition, the Commission will consider the Committee and BPPC meeting schedules for 2017.

Efseaff reviewed the committees of the BPPC. Currently, there are three working groups that meet as needed: Natural Resource Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and the Tree Committee. Also, there is an *ad hoc* Bicycle Advisory Committee. Staff recommended that the BPPC: 1) select a chair and vice-chair; 2) approve the revised 2017 calendar; and 3) the Chair announce committee assignments.

Typically, the BPPC meets on the last Monday of the month. However, there are a few conflicts. Staff is recommending moving the May meeting to Tues May 30, and moving the December meeting to December 18.

With staffing constraints, workload, and the interested expressed by the past BPPC to see tree items, Efseaff recommended that any tree items come before the full commission. If the policy workload changes or the Urban Forester Manager position is hired, then that committee can be re-established. Additionally, there is a representative in attendance of the Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings (no meetings in 2016).

MOTION: To approve the changes to the meeting calendar for the months of May and December as reflected in the staff report. **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** Reddemann. **AYES:** 7 **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

Each commissioner will communicate with Efseaff to provide their preference and availability to serve on committee appointments.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Thad Walker- Chico Velo Trailworks, submitted their annual work 160 hours contributed to trails in Upper Park. Described the relationship between Trail Works and the Parks Division. Spoke about some of the projects that they would like to focus on in 2017.

Liz Stewart – Friends of Comanche Creek Greenway, reports they are very happy with the progress of Comanche Creek Greenway. Invited the Commissioners out to come visit.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Special Report: Public Works - Engineering Capital Projects Update on Ceres Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement, Comanche Creek Greenway Project Phase II, and Sycamore Creek Bike Path Phase I - Tracy Bettencourt, Regulatory and Grants Manager, and Wyatt West, Assistant Engineer (Verbal Report).

Over a year ago, staff reported to BPPC on the condition of the Ceres Bridge with about 1/2 of the boards needing replacement. Staff was exploring cost-effective options to repair and replace. Park requested help from the Public Works - Engineering.

Bettencourt discussed the options for fixes on the Ceres Bridge and the process for repair. Bettencourt and West also provided updates on the ATP grant for Comanche Creek Greenway Phase II (not accepted for funding), the Esplanade project, and the Sycamore Creek bike path that connects to Wildwood. They also discussed funding options and keeping track of items.

Comments from the Public

Janine Rood thanks for new commissioners stepping up and helping the community. As the Executive Director from Chico Velo, Ceres is uncomfortable and unrideable in its current state and she is appreciate of current efforts.

Kameryn Parker – lives near the bridge and made comments favoring the improvements but also brought up safety concerns and suggestions such as adding lights under bridge and the unintended impacts of allowing shelter for "riff-raft" and concern about theft and safety. Placement of jagged rock on surfaces or seal areas may also help reduce use of that "shelter".

6.2. Special Report: 2016 Annual Report, Parks and Street Trees Division – Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager

Efseaff reported that the annual reports began in 2010 in an effort to bring transparency and are a snapshot of the years' accomplishments. Efseaff explained how the report was divided and how the division is arranged and provided details on each. Efseaff highlighted several areas of the report including:

- Accomplishments on service request,
- The number of permits and event participants,
- Peregrine Point status,
- Funding for Park improvements including Caper Acres Renovations, Sycamore Pool Repair, and Comanche Creek.
- Arundo removal and vegetation clearing along Little Chico Creek,
- Plantings in the park with Butte Environmental Council,
- Santos Fire impacts,
- Ranger Program updates,
- Illegal encampments impacts,
- Street Trees plantings and approach,
- Budget and staffing issues, and
- Lessee reports.

Nickell asked about ranger policy and warnings verses citations. He suggested ways of generating revenue.

Stoller mentioned upcoming discussions about dog policies along the lines of the same conversation.

Romain reported on items including;

- Volunteer vegetation management efforts,
- Annual volunteer hours,
- Donations and in-kind services received,
- Jr. Ranger program and ranger philosophy, and
- Caper Acres efforts

6.3. Parks and Street Trees Division Report December – Dan Efseaff Park and Natural Resource Manager

Efseaff reported the explained that the report is compiled monthly and will be presented to the Commission. He pointed out that the Natural Resources Committee report from December is attached to the report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 8:50p.m. to the next regular meeting on February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: _____ / _____ / _____ .
Prepared By: _____

Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator

Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
February 27, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz
Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director), and Linda Herman (Public Works Administration Manager).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 01/30/17.

2.2. Permit for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk in Lower Bidwell Park (10/20/17 - 10/21/17).

Applicant (Matthew A Foor, American Cancer Society) would like a permit to reserve the One Mile Picnic Area for Friday thru Saturday, for the 8th Annual event. Item requires BPPC consideration as it is for multiple days. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

2.3. Consideration of Chico Area Recreation District's (CARD) Request to Permit Events and Waive Basic Park Fees for Events in Lower Bidwell Park.

Applicant (Ryan Arnold, CARD) requests to have the basic park use fees waived for the following 2017 events: 54th Annual Spring Jamboree (April 15, 2017 at Caper Acres), and Movies in the Park (June 10, 2017 and July 15, 2017). Under the Chico Municipal Code (CMC 12R.08.250), the BPPC may authorize the waiver of basic park fees. The BPPC waived these fees in 2016. **Recommendation:** *Staff recommends approval of events and waiver of reservation and vendor fees.*

Commissioner Glatz pulled item 2.2 and Commission Haar pulled item 2.3

MOTION: Approve Item 2.1 Approval of Minutes as submitted. **MADE BY:** Reddemann. **SECOND:** Nickel. **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

2.2 Permit for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk in Lower Bidwell Park (10/20/17 - 10/21/17).

Commissioner Glatz pulled this item to ask if the amplified music could be played later than 7:30 a.m. to not disturb neighbors. Park & Natural Resource Manager Efseaff said that the Rangers monitor the events to ensure that the sound is not too loud. In response to Commissioner Reddemann's question on whether there had been any complaints about this event in the past, P&NRM replied not that he was aware of and that it would be noted in the Ranger evaluation form after the event. Commissioner Reddemann also commented that the applicant is in compliance with the City's noise ordinance since it allows louder noise after 7 am.

Applicant Matt Foor provided comments that the music helps gain enthusiasm for the event, especially with college students, and that they are very mindful and respectful of the neighbors.

MOTION: Approve Item 2.2 - Breast Cancer Walk. **MADE BY:** Haar. **SECOND:** Nickel. **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0

2.3 Consideration of Chico Area Recreation District's (CARD) Request to Permit Events and Waive Basic Park Fees for Events in Lower Bidwell Park.

Commissioner Haar explained that he pulled this item to recuse himself because he is a CARD employee.

