

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
June 25, 2018 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Acting Chair Haar called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Alberto Hernandez
Aaron Haar
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Jeff Glatz

Commissioners absent: Valerie Reddemann

Staff present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resources Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director -O&M), and Angie Irmer (Administrative Assistant).

2. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 PERMIT FOR FAMILY BBQ AT FIVE MILE RECREATION AREA (AUGUST 11, 2018)

Jaclyn Loftin (Applicant) requests a permit to reserve the picnic area to the west of the restrooms in the Five Mile Recreation Area on August 11, 2018 for a family birthday BBQ. This area is currently a non-reservation area and needs BPPC approval. Staff is also requesting that the BPPC consider designating this area as a reservation area for future public and private events.

MOTION: A motion was made by Acting Chair Haar to approve the permit and to approve designating the picnic area to the west of the restrooms a reservation area. This was seconded by Commissioner member Nickell.

The motion carried by the following vote

AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds,
Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Glatz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Reddemann

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF REVISING THE CLOSING TIMES OF CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS

At its meeting on 6/5/18, the Chico City Council directed the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) to consider changing the closing time for all City Parks and greenways to 11:00 p.m., which is the current closing time for Middle and Upper Bidwell Park and all CARD parks.

Addressing the commission is Scott Huber, Rich Ober, Sandra O'Neill, Patrick Newman, Benson, Richard Muenzer.

MOTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Nickell to send this item back to the Policy Advisory Committee and seconded by Commissioner McReynolds.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Glatz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Reddemann

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE NOON ROTARY TO INSTALL A NEW SIGN FOR ANNIES GLEN IN BIDWELL PARK

Staff received a proposal from the Noon Rotary Club to donate a new sign depicting a picture of Annie Bidwell to be installed in Annie's Glen in Bidwell Park. Staff is proposing that the sign be installed at the corner of Camelia Way and 1st Street.

MOTION: Motion to conceptually approve the proposal from the Noon Rotary Club to donate a new sign depicting a picture of Annie Bidwell to be installed in Annie's Glen in Bidwell Park is made by Commissioner Nickell and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Glatz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Reddemann

5.4 PRESENTATION ON THE 2018-19 PARKS AND STREET TREE DIVISION BUDGETS

Public Works Director O&M will provide a presentation on the 2018-2019 Parks and Street Tree Division Budgets which were approved by the City Council on 6/5/18.

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 is Patrick Newman.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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 – 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), if applicable

8 COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

8.1 Commissioner Glatz has submitted a request for the BPPC to consider agendizing amplified sound regulations in City parks.

MOTION: Motion to send the item regarding amplified sound regulation in City Parks to the Policy Advisory Committee was made by Acting Chair Haar and seconded by Commissioner Nickell.

Motion carried as follows:

- AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Glatz
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Commissioner Reddemann

8.2 Commissioner Nickell has submitted a request for the BPPC to consider agendizing vehicle regulations in Lower Bidwell Park.

MOTION: Motion to agendize vehicle regulations in Lower Bidwell Park is made by Commissioner Glatz and Seconded by Acting Chair Haar.

Motion carried as follows:

- AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Glatz
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Commissioner Reddemann

9 ADJOURNMENT

The Adjourn to the next regular meeting on 7/30/18 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved:
Prepared By:

Angie Irmer, Administrative Assistant

Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
July 30, 2018 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Acting Chair Haar called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Tom Nickell
Alberto Hernandez
Aaron Haar
Valerie Reddeman
Elaina McReynolds
Jeff Glatz

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resources Manager), Shane Romain (Park Services Coordinator), Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), and Angie Irmer (Administrative Assistant).

1.3 Swearing-in of New Commissioner – Megan Thomas Petty. The Oath administered by Debbie Presson, City Clerk.

1.4 Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair – Acting Chair self nominates himself.

Nomination by Commissioner McReynolds for Commissioner Reddeman for position of Chair

The matter is continued to the next scheduled meeting, August 30, 2018.

2. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

2.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Hernandez and second by Commissioner Glatz to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Haar,
Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Glatz

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Reddeman and Commissioner Petty Thomas

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 PRESENTATION ON THE UPPER BIDWELL PARK ROAD SURVEY FINAL REPORT

Park & Natural Resources Manager will provide a presentation on the Final Report prepared by CSU, Chico Professor Dr. Schmidt of the results of the Upper Park Road public convenience survey.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) requests that the BPPC forward further discussion of the Final Report and survey results to the BPPC Natural Resources Committee.:

Addressing the Commission were Neil Woodward and Steve Laurie

MOTION: Motion was made by Acting Chair Haar to send to BPPC Natural Resources Committee for the further discussion of the Final Report and survey results.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Reddeman, Commissioner Thomas Petty

NOES: None

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE 7/11/18 BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

At its meeting on 7/11/18, the Policy Advisory Committee discussed several items referred to them by the BPPC regarding regulations concerning closing times for all City Parks, the use of security cameras, whether to close Bidwell Bowl to reservations only, amplified sound, and speeding and other vehicle regulations for roads in Lower Bidwell Park

Recommendations: The Committee unanimously voted (3-0) to recommend that the BPPC consider recommending City Council approval of the following:

A. CLOSING TIMES FOR ALL CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS

1. Closing the following areas of Lower Bidwell Park and other City Parks at 7:00 p.m. from October 1 to March 31 and at 9:00 p.m. from April 1 to September 30 each year, which are the current seasonal gate closing hours of Lower Bidwell Park:
 - a. One Mile Recreation Area Group Picnic Area (12 tables at Oak Grove A& B)
 - b. Non-reservable (6-table) area of the One Mile Recreation Area
 - c. Children's Playground
 - d. Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
 - e. Depot Park
 - f. Council Ring

2. Closing the following locations at 11:00 p.m., to be consistent with Middle and Upper Bidwell Park and the Chico Area Park and Recreation District (CARD) parks:
 - a. The remainder of Lower Bidwell Park, including Cedar Grove and the Five Mile Recreation Area.
 - b. City-owned greenways
 - c. Husa Ranch/Nob Hill Neighborhood Park

3. After consulting with the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA), closing City Plaza at 12: a.m. to 5:00 a.m. instead of 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
4. If approved by the City Council, conduct a public education campaign and provide a report to the BPPC on the effectiveness of the new park closure times after 12-months of implementation.

B. USE OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND LIMITING THE USE OF BIDWELL BOWL - TO PERMITTED EVENTS

1. Staff's proposal to install security cameras at the locations
 - a. One Mile Southside Restroom and Concession Area
 - b. One Mile Recreation Group Picnic Area (Oak Grove A&B)
 - c. Children's Playground and the Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater downtown.
 - d. And if funding allows, Caper Acres.
2. Waiting to see if the security cameras help conditions at Bidwell Bowl and to not limit use of the facility to events only at this time.

C. REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF AMPLIFIED SOUND

1. Provide better enforcement of the existing noise regulations, and more signage citing the CMC Code and to remind park users to be more courteous of others.

D. REGULATIONS REGARDING VEHICLE USE IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK

1. Proceed with conducting a speed survey and also assess the width of the road on Petersen and South Park Drives in Lower Park to determine the appropriate speed for vehicles.
2. Direct Staff to determine the feasibility of installing a buffered pedestrian lane on Petersen Drive, and installing a sign at the Petersen entrance gate cautioning drivers and bicyclists of pedestrians who also use the road.

Addressing the Commission Rob Berry

MOTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Glatz to accept the recommendation as proposed.
Second by Commissioner Hernandez.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds,
Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Reddeman, Commissioner Thomas
Petty

NOES: None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Addressing the Commission is Patrick Newman.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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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), if applicable

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Adjourn to the next regular meeting on 8/27/18 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved:
Prepared By:

Angie Irmer, Administrative Assistant

Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
August 27, 2018 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Acting Chair Haar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Megan Thomas Petty
Valerie Reddemann
Jeff Glatz

Staff Present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resources Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director-O&M), Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), Angie Irmer (Administrative Assistant).

1.3 Special Recognition

Acting Chair Haar presented the Discovery Shoppe with an Special Recognition for their \$12,000 donation to Caper Acres Swing Project. Leatha King and Shelly Tedford were present on behalf of the Discovery Shoppe to receive the recognition.

1.4 Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Hernandez nominated Acting Chair Haar for Chair. Seconded by Acting Chair Haar. Commissioner Glatz nominated Commissioner Reddemann for Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Nickell.

AYES for Haar as Chair – Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Haar

NOES for Haar as Chair – Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Reddemann, and Commissioner Glatz

ABSENT: None

AYES for Reddemann as Chair - Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Reddemann

NOES for Reddemann as Chair – Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Haar

Commissioner Reddemann is now Chair and will Chair the next meeting.