MOTION: Approve Item 2.3 - CARD Fee Waiver Request. **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** Reddemann. **AYES:** 6 (Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0
DISQUALIFIED: 1 – Haar

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. Review of 2016 Annual Wet Weather Report and Adoption of Revised Data Protocol.

At the December 14, 2015 meeting, the BPPC adopted a revised Adaptive Wet Weather Plan. The plan minimizes trail damage during wet conditions and describes the protocol for closing and opening trails to equestrians and mountain bike riders and for play at the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course. The plan calls for an annual summary and review. Because of changes to the available data, staff recommends a change to the protocol for trail closing. **Recommendation:** *Accept Annual Report and adopt the revised data protocol.*

Park and Natural Resource Manager Efseaff presented the annual summary of the wet weather assessments conducted by the rangers during the 2015-16 season, noting that there seemed to be better compliance when it was agreed to combine the Disc Golf and Road Closures, with the trail closures.

Efseaff also indicated that the weather station from the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) that had been used for these assessments was moved and became unavailable in early 2016. He proposed a new protocol to use the Chico Western Weather Group (WWG) station on Rio Lindo Ave in Chico as the primary data source, with the alternative to use the California Nevada River Forecast Center website if the WWG station is unavailable. Efseaff also recommended that a weblink to these sites and other data used in determining closures be made available to the public.

Commissioner Nickell asked how the road closures are advertised and Efseaff replied that the rangers inform users of closures with signs, on the website, and there is a hotline that people can also call for trail conditions.

Commissioner Haar inquired if the closure signs are inclusive of all users including pedestrians and it was noted that closures are for vehicles, bikers, and equestrians.

Chair Stoller asked if the Parks Division is still using social media because she has not seen closures on the Bidwell Park Facebook page. Efseaff explained that the Parks Facebook site is in the process of merging with the overall Public Works site.

MOTION: Approve Item 4.1 – Accept Annual Wet Weather Plan Report/New Protocol. **MADE BY:** Reddemann. **SECOND:** Haar. **AYES:** 7 (Stoller, Haar, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0 **DISQUALIFIED:** 0

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no Business from the Floor.

7. 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.

7.1. Committee Assignments Report - Marisa Stoller, Chair

Chair Stoller presented her report on the Commission appointments to the Natural Resource, Policy Advisory and Bicycle Advisory Committees as follows:

<u>Natural Resource</u>	<u>Policy Advisory</u>	<u>Bicycle Advisory</u>
Commissioner Haar, Chair	Commissioner Reddemann, Chair	Commissioner Stoller
Commissioner McReynolds	Commissioner Glatz	Commissioner Hernandez,
Alt.		
Commissioner Nickell	Commissioner Nickell	

If the Tree Committee is reinstated, the Committee will consist of Commissioner Hernandez as Chair, Commissioner Haar, and Commissioner Reddemann.

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

Park & Natural Resource Manager Efseaff highlighted the following items in the Division Report:

- a. Storm Damage – crews busy responding to storm and flood impacts, staff is preparing a list of damages to possibly receive either financial assistance or free labor to offset the costs of the damages.
- b. BPPC Orientation – Orientation and Park facility tour conducted by Staff is scheduled for 3/22/17. The City Clerk is also planning an orientation for all Boards and Commission.

Commissioner McReynolds asked when the Clerk’s training would be held and Efseaff said that the date of that training is yet to be determined.

- c. Urban Forest Manager (UFM) – Public Works Director Erik Gustafson informed the Commission that the applicant pool has been narrowed down to 3 candidates.

Commissioners Haar and Glatz questioned whether the position has been funded or if it is still under budget review. Gustafson said that the position was approved for funding for the 2016-17 year by moving contractual funds to salaries. He continued that the salary savings in the unfilled UFM position has provided the ability to hire an hourly tree worker to help with tree work.

- d. Lifeguards – Under a cooperative agreement with CARD, recruitment for lifeguards for this year’s swimming season has begun.
- e. Caper Acres Renovation/Donations – Efseaff informed the Commission that the renovation is moving forward in a Phased approach with Phase I starting soon.

Commissioners Glatz and Haar said that they have heard from members of the public who want to donate time and money toward the renovation who are asking why it is taking so long to organize work and projects. Efseaff that he is still waiting for final plans and specifications from the architect and that there are strict safety laws that regulate the installation and construction of playgrounds.

Commissioner Nickell said that some service clubs had asked him to come speak about Caper Acres and wondered if that was ok. He also expressed frustration that the Commissioners cannot take on a more active role in soliciting donations due to the Brown Act and other public official restrictions.

Commissioner Reddemann also talked about the new Caper Acres marketing campaign that she is working on with staff that will include opportunities to donate through various social media methods.

- f. Donation for the Caper Acre Cheese Apparatus – McReynolds asked how much was needed to fix the cheese and Efseaff responded that the donation was to resurface and repaint the existing cheese structure, but that there are plans for a more elaborate mouse maze design in the Caper Acres Renovation Plan.
- g. Citations – Commissioner Nickell questioned why there were so many verbal warnings and not more citations issued by the rangers. He expressed his opinion that issuing more citations will help address safety in the park.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to the next regular meeting on March 27,2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Linda Herman, Public Works Administration Manager

Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz
Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Linda Herman, (Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director), and Shane Romain, (Park Services Coordinator).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Permit Earthbound Skills Homeschool Events, (4/11/17-4/14/17)

Joni Mitchell (Applicant) would like to reserve the Council Ring for multiple days for various outdoor activities, including teaching children how to build a camp fire. Applicant would like to secure a fire permit. Recommendation: Conditional approval.

2.2. Permit for Multiple AA Meetings, (4/16/17 – 10/8/17)

Craig Bilsborough (Applicant) - God Squad AA is a support group that would like to meet every Sunday at the Council Ring. Recommendation: Conditional approval.

2.3. Permit Vineyard of Chico to hold a Sunrise Service in Middle Park on Easter (4/16/17)

Jessica Ordaz (Applicant) with Vineyard of Chico requests a permit to hold an Easter Sunrise service at the cross near Parking Area B in Middle Park. Recommendation: Conditional approval.

2.4. Permit Valley Oak Children's Services Annual Children's Faire, (4/29/17)

Connie Roberson (Applicant) with Valley Oak Children's Services, would like to host the 31th Annual Children's Faire in City Plaza. During their event, they are requesting to have a petting zoo. Recommendation: Conditional approval

2.5. Permit Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs, 5/20/17)

Pete Giampaoli (Applicant) requests a permit to host a free fishing derby (Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs), for children ages 4-12 years old, held in Middle Park at Horseshoe Lake. This event will also

need the approval to stock Horseshoe Lake with approximately 8,000 pounds of catfish. Recommendation: Conditional approval.

2.6. Permit a Wedding at Picnic Site #37 (10/10/17)

Emily Damm and Seth Jones (Applicants) would like to reserve Picnic Site #37 (Redwood Grove), which is a non-intensive use site, for their wedding ceremony. Recommendation: Conditional Approval

MOTION: Approve Item 2.1 the consent agenda as submitted as submitted. **MADE BY:** Reddemann. **SECOND:** Nickell. **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. Permit for Multiple Earthbound Skills Campfire Storytelling Meetings, (4/8/17 – 10/7/17)

Applicant (Deva Daniel) would like to host campfire storytelling events. The Applicant would like to secure a fire permit for all the requested dates. **Recommendation:** *Conditional Approval of the permit for the site reservation for all dates, and, due to high fire danger, approve the fire permit for only the months of April, June and October.*

MOTION: Approve Item 5.1 – Permit for Multiple Earthbound Skills Campfire Storytelling Meetings, (4/8/17 – 10/7/17) **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** Reddemann. **AYES:** 7 (Stoller, Haar, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0 **DISQUALIFIED:** 0

5.2. Permit Happy Acres Forest School LLC for a Daily Environmental Program in Various Locations of Bidwell Park (9/2017 through 6/2018)

Brian Kehoe (Applicant) is requesting a Special Use Permit bring children 3 -5 years old, on a daily basis, into various locations in Bidwell Park, from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning September 2017 thru June, 2018 for an environmental education program. **Recommendation:** *Conditional Approval*

MOTION: Approve Item 5.1 – Permit Happy Acres Forest School LLC for a Daily Environmental Program in Various Locations of Bidwell Park (9/2017 through 6/2018). **MADE BY:** Reddemann. **SECOND:** Nickell. **AYES:** 7 (Stoller, Haar, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0 **DISQUALIFIED:** 0

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Bob Jones; Spoke on his desire to volunteer and provide volunteers for trail maintenance in Upper Bidwell Park. Casey Quinn; Echoed comments made by Jones.

7. **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.

7.1. Parks and Street Trees Division Report – Linda Herman, Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager.

- a. Upper Park Road – Pacific Watershed Associates has completed the survey and in process of completing the final report that should be submitted within the next couple weeks. A survey will follow to determine the next courses of action.
- b. Street Trees – Crew has been busy planting several trees.
- c. Urban Forest Manager (UFM) – Public Works Director Erik Gustafson informed the Commission that the applicant pool has been selected.

Commissioners Haar and Glatz questioned whether the position has been funded or if it is still under budget review. Gustafson said that the position was approved for funding for the 2016-17 year by moving contractual funds to salaries. He continued that the salary savings in the unfilled UFM position has provided the ability to hire an hourly tree worker to help with tree work.

- d. Storm Damage – Under a cooperative agreement with CARD, recruitment for lifeguards for this year's swimming season has begun.
- e. Greenways - Comanche Creek Greenway a grant application was submitted to continue improvements to the area.
- f. Caper Acres Renovation/Donations – Romain informed the Commission that the Chico Noon Rotary has been working on the interpretive walking path, The Tackle Box raised approximately \$800.00 for Caper Acres with a live band benefit concert and the Caper Acres website is nearing completion.
- g. Volunteers – Romain provided information about the upcoming spring volunteer orientation and major volunteer days.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned to the next regular meeting on April 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator

Date

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: Jeff Glatz

Staff present: Assistant City Manager Chris Constantin (ACM), Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) Linda Herman, Public Works Director- Operations and Maintenance Erik Gustafson, Urban Forest Manager Richie Bamlet, and Park Services Coordinator Shane Romain).

2. INTRODUCTION – New Urban Forest Manager

Erik Gustafson introduced Richard Bamlet, the new Urban Forest Manager. Richard expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve such a great community. He outlined his experience and background and is excited to get the Urban Forest plan back up and running.

3. CONSENT AGENDA.

3.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: *Approve minutes of Bidwell Park and Playground Commission meeting held on 02/27/17.*

3.2. Earthbound Skills Summer Day Camp (June 20, 2017 – August 23, 2017)

Applicant Joni Mitchell from Earthbound Skills would like to host a summer day camp on several Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June through August. This day camp is for children ages 6 - 14. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

3.3. Permit Application for the Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground (6/26/17 – 6/30/17)

Applicant Christie Harrington from the Bidwell Presbyterian Church, requests a permit to hold the 11th Annual Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground. This program is for 5 consecutive days at Children's Playground. The Applicant has requested use of lawn areas for the event and anticipates 150 attendees daily. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

At the request of the Interim P&NRM, Chair Stoller pulled item 3.2

MOTION: Approve items 3.1 and 3.3 on the consent agenda as submitted **MADE BY:** Hernandez **SECOND:** Reddemann **AYES:** 6 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann and Nickell). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 1 (Glatz)

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

3.2 Earthbound Skills Summer Day Camp (June 20, 2017 – August 23, 2017)

Applicant Joni Mitchell from Earthbound Skills would like to host a summer day camp on several Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June through August, 2017. This day camp is for children ages 6 - 14. Item was removed from consent because the applicant would like to change the days to Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the event from a private to a public event. Interim P&NRM added that this change would require the applicant to obtain insurance, and pay an additional \$140 in park fees. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

MOTION: Approve items 3.2 **MADE BY:** Hernandez **SECOND:** McReynolds **AYES:** 6 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann and Nickell). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 1 (Glatz)

5. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1. Consideration of A Request From the Chico Area Park and Recreation District (CARD) For Funding For Renovation of The Humboldt Neighborhood Skatepark.

Commissioners Reddemann and Haar recused themselves from this item.

Staff report delivered by Linda Herman; CARD is requesting that the City consider allocating Community or Neighborhood Park Development Impact Fee Funds toward the cost to expand the Humboldt Neighborhood Park (Skatepark). CARD is requesting \$375,000 for the expansion. Currently, Community Park funds are earmarked for DeGarmo park, but the City is in the process of updating its Nexus Study to reclassify the Skate park as a Community Park.

Ann Willman, General Manager for CARD gave a presentation on efforts being performed to renovate the skate park.

Public comment; There were 6 speakers from Chico Skatepark Solutions who provided information about the need for funding of the project and plans. There were also several audience members that were in attendance to support the project, stating that many travel out of town to neighboring communities to skate in better skate parks than Chico's.

Recommendation: *Due to the limited funds in the Neighborhood Park fund, the Commission is requested to recommend that CARD wait until the Nexus Study update is complete so that Community Park funding could be considered by the City Council for renovation of the skatepark.*

MOTION: to approve recommendation **MADE BY:** Nickell **SECOND:** McReynolds **AYES:** 4 (Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, and Nickell). **NOES:** 0. **DISQUALIFIED:** 2 (Haar, Reddemann) **ABSENT:** 1

6.2 Review and Update Regarding the Proposal to Transfer the Park Rangers to the Police Department

Erik Gustafson and Chris Constantin provided an update on the proposal to transfer the Park Ranger positions to the Police Department, with the intent that the positions become sworn rangers by July 2018. **Recommendation:** *None, this is an informational item only.*

Public comment; There were 19 speakers on the topic who were all opposed to the Park Rangers becoming armed, sworn, law enforcement. Some voiced their concern of the nationwide problem of police brutality, and the need for less police and de-escalation training for the rangers and all police officers.