Commissioner Glatz nominated Commissioner Nickell for Vice-Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Nickell. Acting Chair Haar nominated Commissioner McReynolds for Vice-Chair. Seconded by Commissioner McReynolds.

AYES for Nickell for Vice-Chair: Commissioner Reddemann, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Nickell, and Commissioner Glatz

NOES for Nickell as Vice-Chair: Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: None

AYES for McReynolds as Vice-Chair: Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Haar.

NOES for McReynolds as Vice-Chair: Commissioner Reddemann, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Thomas Petty, and Commissioner Nickell

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Nickell will now be Vice-Chair.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

2.2 PERMIT FOR HEART & SOLE: RUN FOR WELLNESS – OAK GROVE A & B (3/30/19)

Enloe Medical Center (Applicant) is requesting to reserve One Mile Picnic/Barbeque Area, Oak Grove A and Oak Grove B, on March 30, 2019 for their annual event, Heart & Sole: Run for Wellness. Along with this reservation, Enloe Medical Center is requesting to use Sycamore Field for a possible helicopter landing. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

Commissioner McReynolds moved to pull item 2.1, **Approval of Meeting Minutes.**
Commissioner Glatz moved to pull item 2.2, **Permit for Heart & Sole: Run for Wellness.**

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – None

2.1, Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner McReynolds requested the Minutes be corrected to reflect Commissioner Glatz nominated Commissioner Reddemann for Chair, and not her.

2.2, Permit for Heart & Sole: Run for Wellness

For Item 2.2, Commissioner Glatz inquired as to why CARD is being notified of this park event. P&NRM Herman advised the reason CARD is being notified is because Sycamore Field is leased to CARD and is the landing area for the helicopter.

Motion to approve the minutes of 7/30/18 as amended (Item 2.1) and to approve the permit for Heart & Sole Event (Item 2.2) was made by Commissioner Nickell; Seconded by Commissioner Reddemann.

Motion carried as follows

AYES: Acting Chair Haar, Commissioner Reddemann, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO REDUCE THE SETBACK TO DEVELOP A PARCEL LOCATED ADJACENT TO ANNIES GLEN IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.

The City's Bidwell Park Sphere of Influence Policy requires an advisory review by the BPPC for development projects located within 1,000 feet of Upper Park and immediately adjacent to Lower Park. The BPPC will review a request by the applicant Mr. Schlund to reduce the conditioned 20-foot setback to the standard 4-foot side yard setback to increase the buildable space of his parcel located at 227 Orient Street.

Recommendation: City Planning staff recommends that the BPPC conduct an advisory review of the project, providing comments to staff and the applicant.

Kimber Gutierrez, Associate Planner with the City's Community Development Department, presented the Staff Report regarding this item.

After inquiry from Commissioner Nickell, UFM Bamlet indicated there would be no affect to the heritage tree located in Annie's Glenn behind this change in setback for this parcel.

Commissioner Thomas Petty recused herself as to this item.

Addressing the Commission are from the Public was Claudia Stuart, Kurt Jorgensen, Dennis Deromedi, and Robin McCollum

Commissioner Reddemann moved to approve forwarding this item to the next appropriate approving body. Seconded by Commissioner McReynolds.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Reddemann, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner McReynolds, and Commissioner Nickell

NOES: None

RECUSAL: Commissioner Thomas Petty

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL A COMMEMORATE WORLD WAR I (WW I) PLAQUE AND PAVERS IN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

The Rotary Club of Chico and the Chico post of the Chico Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1555 would like to donate the costs and labor to install a plaque and decorative pavers near the existing WW I monument in Children's Playground to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of the war.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) requested that the BPPC approve the installation of the commemorative plaque and pavers.

Commissioner Reddemann recuses herself as being a Rotarian.

Commissioner Nickell moved to approve the proposed memorial as recommended by staff. Seconded by McReynolds.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

RECUSAL: Commissioner Reddemann

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Hernandez

ABSENT: None

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE USE OF BBQS AND THE COUNCIL FIRE RING IN BIDWELL PARK.