In response to the public's opposition, ACM Constantin said that that the Council has not yet finalized its decision, and the plan is to review the conversion proposal in more detail. He emphasized that the Ranger decision will be conducted outside of the City's 2017-18 budget approval process.

When asked by the Commissioners if the May BPPC Ranger agenda item will be an action item, ACM Constantin confirmed that the Commission will be allowed to discuss the item in a public forum, and make recommendations to the City Council. He added that this decision may transpire over several BPPC meetings, if needed.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Rita Craddock- Made comment on how she felt that Bidwell Park is in desperate need of maintenance, stating in particular the downed trees on Vallombrosa Avenue.

Rain Scherr- Made comment on different ideas of land management.

8. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following items are provided for the Commission's information only. No action or public comment can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them on a subsequent posted agenda.

8.1. Park & Street Tree Division Reports

8.1.a. February Division Report

8.1.b. March Division Report

8.2. **Park & Natural Resource Manager Report** – ***Verbal Report - Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager Linda Herman; No items to report on verbally.***

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **May 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California. ***Please note this meeting is on a Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday.***

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator

Date

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
May 30, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller
Jeff Glatz

Staff present: Assistant City Manager Chris Constantin (ACM), Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) Linda Herman, Public Works Director- Operations and Maintenance Erik Gustafson (PWD-OM) Urban Forest Manager Richie Bamlet (OFM) and Park Services Coordinator Shane Romain (PSC).

2. CONSENT AGENDA.

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: *Approve minutes of Bidwell Park and Playground Commission meetings held on 03/27/17 and 04/24/17*

2.2. Permit Application for wedding ceremony at Picnic Site #37 (10/21/17)

Applicant Jenna Tubbs would like to reserve picnic site #37 in Lower Bidwell Park for her wedding ceremony. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

MOTION: Approve items to approve the consent agenda as submitted **MADE BY:** Harr **SECOND:** Reddemann **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Glatz and Nickell). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. Review and consideration of transitioning non-sworn park rangers to sworn status.

The City is considering empowering Park Rangers as sworn, armed Park Rangers and changing the reporting structure from Public Works to the Chico Police Department. The Commission will discuss several alternative options for City Council consideration.

Recommendation: *City staff requests the Commission to:*

- 1) Provide their thoughts, perspectives, concerns, or any other input on the proposed Hybrid Program recognizing that it is only conceptual and recently considered; and
- 2) Provide perspective on the three potential options.

A written report that included the 3 proposals and current job descriptions for the Senior Park Ranger and Park Ranger job descriptions was submitted.

Gustafson gave an overview and recap of where discussions had left off on the Park Ranger conversion to sworn peace officers.

Constantin also recapped where discussion left off with just the one proposal and then outlined the other options.

Option 1 Full Conversion: The existing three Park Ranger positions would convert to sworn Park Ranger status and be moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018.

Option 2 Hybrid: Two existing Park Ranger positions would be converted to sworn Park Rangers and moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018. One Park Ranger would be retained within Public Works to coordinate all park ranger activity between Police and Public Works and to oversee a Reserve Park Ranger program which will predominately provide non-enforcement related education, interpretation, and service to the parks and greenways.

Option 3 No Change: No change to current Park Ranger Program.

Commissioners asked several questions and provided input regarding the proposed options. Some examples of questions and input;

How would reserve rangers be paid? How does any change impact the Master Management Plan of Bidwell Park? How are the gaps in park coverage going to be filled when the rangers are in training? If there are budget cuts in the future, how will that impact Park Rangers? Is there evidence that this change needs to be done now?

There was a request for a matrix outlining how the program would work. There were concerns about the reputation of Bidwell Park. A draft memorandum of understanding between the Chico Police Department and the Public Works Department was requested to be presented at the June BPPC meeting.

Public comment: There were 12 speakers on the topic who were opposed to the conversion of the Park Rangers to become sworn, armed, peace officers. The primary concern the rangers being armed.

Chair Stoller brought the discussion back to the commission who mainly focused on discussion of funding for ideas built onto the proposed options.

Commission members Haar and McReynolds requested to see an Option 4, which is a variant on Option 2 **Hybrid** where one existing Park Ranger would be converted to sworn Park and two Park Rangers would remain within Public Works providing primarily non-enforcement related education, interpretation, and service to the parks and greens ways.

5.2 Consideration and prioritization of potential revisions to park related Chico Municipal Code provisions.

The Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) was provided copies of certain Chico Municipal Code (CMC) regulations pertaining to City Parks and trees that may need revision. Review of CMC Chapters 12.08 and 12R.10 regarding Park reservations have already been

approved by the Commission as part of its annual Work Plan. The Commission is asked to review the other regulations provided by Staff for areas of concern and potential revisions.

Recommendation: *Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager recommends that the Commission:*

- 1) Forward Chapters 12R.08 and 12R.10 to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation; and
- 2) Each provide to the P&NRM by June 15, 2017 their top priority CMC topics they would like to review over the next fiscal year for discussion at the June BPPC meeting.

Public comment: Karen Laslo expressed that she felt the public needs to be more aware of various regulations in the parks.

MOTION: To forward Chapters 12R.08 and 12R.10 to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation **MADE BY:** McReynolds **SECOND:** Nickell **AYES:** 7 Approve items to approve the consent agenda as submitted **MADE BY:** Harr **SECOND:** Reddemann **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Glatz and Nickell). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Teisha Hase – Submitted paperwork and photos regarding a denied tree removal permit for her property located at 1241 Arcadian Ave. Hase was advised on how to proceed with the appeal process.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following items are provided for the Commission's information only. No action or public comment can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them on a subsequent posted agenda.

7.1. Park & Street Tree Division Reports

7.2. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report – **Verbal Report - Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager Linda Herman; No items to report on verbally.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **June 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator

Date

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call - Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz
Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Linda Herman (Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director), Richard Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), Shane Romain (Park Services Coordinator), Chris Constantin (Assistant City Manager) and Mike O'Brien (Police Chief).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioners Reddemann and Haar disqualified themselves from Item 2.2 due to their business affiliations with CARD.

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 5/31/17.

MOTION: Approve minutes as submitted. **MADE BY:** Haar. **SECOND:** Reddemann. **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

2.2. CONSIDERATION OF A MINUTE ORDER RECOMMENDING A LEASE WITH THE CHICO AREA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT (CARD) FOR AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE NATURE CENTER.

CARD, as the operator of the Nature Center, is considering applying for a grant to obtain funds to construct an outdoor classroom in the grassy area in lower Bidwell Park adjacent to the existing Exhibit building. The grant guidelines require land tenure or a lease agreement with a 30-year term to receive funding.

Recommendation: Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager recommends BPPC approval of the Minute Order recommending City Council approval of the 30-year lease, if the grant is awarded to CARD.

MOTION: Approve Minute Order as submitted. **MADE BY:** Hernandez. **SECOND:** Glatz. **AYES:** 5 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0.

ABSENT: 0. It is noted for the record that Commissioners Reddemann and Haar were disqualified from voting on this item

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FOR 1241 ARCADIAN AVE.

Teisha and Edwin Hase (Applicant) requested a permit to remove two Pin Oaks located at 1241 Arcadian Drive. Applicant cites utility line concerns and aesthetics as the principal reasons for removal. Staff denied the permit as the trees are not dead, dying, or pose a dangerous or defective condition. Per the Chico Municipal Code and at the request of the Applicant, the BPPC is considering an appeal of the denied permit. **Recommendation:** *Urban Forest Manager requests BPPC commission to consider and chose one of two presented options.*

Option 1. Repeal denial of the tree removal permit. Approve removal of two pin oaks at 1241 Arcadian.

Option 2: Uphold denial of the tree removal permit.

Urban Forest Manager (UFM) Bamlet presented the staff report providing background information on why the tree removal permit was denied, and details on the two options presented for the Commission's consideration.

The applicant Teisha Hase presented her reasons for her repeal of the denied removal permit, stating that the Pin Oaks are the wrong tree in the wrong place, and are unsightly since they have been severely pruned by PG&E. The UFM indicated that although the permit has been denied, the City would help trim up the trees to try to improve their appearance.

Five members of the public spoke on this item, all in favor of not removing the trees.

Commissioner Haar questioned what are PG&E regulations regarding trimming trees and tree lines. Commissioner McReynolds stated that she would not want to set precedence in removing trees that were badly pruned by the utility company.

MOTION 1: Approve full conversion of Park Rangers to sworn rangers (Option 1). **MADE BY:** Hernandez **SECOND:** None. **MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND**

MOTION 2: Approve upholding the permit denial (Option 2) as presented. **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** McReynolds. **AYES:** 6 (Haar, Stoller, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 1 (Hernandez). **ABSENT:** 0.

4.2. CONTINUED REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITIONING NON-SWORN PARK RANGERS TO SWORN STATUS

The Commission continued its consideration of the proposal to transition Park Rangers into sworn, armed Rangers and changing the reporting structure from Public Works to the Chico Police Department. The Commission will continue to discuss the implementation alternatives, and will review a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Works and the Police Departments should the proposal be approved by the BPPC and the City Council consideration. **Recommendation:** *City staff requests the Commission:*

- 1) Provide their thoughts, perspectives, concerns, or any other input on the proposed Hybrid Program recognizing that it is only conceptual and recently considered; and

- 2) Provide their perspective on the three potential options below.

Option 1 Full Conversion: The existing three Park Ranger positions would convert to sworn Park Ranger status and be moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018.

Option 2 Hybrid: Two existing Park Rangers would be converted to sworn Park Rangers and moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018. One Park Ranger would be retained within Public Works to coordinate all park ranger activity between Police and Public Works and to oversee a Reserve Park Ranger program which will predominately provide non-enforcement related education, interpretation, and service to the parks and greenways.

Option 3 No Change: No change to current Park Ranger Program

Public Works Director – Operations and Maintenance (PWD O&M) Gustafson provided a summary of the staff report and introduced Assistant City Manager (ACM) Constantin and Police Chief O'Brien (COP) to provide additional information regarding the proposed transition.

ACM Constantin summarized the proposal to convert the Park Rangers to sworn Rangers and discussed the options, including the new option requested by the Commission at its 5/30/17 meeting to convert one Ranger to a sworn officer position and to keep two Rangers to perform duties under the Park Division.

The COP provided statistics on the numbers and types of park-related calls that come in through dispatch and discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Police Department and the Public Works Department for the transition. The COP also stressed the importance of the public registering their bicycles to help with deterring theft and “chop shops”.

The Commissioner's and Public comments and questions included the following”

- **Commissioner McReynolds** - Questioned how the proposed change will make a difference and why there isn't a greater police presence in the Park now. She also expressed concerns regarding increased costs associated with transitioning to sworn officers, the integration of work flow between Ranger and Police duties, and particularly the change in culture that will occur going from non-sworn to sworn rangers.
- **Commissioner Haar** – Voiced significant concerns with the ability for the sworn Rangers to perform vital important services that are currently performed by the Rangers, such as closing of gates, dealing with lock outs, and continued presence of alcohol and drug abuse in the parks. Haar also questioned the increased public safety costs, especially with CalPERS going up, and whether enforcement could be accomplished more efficiently by security cameras and increased contractual security services. He also voiced concern with the potential loss of important interpretive services, such as the Junior Ranger Program.
- **Commissioner Hernandez** – Questioned if the existing General Fund budget could afford the additional costs of the sworn Rangers, in which the ACM responded that the proposal is cost neutral. Hernandez asked why the current police beats don't include the parks and greenways. He also expressed concern for the potential escalation of minor incidents, such as dog off leash, when guns are in play.
- **Commissioner Reddemann** – Asked Staff their opinion on the proposal, in which PWD O&M responded that he can see both sides and that there is an increasing need for more enforcement in City parks and greenways. Reddemann also asked how the MOU will work and what are the repercussions for noncompliance. ACM responded that the MOU will be enforced by the City Manager and that the Ranger would revert the PWD if it did not work out.
- **Commissioner Stoller** – Asked about the number of emergencies currently occurring in the park and whether the Rangers would receive training in how to deal with these emergencies while

armed. Chief O'Brien said that the Rangers, sworn or not sworn, could receive Crisis Intervention Training.

- Commissioner Nickell – Expressed concern about the increased crime and unsafe conditions he has seen in the park, particularly in the One Mile Recreation Area. He also asked if the sworn Rangers would be absorbed into the Police Department and used for nonpark related duties, in which the COP responded that the Rangers will have different uniforms to distinguish them from police officers. Nickell also reminded the Commission and the public that security guards can only perform citizen arrests.
- Commissioner Glatz – Stated that he has experienced unsafe situations in the park, citing one time being threatened by a gun and believes sworn Rangers are necessary. He also indicated that even if the Rangers are in the Police Department couldn't they still perform the interpretive functions.
- Public Comments – Eleven members of the public spoke regarding this item, all of which voiced opposition to the transition to sworn Rangers. Their collective comments included the following:
 - The resulting change in the Bidwell Park culture and the loss of the many interpretive and valuable services the Rangers provide to the public and Parks Division
 - Concerns for the escalation of incidences, which could be deadly when guns are involved
 - How other agencies, cities, the State and the Federal government, tried to do this and it did not work. They now have both sworn and nonsworn Rangers.
 - The greater need for more training, such as mental health, social service, and deescalation, versus being armed.
 - The City has already paid the price for this proposal by losing one of the existing Rangers to employment elsewhere.