At the request of the Chico Fire Department, Staff is proposing that the Chico Municipal Code (CMC) be amended to:

1. At all times, prohibit the use of wood and fires at night in the BBQs in Bidwell Park.
2. Allow the use of wood and other fires in the Council Fire Ring by a City-approved permit only.
3. Prohibit all fires in the Council Fire Ring during the Fire Season of May 1 to October 1.
4. Prohibit all fires in BBQs and the Council Fire Ring during declared Red Flag Fire Warning Days.

Recommendation: That the BPPC recommend City Council approval of these proposed CMC amendments.

Commissioner Hernandez moved that City Council approve the CMC amendments as proposed. Seconded by Commissioner McReynolds.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Reddemann, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 8/15/18 BPPC NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At its meeting on 8/15/18, the Natural Resource Committee continued the review of the Upper Bidwell Park public survey results. The Committee discussed several areas addressed in the survey, but particularly vehicle access and improvements to the portion of Upper Park road beyond the Diversion Dam.

Recommendation: The Committee recommended (3-0) that the BPPC approve recommending City Council approval to make improvements to the unpaved portion of Upper Park Road to allow emergency vehicle access only, as funding allows. The Committee will continue discussion of whether to allow access to all vehicles, and review other survey results at its September meeting.

P&NRM Herman stated that the Staff report needs to be amended to reflect that the vote was 2-1-0 with Commissioner McReynolds voting no. and that PWD O&M Gustafson was not in attendance at the Committee meeting.

Addressing the Commission was David Smith, Forest Harlan, Lise Smith, and Claudia Stuart

Commissioner Reddemann moved to forward the Upper Park Road design and cost discussion to Natural Resources Committee and to send discussion regarding a potential parking fees to the Policy Advisory Committee

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Reddemann, Commissioner McRreynolds

NOES: Commissioner Glatz and Commissioner Thomas Petty

ABSENT: 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 requested made under this section of the agenda.

Addressing the Commission are Carl Colbie, Lise Smith, and Forest Harlan

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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- a. Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager.
- b. Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager.
- c. Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), if applicable

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on 9/24/18 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:

Angie Irmer, Administrative Assistant

Date

Distribution: BPPC

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Chair Reddemann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Aaron Haar
Elaina McReynolds
Tom Nickell
Megan Thomas Petty
Valerie Reddemann
Jeff Glatz

Commissioners absent:

Alberto Hernandez

Staff Present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director), Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), Angie Irmer (Administrative Assistant).

1.3 **BPPC Committee Assignment** – Chair Reddemann appointed Commissioner Thomas-Petty to the Tree Committee and to the Policy Advisory Committee.

2. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of 8/27/18 made by Commissioner Nickell Second by Commissioner McReynolds.

Motion was carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Thomas-Petty, Commissioner Haar,
Commissioner Reddemann, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Glatz
NOES: Commissioner Haar
ABSENT: Commissioner Hernandez

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 9/15/18 BPPC NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

As directed by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC), on 9/19/18 the Natural Resource Committee reviewed the costs and feasibility of repairing the Upper Park Road to provide emergency response access, and to continue the policy discussion regarding whether to allow public vehicle access past the Diversion Dam gate.

Recommendation: The Committee recommended (3-0) BPPC approval of forwarding the following phased Upper Park Road repair approach to the City Council:

- Phase 1: Make repairs to the three high priority erosion sites and some other areas as needed to provide emergency vehicle access only beyond Diversion Dam gate. This work will be completed by City Staff this Fall at a cost of approximately \$35,000 using existing 2018-19 capital project funds.
- Phase 2: Request funding through the 2019-20 fiscal year budget process to make all of the road and drainage repairs between Horseshoe Lake and Salmon Hole necessary to allow public vehicle access. The cost of this phase will be determined after seeing the final costs and results of the Phase 1.
- Phase 3: Depending on the success of Phases 1 & 2 and the policy decided by the BPPC and the City Council regarding allowing full public vehicle access, request funding in fiscal year 2020-21 to make the necessary repairs to the remaining section of the road between Salmon Hole and the end of Upper Park Road.

Addressing the Commission were Forest Harland and D.G. Laurie

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Haar to approve, the recommendation from the Bidwell Park and Playground Natural Resource Committee and seconded by Commissioner McReynolds.

Motion was carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Haar, Commissioner McReynolds, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Thomas-Petty, Commissioner Reddemann

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hernandez

The Commission directed the Policy Advisory Committee to look at staffing as part of their review of fees.

5.2 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Park & Natural Resource Manager will provide a verbal update on the plan to use goat grazing and other vegetation management methods to reduce invasive vegetation and fire fuel loads in Bidwell Park.

Recommendation: None – this is an information item only.

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.

There was none.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Commissioner Nickell requested there be less warnings and more written citations issued. Park and Natural Resources Manager Herman indicated that what is reflected in the report are administrative citations and that criminal citations are not reflected in the report. Also, that many of the warnings are the 48-hour notifications of illegal encampments.

Commissioner Glatz requested that citations issued in the parks by Chico Police Department be provided in the monthly BPPC report.

Commissioner Reynolds indicated she had previously requested information from the Police Department specifically for Lower Park for the months of June, July, and August. The information has not yet been received by Commissioner Reynolds.

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

7.3 Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (*Verbal Report*), if applicable. No report was given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting on 10/29/18 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Angie Irmer, Administrative Assistant

Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
October 29, 2018 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Chair Reddemann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Aaron Haar
Alberto Hernandez
Tom Nickell
Megan Thomas Petty
Valerie Reddemann

Commissioners absent:

Elaina McReynolds
Jeff Glatz

Staff Present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director), Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), Angie Irmer (Administrative Assistant), Shari Beattie (Office Assistant II).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of 10/29/18 was made by Commissioner Nickell, Second by Commissioner Haar.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Nickell,
Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Reddemann

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner McReynolds and Commissioner Glatz

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 10/10/18 BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 9/24/18 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) considered the Natural Resources Committee's recommendations regarding options and the costs to repair the Upper Park Road in Upper Bidwell Park. The BPPC directed the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to review revenue sources, such as a potential parking fee, for these repairs and for costs of any additional staffing that may be needed if the entire road was reopened to public vehicles.

Recommendation: The PAC recommended (2-0-1, Glatz absent) that the BPPC recommend City Council approval of the following:

1. Establishing a \$2 daily vehicle parking fee for upper park to be used for park improvements only.
2. Establishing a \$25 annual parking pass.
3. Providing free parking to seniors age 62 or older, the disabled, veterans, and to low income households who meet a certain income threshold.
4. Providing free parking passes for members of organizations who lease facilities in Upper Bidwell Park.
5. Offering free parking during special events.

TOM BARRETT, KRISTI AYARS, DAVE BLAU, AND LOREN POUND ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Hernandez made a Motion that the BPPC recommend to the City Council approval of items 1 through 5, seconded by Commissioner Nickell.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Reddemann

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner McReynolds and Commissioner Glatz

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE 10/11/18 BPPC TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Tree Committee explored alternatives to neonicotinoids for the treatment of aphids under an integrated pest management (IPM) strategy. An IPM approach considers all relevant and available information to make informed management decisions, providing pest control options based on actual need.

Recommendation: The Tree Committee recommended (3-0) that the BPPC approve the following:

1. Ceasing the City's use of neonicotinoids to control aphids and look for solutions to the IPM program that the Tree Division can use on all City owned trees.
2. Allowing residents and businesses to apply for a permit to use a professional contractor to use neonicotinoids on City trees on their properties.
3. Directing staff to conduct a public outreach program explaining the dangers of the use of neonicotinoids.

ROBIN MCCOLLUM AND TOM BARRETT ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION ON THIS ITEM

Commissioner Nickell made a Motion to approve the following recommendations

1. That the City cease the use of neonicotinoids and look for solutions to the IPM program that the City can use on all City owned trees.
2. Not allowing a permit process and eliminating the use of neonicotinoids by the City and the public on all City trees.
3. Directing staff to conduct a public outreach program explaining the dangers of the use of neonicotinoids using education through the Master Gardener Program through UC Davis.

Commissioner Reddemann requested a friendly amendment to eliminate “using education through the Master Gardener Program” portion of recommendation #3. to allow staff flexibility in determining the best method of outreach. Commissioner Nickell accepted the amendment.

The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Haar and the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Nickell, Commissioner Thomas Petty, Commissioner Reddemann

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner McReynolds and Commissioner Glatz

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NONE

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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.

- a. Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager – Park and Natural Resources Manager Herman had nothing to add
- b. Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager. – Urban Forest Manager Bamlet stated that the CalFire Grant is now approved and active.
- c. Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), if applicable – Park and Natural Resources Manager Herman had nothing to add.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. to the next regular meeting on 11/26/18 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.

Date Approved: / / .

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Date

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