After considering the comments from the Commission and the public, the following motions were made:

MOTION 1: Approve no change to current Park Ranger Program (Option 3). **MADE BY:** Haar. **SECOND:** Hernandez. **AYES:** 3 (Haar, Hernandez, and McReynolds). **NOES:** 4 (Stoller, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **ABSENT:** 0. **MOTION FAILED**

MOTION 2: Approve full conversion of Park Rangers to sworn rangers (Option 1). **MADE BY:** Glatz. **SECOND:** None **MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND**

MOTION 3: Approve to table the discussion to allow for more public vetting. **MADE BY:** Haar. **SECOND:** Hernandez. **AYES:** 3 (Haar, Hernandez, and McReynolds). **NOES:** 4 (Stoller, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **ABSENT:** 0. **MOTION FAILED**

MOTION 4: Approve converting 2 Rangers to sworn Rangers under the Police Department, and maintaining 1 Ranger to remain in Public Works Department (Hybrid Option 2). **MADE BY:** Reddemann. **SECOND:** Nickell. **AYES:** 4 (Stoller, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 3 (Haar, Hernandez, and McReynolds). **ABSENT:** 0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4.3. PRIORITIZATION OF CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REVISIONS

At its 5/31/17 meeting, the Commission was requested to provide to Staff a list of potential Chico Municipal Code (CMC) regulations pertaining to City Parks and trees that they believe may need revising for consideration and prioritization at tonight's meeting.

Recommendation: Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager recommends that the BPPC review the list of CMC Sections provided by the Commissioners and:

- 1) Prioritize and approve the top CMC Sections to be reviewed over the 2017-18 fiscal year, and

- 2) Forward any of the priority CMC Sections to the pertinent BPPC Committees for review and recommendation, if desired.

The Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager presented the Commission's responses regarding prioritizing Chico Municipal Code Sections that may need revising. It was the consensus of the Commission to prioritize CMC discussions as follows:

- 1) Forward discussion of CMC Chapters 12R0.08 and 12R0.10 regarding park reservations and fees to the BPPC Policy Advisory Committee (PAC).
- 2) Forward discussion of CMC Chapters 14.40 and 16.66 regarding Street Trees and Tree Preservation regulations to the BPPC Tree Committee.
- 3) Discuss the following CMC revisions in order of priority during FY 2017-18.
 - a. CMC Chapter Section 12R.04.110 - Dog Requirements
 - b. CMC Chapter Section 12.04.195 – Signage
 - c. CMC Section 12R.04.070 - Bicycle Safety
 - d. Other Sections in Title 12R.04 relating to smoking, trash, noise, alcohol, and camping.

5. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

6. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

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

- 6.1. Parks Division Report - There were no questions asked by the Commission on this report.
- 6.2. Street Tree Division Report - There were no questions asked by the Commission on this report.
- 6.3. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (Verbal Report–Linda Herman, Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager) - There was nothing to report

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting on September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Linda Herman, Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager

Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND
PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

The Monday, July 31, 2017 meeting of the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission has been cancelled.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 421 Main Street, Chico unless otherwise noticed.

Posted: November 21, 2016

Posting Location: Council Chamber Bldg, 421 Main Street

Prior to: 5:00 p.m.

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
August 28, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call - Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz
Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez (arrived at 6:38 pm)
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resource Manager (PNRM), Erik Gustafson, Public Works Director (PWD), Richard Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager (UFM), Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator (PSC).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 8/28/17.

Chair Stoller pulled this item from the Consent Agenda

2.2. APPROVE PERMIT FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER BIDWELL PARK (9/30/17).

Jarret Yount (Applicant) requests a permit to host a mountain bike race, the Bidwell Bump, in Middle and Upper Park. The event requires BPPC consideration as the race will use trails in Bidwell Park that are not considered intensive use areas. Recommendation: Approve permit with conditions.

Commissioner Nickel pulled this item from the Consent Agenda

2.3. APPROVE PERMIT FOR EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP TO CEDAR GROVE IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK (4/16/18 AND 4/17/18).

Maria Trenta With Mi Escuelita Maya Preschool (Applicant) requests a permit to take their pre-school classes on a field trip to Cedar Grove Picnic Area, on two separate says to Introduce them to nature. **Recommendation:** Approve permit with conditions.

MOTION: Approve the Consent agenda as submitted except for items 2.1 and 2.2.
MADE BY: Nickell. **SECOND:** Reddemann. **AYES:** 6 (Nickell, Reddemann, Stoller, McReynolds, Glatz, Haar.) **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 1 Hernandez.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT –

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Stoller noted that in the minutes from the BPPC meeting held on 6/26/17 there was a error on motion 1 of item 4.1 It should read motion to repeal denial of tree removal permit instead of approve full conversion of Park Rangers to sworn rangers.

Chair Stoller also noted there was an error in the date for the next scheduled meeting. It was listed as 9/25/17. It should have been 7/31/17.

The minutes have been updated to reflect the corrections. There was no public comment.

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 8/28/17 with revisions.

MOTION: Approve revised minutes. **MADE BY:** Reddemann. **SECOND:** Nickell **AYES:** 6 (Haar, Stoller, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 1 (Hernandez).

Commissioner Hernandez entered the meeting on 6:30 p.m.

2.2 APPROVE PERMIT FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER BIDWELL PARK (9/30/17).

Commissioner Nickell had questions for staff about any overtime and general questions for the applicant. Nickell's questions were addressed. There was no public comment.

MOTION: Approve permit with conditions. **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** McReynolds **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONFIRMATION OF PARK AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGER (VERBAL REPORT)

As authorized by Chico Municipal Code Section, the Public Works Director – Operations & Maintenance appointed Linda Herman as Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) on March 6, 2017. The Director is requesting that the Commission confirm his intent to officially appoint Ms. Herman as the permanent P&NRM. **Recommendation:** Approve the appointment.

Public comment; Liz Stewart and Mike Preimesberger support the appointment of Linda Herman.

MOTION: Approve the appointment. **MADE BY:** Harr. **SECOND:** Hernandez **AYES:** 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

5.2. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8/8/17

The Policy Advisory Committee met on 8/8/17 to review Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Chapters 12R.08 and 12R.010 related to park reservations and fees. Committee Chair Reddemann reported on the meeting and provided recommendations for the Commission's consideration. **Recommendation:** *The Committee recommends approval of the following*

1. *Designating Children's Playground and Picnic Site 37 as exclusive use areas available for private reservations.*
2. *Forwarding review of CMC Chapter 12R.04 Article IV – "Rules for Dogs" to the Policy Advisory Committee.*

MOTION to approve item 1: Reservation areas. **MADE BY:** Hernandez. **SECOND:** Nickell
AYES: 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0.
ABSENT: 0.

MOTION to approve item 2: Forward CMC review **MADE BY:** Nickell. **SECOND:** Harr
AYES: 7 (Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, and Glatz). **NOES:** 0.
ABSENT: 0.

5.3 ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT FROM BPPC TREE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8/10/17

At its 6/26/17 meeting, Commissioners provided Staff with CMC sections that they consider to be important and need to be revised. CMC Chapter 14.40 entitled "Street Trees" establishes regulations controlling and governing the planting, removal and maintenance of trees and shrubs on city-owned property and right-of-way. CMC Chapter 16.66 entitled "Tree Preservation Regulations" provides for the protection of City and private trees during the development processes. **Recommendation:** None. The Committee is still in discussion on these topics.

Committee Vice-Chair Haar and the UFM provided an overview of the report, which included discussions of combining the two CMC Chapters, the fees for street tree removals versus trees removed during the development process, and the need for diversity in the types of street trees being planted in the City.

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.

Citizen Randy Shinn expressed concerns about the current dog regulations.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

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.

7.1. Parks Division Report – Commissioner Nickell asked about a cost recovery program and ranger citations.

7.2. Street Tree Division Report - There were no questions asked by the Commission on this report.

7.3. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (Verbal Report)–Linda Herman, Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commission adjourned at 8:30 pm to the next regular meeting on September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: ___ / ___ / ___.

Prepared By:

Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator
Distribution: BPPC

Date

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
September 25, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call - Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz
Aaron Haar
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: Elaina McReynolds and Alberto Hernandez

Staff present: Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resource Manager (PNRM), Erik Gustafson, Public Works Director (PWD), Richard Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager (UFM), Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator (PSC).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 8/28/17.

2.2. Permit for 43rd annual Almond Bowl (11/5/17)

Chico Running Club would like to host a 5K, ½ and full marathon beginning at 1 Mile Oak Grove A & B in Lower Park and extending into Middle and Upper Bidwell Park Recommendation: Approval of permit with conditions.

MOTION: Approve the Consent agenda as submitted
MADE BY: Reddemann. **SECOND:** Nickell **AYES:** 5 (Nickell, Reddemann, Stoller, Glatz, Haar.) **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 2 (Hernandez, McReynolds)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. PRESENTATION ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE UPPER BIDWELL PARK ROAD ASSESSMENT.

The City retained Pacific Watershed Associates, Inc. (PWA) to conduct an inventory and assessment of 4.4 miles of the Upper Park Road beyond the Diversion Dam. The purpose of the inventory was to assess current and future erosion problems and to develop an action plan to control or prevent this erosion. Representatives from PWA will provide a presentation on their final assessment report entitled "Upper

Bidwell Park Road Sediment Survey Assessment and Treatment Action Plan, Butte County, California".
Recommendation: *The Commission is asked to review the report and provide further direction to Staff.*

Public comment; Neil Woodward expressed appreciation for the information.

5.2. **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9/13/17**

The Policy Advisory Committee met on 9/13/17 to continue its review of Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Chapters 12R.08 and 12R.010 related to park reservations and fees. Committee Chair Reddemann reported on the meeting. **Recommendation:** *None - The Committee continued this discussion to their October 11, 2017 meeting.*

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.

7. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

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.

7.1. Parks Division Report

7.2. Street Tree Division Report

7.3. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (Verbal Report)–Linda Herman, Parks and Natural Resources Manager)

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commission adjourned at 8:30 pm to the next regular meeting on October 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: ___ / ___ / ___.

Prepared By:

Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator
Distribution: BPPC

Date 12/9/17

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
October 30,2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Stoller called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: Jeff Glatz

Staff present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director), Richard Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager) and Aaron Lowe (Interim Fire Chief).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1. Permit Earthbound Skills to Reserve Campfire Ring for Multiple Days (11/13 thru 11/30)

Joni Mitchell (Applicant) is requesting a permit to host a homeschool group on 11/13/17, 11/15/17, 11/17/17, 11/28/17 and 11/30/17 for approximately 23 people at the Council Ring. Applicant would also like to secure a fire permit for all dates. **Recommendation:** *Approval of permit with conditions, including no fires allowed during Red Flag Warnings.*

Commissioner Nickell requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT:

2.1 Permit Earthbound Skills to Reserve Campfire Ring for Multiple Days (11/13 thru 11/30)

Commissioner Nickell pulled this item to ask whether more help is needed to assist the applicant in extinguishing the fire. Staff responded their fire permit requires that they have a fire extinguisher or a 3-gallon bucket of water and shovel available at all times. They are also not allowed to have a fire during a Red Flag Warning Day.

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. UPDATE ON FIRE CONDITIONS (Verbal Report)

Fire Department and Park Staff will provide an update on the current fire conditions and the steps being taken to reduce fire risk in Bidwell Park and City greenways.

Interim Fire Chief Aaron Lowe provided a verbal report on the fire conditions in Butte County. Public Works Director – Operations & Maintenance informed the Commission that Staff will be reducing fuel by removing vegetation and the downed trees in Annie's Glen and other areas in the Park. Staff also informed the Commission that they will be working with a consultant to develop a Fire Management Plan for the Park and City greenways.

5.2. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT FROM THE BPPC TREE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10/12/17

The Tree Committee met on 10/12/17 to continue its review of Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Chapters 14.40 and 16.66 related to trees. The Committee also reviewed CMC 16.68 regarding the Heritage Tree Program. Committee Chair Hernandez will report on the meeting. **Recommendation:** *None – The Committee continued this discussion to their November 9, 2017 meeting*

Urban Forest Manager (UFM) Richie Bamlet presented the Tree Committee report emphasizing the following:

1. One Mile Acorn Planting - a volunteer project to plant Valley Oak acorns in the One Mile Recreation Area on November 28, 2017. Sixty-eight planting sites have been identified, and developing an acorn germination nursery for future tree plantings was also discussed.
2. Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Revisions
 - a. Heritage Tree Program - - the UFM reported on the. Committee's discussions regarding the voluntary Heritage Tree Program. The Committee considered reducing the \$150 application fee in an effort to revitalize the program.

Chair Stoller suggested that the fee may not be the only deterrent and that Staff consider conducting a public education and outreach program before reducing the fee.

Commissioner Reddemann suggested maybe a marketing class at CSUC could help develop the outreach program, and that possibly there are grants available for this.

Commissioner Hernandez suggested conducting a poll or survey through Facebook and other social media. Hernandez also informed that the requirement that the Heritage tree be recorded on the property title/deed may also be a factor.

Commissioner McReynolds suggested making the application fee a donation rather than a fee.

- b. Street Tree Permit Fees -the Committee discussed whether to charge for tree permits. The Committee agreed with UFM recommendation to keep the tree planting and minor pruning (under 2") permit free, but charging a fee for major pruning requests and for tree removals since they take more staff and BPPC review.

Commissioner McReynolds stated that a fee for tree removals might reduce the frivolous or convenience only tree removal requests.

Commissioner Haar commented that a fee for tree removals might help offset the no fee for the Heritage Tree Program.

3. Education/Outreach

The UFM shared the Committee's ideas on topics for a Tree Public Education Program.

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ITS 10/24/17 MEETING

The Natural Resource Committee met on 10/24/17 to consider proposed minor repairs to the unpaved section of Upper Park Road in Bidwell Park, and to review a draft survey to be used to garner public opinion on future uses of this section of the road. Committee Chair Haar will provide a report on the meeting. **Recommendation:** *The Committee recommended (3-0) that the Commission approve:*

- 1) *The clearing of debris from existing culverts, using the City's community partners, such as Cal Fire, and/or volunteers,*
- 2) *Implementing road drainage treatments only for the three high priority erosion sites to be conducted over the next month, preferably using City staff or by a private contractor if staff is not available.*
- 3) *The draft public survey as revised by the NRC, or that the BPPC provide revisions as necessary.*

Park and Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) presented the Committee's review of implementing the recommendations from the City's consultant, Pacific Watershed Associates, to make some minor repairs to Upper Park Road this winter. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$15,000.

P&NRM also presented the draft public opinion survey and indicated that she will be consulting with a professional to review and provide input on the survey and to analyze the results.

MOTION: Approve clearing the debris from culverts, making the repairs to the 3 high priority sites using City crews if possible, and the draft public survey as submitted. **MADE BY:** McReynolds. **SECOND:** Haar. **AYES:** (6) (Stoller, Nickell, Haar, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann). **NOES:** (0). **ABSENT:** (1) Glatz.

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.

There was no Business From the Floor

6. REPORTS

The following Reports were provided for the Commission's information. No action was taken on any of the items.

- 6.1. Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resource Manager.
- 6.2. Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager.

7.3. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (Verbal Report)

P&NRM

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to the next regular meeting on 11/27/17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: _____ / _____ / _____.

Prepared By:

Linda Herman, Parks and Natural Resource Manager 12/12/17
Date

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CITY OF CHICO

Bidwell Park and Playground Commission

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

The November 27, 2017 Bidwell Park and Playground Commission meeting has been cancelled.

The next regular Bidwell Park and Playground Commission meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on December 18, 2018 in the Council Chamber.

Posted: November 20, 2017

Posting Location: Council Chamber Bldg, 421 Main Street

Prior to: 5:00 p.m.

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz
Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Valerie Reddemann
Marisa Stoller

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director-Operations and Maintenance), and Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager).

2. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commission member Reddemann and seconded by Commission member Haar as read, with Items 2.2, 2.4, and 2.5 removed for further discussion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, Glatz
NOES: None

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of BPPC meeting held on 9/25/17

2.2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of BPPC meeting held on 10/30/17

The Urban Forest Manager requested this item be removed from Consent to make a correction to the minutes under Item 5.2 paragraph 2.b.

A motion was made by Commission member Reddemann and seconded by Commission member McReynolds to approve the 10/30/17 meeting minutes with the suggested correction.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, Glatz
NOES: None

2.3. Permit from Earthbound Skills to Hold a Spring Break Camp for Multiple Days (3/19/18 – 3/23/18)

Joni Mitchell (Applicant) is requesting a permit to hold a 5-day Spring Break camp at the Five Mile Picnic Site from 9 am to 5 pm on 3/19/18 – 3/23/18. **Recommendation:** Approval of permit with conditions.

2.4. Permit for Walk to End Alzheimer's on 10/13/18.

Jody Cornilsen (Applicant) is requesting permission to reserve the One Mile Picnic Area on 10/13/18 for their 24th annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. The Applicant is requesting to set up their event on Friday, 10/12/18 and that the gates at Woodland Avenue and 4th Street remain closed from 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. on 10/13/18. **Recommendation:** Approval of permit with conditions.

2.5. Permit for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk on 10/20/18.

American Cancer Society, Inc. (Applicant) would like to reserve the One-Mile Picnic Area for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk fundraiser in Lower Bidwell Park. The Applicant would like permission to set up the night before at Sycamore Field, on 10/19/18, making it necessary to have security stay overnight for their 5K event on 10/20/18. **Recommendation:** Approval of permit with conditions.

Commissioner Nickel asked that Items 2.4 and 2.5 be removed from Consent for additional questions to be answered regarding overnight security

A motion was made by Commission member Nickell and seconded by Commission member Reddemann to approve permits for the Walk to End Alzheimer's (Item 2.4) and Making Strides Against Cancer Walk (Item 2.5).

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, Glatz
NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – Items 2.2, 2.4 and 2.5

4. Noticed Public Hearings - None

5. Regular Agenda

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11/15//17

The Policy Advisory Committee met on 11/15/17 to continue its review of Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Chapters 12R.08 and 12R.10 regarding permits and reservations for private and public events in City Parks and the fees associated with these permits. The Committee also reviewed the concept of possibly establishing a vehicle parking fee for Upper Bidwell Park.

1. A motion was made by Commission member Nickell and seconded by Commission member Glatz to approve the Chico Municipal Code (CMC) and park permit fee revisions outlined in Item 2.1 of the Staff agenda report.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, Glatz
NOES: None

2. A motion was made by Commission member Haar and seconded by Commission member Glatz to forward the discussion regarding establishing of a \$1 per vehicle per day, a \$50 annual pass and no fee for Seniors over 60 and the disabled for parking in Upper Bidwell Park back to the Policy Advisory Committee for further review.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, Glatz
NOES: None

3. A motion was made by Commission member Reddemann and seconded by Commission member Nickell to forward changing the closing times of Lower Bidwell Park to an earlier time than midnight. to the Policy Advisory Committee for review.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Haar, Stoller, Hernandez, McReynolds, Reddemann, Nickell, Glatz
NOES: None

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.

Addressing the Commission were Charles Withuhn and Woody Elliott.

7. REPORTS

The following reports were provided for the Commission's information and discussion. No action was taken on any of the items unless the Commission agreed to include to a subsequent posted agenda.

7.1. Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

7.2. Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager.

7.3. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (Verbal Report)

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned to the next regular meeting on January 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: ___ / ___ / ___.

Prepared By:

Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager