

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
January 28, 2019 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
Valerie Reddemann
Jeff Glatz

Commissioners absent:

Elaina McReynolds
Megan Thomas Petty

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 10/29/18

2.2. PERMIT BIDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YOUTH SPRING BREAK CAMP FOR KIDS OF FIRE AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FROM 3/18/19 TO 3/21/19.

Jennifer Eslick from Bidwell Presbyterian Church (Applicant) requests a permit to hold a Spring Break Camp in Children's Playground for four consecutive days in March 2019. This is a new event, but the Applicant has held other events at this venue for several years. The Applicant has requested to use the lawn areas for the event and anticipates 100 attendees daily.

Recommendation: Conditional approval of the permit

2.3. PERMIT LIFE CHURCH TO HOLD A SUNRISE SERVICE IN MIDDLE PARK ON EASTER (4/21/19)

Jessica Ordaz (applicant) with Life Church requests a permit to hold an Easter Sunrise service at the cross near parking area b in middle park on Sunday April 21, 2019.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reddemann to approve 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 as indicated.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner McReynolds and Commissioner Thomas Petty

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A CULTURAL EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR A MAIDU LIVING VILLAGE IN THE DEER PENS IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Prop 68) funding is available through grants from the California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) for projects that protect, restore, and enhance California's cultural, community, and natural resources. The Commission will consider staff's proposal to submit a grant application to seek funds to develop a Maidu Living Village in the Deer Pens in Lower Bidwell Park.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resource Manager requests that the BPPC recommend:

1. Submittal of the initial concept proposal to seek funding for the Maidu Living Village, and
2. City council approval of submitting a full grant application, if invited by the agency.

(Commissioner Haar announced that he would need to recuse himself from this agenda item.)

Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve submission of the initial consent proposal to seek funding for the Maidu Living Village, and City Council approval of submitting a full grant application, if invited by the granting agency. Commissioner Glatz seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Reddemann, and Commissioner Glatz

ABSENT: Commissioner McReynolds and Commissioner Thomas Petty

RECUSED Commissioner Haar

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.

Jenna Walker addressed the Commission with comments

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 Resources Manager.

7.2. Street tree division report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager.

7.3. Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (verbal report), if applicable

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. to the next regular meeting on 2/25/19 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
February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Randall Stone addressed the Commission.

1.2 Swearing-in of Commissioners.

Debbie Presson, City Clerk, administered the oath to the new members of the Commission: Moore, Smith Peters, Grist, and Liles.

1.3 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Debbie Presson, City Clerk, explained the process of the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Clerk Presson 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 section of Vice Chair. Once the Vice Chair is selected, staff would turn the rest of the meeting over the newly appointed Chair.

Chair nominations: Elaina McReynolds (nominated by Commissioner Haar), Aaron Haar (nominated by Commissioner Glatz).

McReynolds – Ayes: 7. McReynolds selected as Chair
Haar – Votes not taken as McReynolds received more than 4 votes.

Vice Chair nominations: Aaron Haar (nominated by Jeff Glatz)

Haar – Ayes: 7. Haar selected as Vice Chair.

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

1.4 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Garrett Liles
Scott Grist
Elaina McReynolds
Aaron Haar
Lise Smith Peters
Jeffrey Glatz

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Haar made a motion to remove items 2.2 and 2.3.

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair McReynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/28/19.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

2.2 PERMIT FOR BIDWELL BUMP MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER BIDWELL PARK ON 4/20/19.

Jarret Yount from Bidwell Bump (Applicant) requests a permit to hold a mountain bike race in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park on 4/20/19. This event has been held in Bidwell Park for nearly a decade.

Recommendation: Conditional approval of the permit

Commissioner Haar inquired about the date of 4/20/19 and asked if the time of year is when the event is normally held.

Shawn Hughes and Jarret Yount addressed Commissioner Haar's question and other questions

2.3 PERMIT TO HOST A SUPPORT GROUP MEETING AT THE COUNCIL RING FROM 4/14/19 THRU 10/27/19.

Angela Weaver Baucom. from the God Squad (Applicant)) requests a permit to host a support group in the Council Ring. This group has been meeting at this location for 20+ years, and the meetings are approximately 1.5 hours long.

Recommendation: Conditional approval of the permit.

Commissioner Haar questioned why this was before the Commission and Herman responded it because it was for multiple days

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve both permit as recommended. Second by Commissioner Liles.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

Commissioner Haar and Commissioner Glatz disqualified themselves from Item 5.1 and left the room.

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF CHICO AREA RECREATION DISTRICT'S (CARD) REQUEST TO INSTALL A SEASONAL PORTABLE RESTROOM AT SYCAMORE FIELD IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK

The Chico Area Parks and Recreation District (CARD), which has a long-term City lease for use of Sycamore Field in Lower Bidwell Park, requests BPPC approval to provide a temporary portable ADA restroom during the Chico Senior Softball League (CSSC) season from late February to mid-September each year.

Recommendation: Consider approval of the seasonal portable restroom at Sycamore Field as requested by CARD.

Ann Willman, General Manager of Chico Area Recreation District, addressed the Commission

Commissioner Moore made a motion to support Chico Area Recreation Districts request for a seasonal portable restroom at Sycamore Field. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Smith Peters, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

DISQUALIFIED: Commissioner Haar and Commissioner Glatz

Commissioners Haar and Glatz rejoined the meeting

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS, 2019 BPPC MEETING CALENDAR, CHANGING THE TIME OF THE BPPC MEETINGS, AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

The Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) will select a Chair and Vice-Chair. BPPC members also serve on the Policy Advisory, Natural Resources, and Tree Committees, and 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 BPPC meeting schedule for 2019, and whether to change the meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resources Manager recommends that the BPPC:

1. Select a Chair and Vice-Chair to begin presiding at the March 25, 2019 meeting;
2. Approve the 2019 regular BPPC meeting schedule;

3. Approve changing the regular meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
4. Submit requests for Committee assignments to the new Chair for consideration for appointment at the March BPPC meeting.

Park & Natural Resources Manager Herman stated that Item 1 was addressed at the start of the meeting.

Item 2, the approval of the 2019 regular BPPC meeting schedule, is discussed by the Commission. The May 2019 meeting date conflict was addressed, and all Commissioners agreed that the preference is for the meeting to be held on Monday, May 20, 2019.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve the calendar as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Liles.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

Item 3, approve changing the regular meeting time from 6:30 p.m to 6:00 p.m. Time change of the meeting is addressed.

Commissioner Glatz made a motion to approve the meeting time change to 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Liles.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

Item 4, Commission requested to submit requests for Committee assignments to the new Chair McReynolds or consideration for appointment at the March BPPC meeting.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

John Merz, Eric Ginny, and Dick Corey addressed the Commission

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 and asked if there were questions.

- 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 stated that the City Council will be considering the Commission’s recommendations regarding repairs to Upper Park road at their 3/5/19 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to the next regular meeting on 3/25/19 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:

Angela Irmer, Administrative Assistant

Date

Distribution: BPPC
3/21/2019

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:31 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Garrett Liles
Scott Grist
Elaina McReynolds
Aaron Haar
Lise Smith Peters
Jeffrey Glatz

Staff Present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director-Operations & Maintenance), Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), Angie Imer (Administrative Assistant), Kimberly Graciano (Management Analyst)

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith Peters requested to remove item 2.2.

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve Minutes of BPPC meeting held on 3/25/19.

Motion made by Commissioner Haar to approve the minutes of 3/25/19. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Motion approved 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

2.2 PERMIT FOR SHORT TRACK MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES IN MIDDLE BIDWELL PARK FROM 4/11/19 THROUGH MAY 5/2/19.

Caroline Nolan from North State Composite MTB Team (Applicant) requests a permit to hold short track mountain bike races between Wildwood Avenue and north side of Five Mile on Thursday evenings from 4/11/19 to 5/2/19. This event has been held in Bidwell Park in the past.

Recommendation: Conditional approval

2.3 PERMIT TO HOLD VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND BIDWELL BOWL FROM 6/26/19 THRU 6/30/19.

Jenna Christophersen, from Bidwell Presbyterian Church (Applicant) requests a permit to hold their 14th Annual Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground. This program is for 5 consecutive days at Children's Playground and Bidwell Bowl. The Applicant has requested to use the lawn areas for the event and anticipates 200 attendees daily.

Recommendation: *Conditional approval.*

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

2.2 PERMIT FOR SHORT TRACK MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES IN MIDDLE BIDWELL PARK FROM 4/11/19 THROUGH MAY 5/2/19.

Caroline Nolan from North State Composite MTB Team (Applicant) requests a permit to hold short track mountain bike races between Wildwood Avenue and north side of Five Mile on Thursday evenings from 4/11/19 to 5/2/19. This event has been held in Bidwell Park in the past.

Recommendation: *Conditional approval*

Commissioner Lise Peters asked if there will be a staggered start, what the entry fee is, and if there is an alternative route provided should it rain.

John Merz addressed the Commission on this item

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve Item 2.2. There was no second

Motion failed

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

Commissioner Haar and Commissioner Glatz disqualified themselves from Item 5.1 and left the room.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 PRESENTATION REGARDING NATURE CENTER PROJECT

The Public Works Director- Operations & Maintenance presented information regarding the hazardous tree and fire fuels reduction maintenance project behind the Nature Center building in Lower Bidwell Park.

Recommendation: *None this is an informational item only at this time.*

Dan Gibson, Candy Murphy, Nancy Park, Robin McCollum, Frank Zebley, Charles Withuhn, John Merz, Sherri Scott, Bill Kukniizki, Jared Geiser, and Karen Laslo addressed the Commission

The Commission requested that Staff come back with further assessment of the impacts and also a replanting plan for the Nature Center area.

5.2 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT OF THE PARK AND STREET TREE DIVISION OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

Staff will provide an update on the proposed Park Division and Street Tree Division operating and capital project requests for fiscal year 2019-20.

Recommendation: None this is an informational item only

Tom Barrett addressed the Commission

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF 2019 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND CHANGE IN BPPC REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TIME.

BPPC members also serve on the Policy Advisory, Natural Resources, AND Tree Committees, and the City's *ad hoc* Bicycle Advisory Committee, which provide recommendations to the full Commission. The Commission will consider Chair McReynold's Committee assignments and meeting days and times.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the BPPC:

1. Approve the 2019 Committee Member Assignments and Meeting Days;
2. Acknowledge the City Manager's approval to change the BPPC regular meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. effective for the April 29, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Haar motioned to approved items 1. and 2. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion was approved 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

The Commission discussed potential items for discussion for the three Committees, which included establishing an endowment fund for Bidwell Park, determining the scope and types of vegetation management projects requiring BPPC approval, and a replanting plan for the Nature Center area.

Commissioner Scott motioned to hold the Natural Resources Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee on their scheduled days. Commissioner Scott accepted a friendly amendment by Commissioner Haar to include the Tree Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Liles.

Motion was approved 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

Natural Resources and Parks Manager Herman suggested forwarding discussion of the Nature Center vegetation planting plan to the Natural Resources Committee and the project scope review policy to the Policy Advisory Committee.

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.

Tom Barrett addressed the Commission

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. COMMISSION REQUESTS

Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the Commission will be needed in order to agendize these items for discussion at a future meeting. If agendized, public comment will be taken at that meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted for these items.

8.1 Commissioners Haar and Moore request to agendize discussion regarding fire prevention and vegetation management

Commissioner Glatz motioned to approve the request to agendize this item. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Motion passed 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m. to the next regular meeting on 4/29/19 at 6:00 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
4/26/2019

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
April 29, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Garrett Liles
Scott Grist
Elaina McReynolds
Aaron Haar
Lise Smith Peters
Jeffrey Glatz

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

1.3 City Clerk, Debbie Presson presents a brief Brown Act orientation

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith Peters requested to remove item 2.1.

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 3/25/19.

2.2 PERMIT FOR HOOKED ON FISHING NOT ON DRUGS EVENT AT HORSESHOE LAKE ON 6/1/19.

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 at Horseshoe Lake in Middle Park. This event will also need the approval to stock Horseshoe Lake with approximately 8,000 pounds of catfish. This event has been held in Bidwell Park for over 30 years.

Recommendation: *Conditional approval.*

2.3 PERMITS TO HOLD TWO EARTHBOUND SKILLS SUMMER CAMPS AT FIVE MILE PICNIC AREA FROM JUNE 10 TO JULY 19, 2019.

Joni Mitchell from Earthbound Skills (Applicant) would like to host two summer day camps at the Five Mile Picnic Area on several days in June through July 2019. One day camp is for children ages 4 -7, and the other is for ages 7-12. Seven-year-old participants will be able to choose which camp to attend. During these camps, there will be games, activities, nature walks, bird walks, and crafts.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

2.4 PERMIT FOR BUTTE COUNTY CORRECTION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A WALK/RUN IN LOWER PARK ON JUNE 22, 2019

Eric Willadsen, (Applicant) for Butte County Correction Officer Assoc, requests to hold a Walk/Run at One Mile and Lower Park along with a safety presentation at Sycamore Field on June 22, 2019. Captain Bob's Pancake Wagon will serve pancakes after the race. Sycamore Field will have multiple public safety Vehicles, Search and Rescue vehicles and 2 helicopters on display. CARD will mark sprinklers on Sycamore Field and is aware of the event.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4. Seconded by Commissioner Lise Peters Smith.

Motion approved 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 3/25/19

Commissioner Lise Peters asked why there isn't more extensive minutes of the meeting. City Clerk Presson responds that per AP&P 10-1 which guides the Commission, the last page, 7 of 7, per Council direction at its meeting of 11/7/00, staff is to provide action only minutes for Board and Commission minutes. There is no legal requirement to record what people say on the agenda from members of the public.

Motion made by Commissioner Haar to approve the minutes of 4/29/19. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion approved 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 PRESENTATION FROM CITY OF CHICO FIRE CHIEF

Chief Standridge informed the Commission about what conditions affect fire behavior and discussed fire risk in Bidwell Park.

5.2 PEREGRINE POINT DISC GOLF UPDATE

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) will consider the 2018 biological monitoring report, the 2018 annual report from the Outside Recreation Advocacy Inc, (ORAI), and a status update on the mitigation measures for the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course and Trailhead Area (PPDG).

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resource Manager recommends the Commission:

1. Approve the Park Division funding the 2019 botanical survey to determine fire impacts and to reestablish survey protocols.
2. Accept the 2018 Tree and Rare Plant Monitoring Report and approve the recommendations to conduct the intensive rare plant monitoring every 3-5 years after 2019 and monitor the oak mitigation measures annually.
3. Approve reopening the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course to the public on May 3, 2019.

Scott Layton, Phil Brock, Bobby Ortiz, Dave Piper, Don Hansler addressed the Commission

Commission Haar made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Moore. Friendly amendment by Commissioner Glatz to publicize the opening as opened when complete. Haar accepts the friendly amendment.

Motion carried as 6-0-1 follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Smith Peters

5.3 STATUS REPORT REGARDING NATURE CENTER PROJECT

The Public Works Director- Operations & Maintenance will present a final report and assessment of the hazardous tree and fire fuels reduction project behind the Nature Center in Lower Bidwell Park.

Recommendation: The Public Works Director O&M recommends the Commission:

1. Continue to seek direction from the BPPC Natural Resource Committee for final restoration plans.

2. Acknowledge the Public Works Director's commitment to transfer \$14,561 in mitigation fees from the Park Division budget to the tree planting category of the Tree Division budget; and replant Plant 36 15-gallon replacement trees ensuring survival for 3-years.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to follow recommendation with the revision of planting 39 trees instead of 36 trees. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion carried 7-0 as follows.

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 4/10/19 POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 4/10/19 meeting, the Policy Advisory Committee reviewed the Committee's purpose, previous Committee recommendations, and possible agenda items for the upcoming year. The Committee will report on its priority list of recommended future agenda items for the Commission's consideration.

Recommendation: - the Policy Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that the BPPC approve and direct the Committee to review the following items listed in order of priority:

1. Developing a written policy regarding BPPC review of vegetation management projects
2. Establishing a Policy Handbook
3. Whether it is feasible to establish an Interpretive Ranger program
4. Reviewing and updating the donation and memorial policy

5.5 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 4/11/19 TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 4/11/19 meeting, the Tree Committee considered revisions to the current approved City of Chico Street Tree List for Streets and Parking lots, and the Street Tree Master plan. The Committee will provide a report on these discussions.

Recommendation: None at this time. The Urban Forest Manager requested that these discussions continue to the next Tree Committee meeting

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion carried 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

5.6 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 4/17/19 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 4/17/19 meeting, the Natural Resource Committee (NRC) considered options to renovate the area near the Nature Center and discussed the development of an overall Vegetation Management Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways. The Committee will provide a report on these discussions.

Recommendation: None at this time, the Committee requested that these discussions continue to the next NRC Committee 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.

There was no Business From the Floor speakers.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission’s information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

- 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

Adjourned at 9:39 pm to the next regular meeting on 6/24/19 at **6:00 p.m. (please note new meeting time)** 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
5/17/2019

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Garrett Liles
Scott Grist
Elaina McReynolds
Aaron Haar
Lise Smith Peters

Commissioner not present:

Jeffrey Glatz

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

1.3 Special Recognition – Klean Kanteen

Steve Drew present on behalf of Klean Kanteen and addressed the Commission

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 5/20/19

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF TEICHERT PONDS UPDATE AND PEACE PARK PROPOSAL

At the 2/25/19 BPPC meeting, Dick Cory gave a brief presentation during Business from the Floor about designating Teichert Ponds as a "Peace Park" and making improvements to the pond based on the Teichert Ponds Restoration Habitat Development Plan that was approved in 2008.

At Staff's request, the Commission agreed to move this item to later in the meeting since Mr. Cory had not yet arrived at the meeting.

5.2 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED 2019-20 PARK AND STREET TREE DIVISION BUDGETS

At its 3/25/19 meeting, Staff provided the BPPC draft 2019-20 proposed budgets for the Park and Street Tree Divisions based on the Council adopted 2018-2019 budgets for these Divisions. Staff will update the Commission on the City Manager Recommended 2019-20 budgets that will be considered by the City Council on 5/21/19.

Recommendation: None, this is an informational item only.

Park & Natural Resource Manager and the Urban Forest Manager presented the 2019-20 proposed Park and Street Tree Division Budgets.

Woody Elliot addressed the Commission

Commissioner McReynolds made a motion that the Commission formulate a statement that reflects the support of the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission in that monies be allocated so that there is adequate staff to maintain the park and that the Commission is committed to generating revenue for the park and working as a Commission to that end. Seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Commissioner Moore volunteered to draft and make the statement before the City Council at its meeting on 6/21/19. Commission members agreed and tabled the motion to allow Commissioner Moore to formulate the statement for the Commission's review and approval later in tonight's meeting.

Mr. Cory arrived, and the Commission moved to back to item 5.1 of the agenda,

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Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to provide direction to Staff on future Teichert Ponds projects and consider Mr. Cory's proposal for Teichert Ponds to be recognized and promoted as a City of Chico Peace Park designation.

Park Services Coordinator Romain made a presentation regarding the history and the work that has been done at Teichert Ponds.

Dick Cory made a presentation as to his request for consideration of his Teichert Ponds Peace Park proposal.

Commissioner McReynolds made a motion to refer this to the Natural Resource Committee for further discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

Commissioner Moore announced that she had prepared the following statement to make before the City Council regarding the budget Agenda Item 5.2.

“Speaking on behalf of the Parks Commission representing the Parks Commission want you to know we are committed to increasing revenue for our parks. We have begun to form an ad hoc committee whose sole purpose would be fundraising for our parks. In the meantime, we want to support and all efforts on the Council’s part to increase revenue for our parks, especially staffing levels”

Commissioner McReynolds accepted the statement added as a friendly amendment to her motion previously made for Item 5.2, which was again seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

Commissioner Moore volunteered to make the presentation before the City Council. Commission members agreed.

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 5/8/19 POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

As directed by the BPPC on 4/29/19, the Policy Advisory Committee discussed defining the scope of vegetation management projects or activities that should be considered by the BPPC, and what projects or activities should be considered routine maintenance.

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that the BPPC approve the following:

1. Staff to prepare for BPPC consideration an annual work plan outlining vegetation management activities and projects proposed each year.
2. Status updates on the work plan activities and projects to be provided as part of the BPPC Park and Tree Division reports at the monthly BPPC regular meetings.

Woody Elliot and Robin McCollum addressed the Commission

Commissioner Haar made a motion that 5.3 be approved. Seconded by Commission Liles.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 5/15/19 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 5/15/19 meeting, the Natural Resource Committee (NRC) continued discussion of options to renovate the area near the Nature Center, and discussed the development of an overall Vegetation Management Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways.

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

1. Cordoning off the Nature Center area for now to see what grows in the area and to install signs indicating it is a restoration area.
2. Conducting a survey of the area to develop a baseline vegetation site map.
3. Developing a plan to restore the area as a Valley Oak Woodland demonstration site, with planting to occur in the Fall.
4. Consider planting acorns, seedlings, and 15-gallon trees to determine the effectiveness of the different sized trees.
5. Post signs and notify the Nature Center when spraying herbicides in the area.
6. Once the restoration is complete, developing plant identification signs and other educational components using a portion of the in-lieu tree planting funds.

Robin McCollum addressed the Commission

Commissioner Grist requested that number 2 be amended to add develop a baseline site map and develop workshop for natural resource protection for staff and the public.

Commissioner Haar requested item 7 be added to continuing discussion of ongoing education opportunities programs and partners for the site.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve 5.4 as modified. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner 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.

Robin McCollum addressed the Commission

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

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

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

7.3 Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), if applicable

Woody Elliott addressed the Commission as to 7.1 and 7.2

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 8:56 pm to the next regular meeting on 6/24/19 at **6:00 p.m. (please note new meeting time)** 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

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Garrett Liles
Scott Grist
Elaina McReynolds
Lise Smith Peters
Jeff Glatz

Commissioner not present:

Anna Moore and Aaron Haar

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 5/20/19

Commissioner Smith Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE CHICO NOON ROTARY CLUB TO BUILD AN AMPHITHEATER IN THE CEDAR GROVE MEADOW

The Commission will consider a proposal and draft concept plan from Chico Noon Rotary Club to build an amphitheater in the meadow in the Cedar Grove Picnic Area. The amphitheater is being proposed as part of the Club's 100th Anniversary in 2020.

Recommendation: The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) was requested to provide direction to Staff and the Noon Rotary Club on whether to continue the next step in the development process for this project, which will include public outreach and finalizing the design to be considered by the BPPC at a future meeting.

Tom Snyder Lando, representative from the Chico Noon Rotary Club, made a presentation regarding the proposed amphitheater in Cedar Grove Meadow. Tom Phelps, landscape architect, addressed the Commission on the same subject.

John Merz and Denver Latimer addressed the Commission

Commissioner Glatz made a motion to approve moving forward with the project with the additional condition that the Club look at alternative sites in Bidwell Park as well. Second by Commissioner Liles

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT TO HOLD A SHAKESPEAREAN PERFORMANCE IN CEDAR GROVE MEADOW FROM 10/3/19 to 11/3/19.

Erin Hurst from Legacy Stage (applicant), requests to hold a Shakespearean performance in the Cedar Grove Meadow four evenings a week on Thursday through Sunday, starting on October 3, 2019 to November 3, 2019. The reservation request is from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night, with the actual performances being held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 or 10: p.m.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

Erin Hurst addressed the Commission regarding the application for the permit to hold a Shakespearean Performance in Cedar Grove Meadow.

Commissioner Glatz made a motion to approve the Permit. Second by Commissioner Grist

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 6/19/19 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 6/19/19 meeting, the Natural Resource Committee (NRC) discussed the following agenda items:

5.2.1 Consideration of Survey of The Vegetation in The Nature Center Area

The Natural Resource Committee (NRC) considered a baseline survey of the vegetation in the Nature Center area performed by Dempsey Vegetation Management and recommended actions for this area.

Recommendation: That the Committee recommend BPPC approval of the immediate treatment of the nonnative invasive weeds in the Nature Center Area until a restoration plan is developed.

Commissioner Grist made a motion to approve the immediate treatment of the nonnative invasive weeds in the Nature Center area performed by Dempsey Vegetation Management and recommended actions for this area. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

John Merz addressed the Commission

5.2.2 Consideration of A 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan

The Committee considered a draft 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways. The Work Plan lists the types of nonnative and invasive plants and trees targeted at each location and the proposed control methods that may be used over the year.

Recommendation: None at this time, the Committee requested more information and continued this item to their next 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.

No Business from the Floor

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

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

8. COMMISSION REQUESTS

Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the commission will be needed in order to agendize these items for discussion at a future meeting. If agendized, public comment will be taken at that meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted for these items.

- 8.1 Commissioner Glatz requests to agendize discussion regarding urgent needs in City Parks and the public survey conducted by the Chico Area Recreation District.

Motion to agendize discussion regarding urgent needs in City Parks and the public survey conducted by the Chico Area Recreation District. Seconded by Commissioner Liles.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:15 pm to the next regular meeting on 7/29/19 at **6:00 p.m. (please note new meeting time)** 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

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
July 29, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Scott Grist
Jeff Glatz
Lise Smith Peters
Aaron Haar
Elaina McReynolds

Commissioner not present:

Garrett Liles

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 7/29/19

Commissioner Smith Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Haar

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT FOR BUTTE COUNTY PRAYS WORSHIP/PRAYER EVENT IN CITY PLAZA (50 HOURS)

Derrick Sanderson, from Butte County Prays (Applicant), requests a permit to hold a 50-hour, multiple day worship/prayer event at City Plaza from October 17, 2019 to October 19, 2019. This event is part of a larger event called Awaken the Dawn/Tent America scheduled to be held in 1,000 cities across the nation.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

Derrick Sanderson, Andrew Burchett, Gaylord Enns addressed the Commission

Commissioner McReynolds requested a follow-up report on the outcome of the event be prepared by the representatives of the group so that the Commission can learn from this event.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve Item 5.1 - Permit for Butte County Prays Worship/Prayer Event in City Plaza. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

NOES: None

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICO AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT (CARD) TO LEASE THE CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER.

Commissioner Haar recused himself from this item and left the room.

In October 2018, the Chico Creek Nature Center (CCNC) non-profit provided notice of its intent to dissolve. The City has worked with the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) to transfer operations of the Center to CARD through a new lease agreement. The BPPC will also consider discharging the CCNC from any further loan obligations for constructing the City's facility (***Report - Chris Constantin, Assistant City Manager***).

Recommendation: The City Manager requests the Bidwell Parks and Playground Commission consider recommending the following actions to the City Council:

1. **Execute New Lease-** Execute a Ground and Property Lease By and Between The City of Chico and the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD);
2. **Accept Old Lease Termination-** Accept Chico Creek Nature Center's lease termination request effective on the date of execution of a Ground and Property Lease with CARD;
3. **Discharge Loan Obligation-** Discharge the Chico Creek Nature Center of any further loan obligation upon execution of a new Ground and Property Lease with CARD and formal termination of rights with the CCNC; and
4. **Authorize Write Off-** Authorize the City to write off the loan balance receivable of \$169,800.

Timmarie Hamill and CARD Director Ann Willman addressed the Commission on this item.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the four recommendations provided in the Staff report and listed above. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

NOES: None

RECUSAL: Commissioner Haar

Commissioner Haar returned to the meeting.

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF A PUBLIC PARK SURVEY AND POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE

At the 6/25/19 meeting, the BPPC approved Commissioner Glatz's request to agendize discussion regarding a recent survey conducted by CARD that identified the public's concerns regarding local parks, and to discuss the urgent needs of Bidwell Park and other City parks. The Commission will review the survey and hear a presentation regarding a feasibility study of a potential sale-tax measure in 2020.

Recommendation: None this is an information item only.

Commissioner Glatz read a statement of his concerns regarding the environmental damage and public safety issues in Bidwell Park and other City parks and waterways.

Commissioner Moore requested statistics regarding crime in the park. Public Works Director O&M stated that report can be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Haar requested the Commission form an Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss raising more revenue for the Park Division to better address the needs of the parks and greenways.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to agendize for the August BPPC meeting whether to form an Ad-hoc Committee or forward to the Policy Advisory Committee discussions regarding revenue generating options for the Park Division. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

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.

There was no business from the floor.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

7.3 Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), *if applicable*

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm to the next regular meeting on 8/26/19 at **6:00 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

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Scott Grist
Jeff Glatz
Lise Smith Peters
Aaron Haar
Elaina McReynolds
Garrett Liles

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith Peters requested to remove Item 2.1.

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 7/29/19.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 7/29/19

Commissioner Smith Peters asked that more breadth and information be recorded in the minutes. Commissioner Smith Peters stated under 5.3 the Assistant City Manager, Chris Constantine, addressed and explained at length the sales tax measure, the parcel tax, etc. as ideas that the City might go forward with for raising revenue. Commissioner Smith Peters also expressed in 5.2, the minutes did not reflect that Timmarie Hamill is with the Stream Team. The other point she wanted to address was that the speakers raised some important points and with action only minutes this information is not reflected in the minutes.

Commissioner Smith Peters requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that the Assistant City Manager, Chris Constantine, provided the presentation on the tax measure and to reflect that Timmarie Hamill was from Stream Team.

Director Gustafson stated if it would be of assistance, he would ask a representative from the City Clerk's office to be present at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Haar to approve the minutes of 7/29/19 with the said changes requested by Commissioner Smith-Peters. Seconded by Chair McReynolds.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

As it is a related item, the Commission moved Agenda Item 8.2, Commissioner Smith-Peter's requested to agendize discussion regarding changing from action only meeting minutes to providing more details in the minutes as the next item of discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Haar to approve Commissioner Smith Peter's request to agendize discussion and allow a representative from the Clerk's office to assist in understanding the process. Seconded by Commission Smith Peters.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TINKERGARTEN NATURE EDUCATION CLASSES IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK FROM 9/09/19 TO 11/23/19.

Emily Thomsen, from Tinkergarten (Applicant), requests a Special Use Permit to hold two approximately 1-hour nature education classes for parents and children ages 18-months to 5 years old in Lower Bidwell Park on Monday's and one class on Saturdays from September 9/9/2019 to November 23. 2019. The Applicant is not requesting exclusive use of any specific area and classes are designed to "leave-no-trace". (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager**)

Motion made by Commissioner Haar to approve the permit. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REVENUE GENERATING OPTIONS

At its 7/29/19 meeting, the BPPC approved agendizing discussion on whether to form a separate Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss increasing revenue options for Bidwell Park and other City parks, or to have the Policy Advisory Committee discuss this matter. **(Verbal BPPC Discussion)**

Member of Chico Friends of the Street, Patrick Newman, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to send this matter to the Policy Advisory Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Commissioner Haar accepted Commissioner Glatz's friendly amendment to the motion to add that immediate issues of the Park also be discussed by the Policy Advisory Committee.

Motion is carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

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.

Member of Chico Friends on the Street, Patrick Newman, and Timmarie Hamill from Stream Team addressed the Commission.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

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

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

7.3 Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), if applicable

8. COMMISSION REQUESTS

Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the commission will be needed in order to agendize these items for discussion at a future meeting. If agendized, public comment will be taken at that meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted for these items.

- 8.1 Commissioner Moore requested to agendize discussion regarding seeking City Council approval to hire a staff person who would be solely dedicated to fundraising.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve 8.1 to agendize discussion regarding approving to hire a staff person who would be solely dedicated to fundraising. Seconded by Smith Peters.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

- 8.2 Commissioner Smith-Peters requested to agendize discussion regarding changing from action only meeting minutes to providing more details in the minutes.

This agenda item was moved under after Item 3 – Items Removed from the Consent Agenda.

- 8.3 Commissioner Grist requested to agendize discussion regarding providing additional restrooms in City Parks.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to agendize discussion regarding providing additional restrooms in City Parks. Seconded by Commissioner Liles.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:12 p.m. to the next regular meeting on **9/30/19** at **6:00 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

9/27/2019

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
September 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Scott Grist
Jeff Glatz
Lise Smith Peters
Aaron Haar
Elaina McReynolds
Garrett Liles

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 8/26/19.

2.2 PERMIT FOR FROST OR FOG 5K, 1/4 MARATHON AND 10 MILE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER PARK ON 1/25/20.

Under the Sun Events requested a permit to host the Frost or Fog race on Saturday, January 25, 2020 that starts at the Five Mile Picnic Area and extends into Middle and Upper Park. This is the 14th year for this race and the Applicant requested that the gate at Horseshoe Lake/Lot E remain closed during the event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Haar to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Liles.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT - None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING THE FORMAT OF THE BPPC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

At its 8/26/19 meeting, the BPPC approved Commissioner Smith Peter's requested to agendize whether to request that the City Council consider changing the regular BPPC meeting minutes from action only minutes to include more details (*Verbal Report presented by Debbie Presson, City Clerk*).

No direction was provided by the Commission.

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 9/11/19 BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) provided a report on the following agenda item that was discussed at its 9/11/19 meeting (*Report presented by Anna Moore, Committee Chair*):

5.2.1 CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE REVENUE OPTIONS FOR CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS

At its 9/11/19 meeting, the PAC discussed potential long-term alternative revenue options for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways. The Committee was also tasked to try to identify revenue sources for immediate needs in the City parks and greenways.

Commissioner Moore made a motion that the PAC continue to discuss the concept of using the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds for Bidwell Park and to recommend a certain percentage of the funds to be requested. Seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS IN CITY PARKS.

At its 8/26/19 meeting, the BPPC approved Commissioner Grist's request to agendize discussion regarding providing additional restrooms in City Parks (*Report - Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager*).

Commissioner Grist addressed the BPPC with his idea to place portable restrooms not only in the parks but also in areas where bike paths commonly cross the creeks, and other high traffic areas along Lindo Channel.

Commissioner Grist suggested the following possible locations for portable restrooms:

- The footbridge over Comanche Creek at Meyers Street,
- The bicycle/footbridge over Lindo Channel at the end of Downing,
- The crossing adjacent to Highway 99 on Lindo Channel,
- The Bridge over Lindo Channel at the Esplanade,
- The bridge over Lindo Channel at the north end of Madrone,
- The bridge over Little Chico Creek at Teichert Ponds,
- The bridge over Big Chico Creek at Annie's Glenn, and
- The bridge over Little Chico Creek at El Monte/Notre Dame.

Jessica Giannola, Sisarie Sherry, Patrick Newman, Nancy Wirtz, Linda Furr, Angela McLaughlin, Scott Huber addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Grist made a motion to expedite placing of the two 24-hour public restrooms previously approved by the City Council at the Transit Center at 2nd and Salem and Depot Park without the decorative panels.

Commissioner Smith Peters requested a friendly amendment to add that the City's contractor Johnnie on the Spot provide the cost on two to eight portable toilets with sites to be determined later. Commissioner Grist accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Glatz requested that the motions be separate items. Smith Peters rescinded her request for a friendly amendment. The previously made motion was separated into two different motions.

Commissioner Grist restated the motion to expedite the placement of the two 24-hour public restroom without the panels. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist,
Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: Commissioner Haar

Commissioner Smith Peters made a motion that staff contact Johnnie on the Spot for the costs to add two to eight portable restrooms on bicycle paths and well used greenway areas.

Commissioner Haar requested to add a friendly amendment that staff research grant funding for creeks and streams. Commissioner Smith Peters accepted the friendly amendment.

Upon request of Commissioner Moore, the friendly amendment is made into a third motion.

Commissioner Smith Peters restated the motion without the friendly amendment from Haar. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar,
Commissioner Smith Peters, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: Commissioner Glatz

Commissioner Haar made a motion to research any grant funding that may be available and identify funding options. Second by Chair McReynolds

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar,
Commissioner Smith Peters, Chair McReynolds

ABSENT: None

NOES: Commissioner Glatz

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.

Patrick Newman, Sienna Cross addressed the Commission.

Commission recessed at 7:30 p.m. for a five-minute break. The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners present.

Business from the Floor continued

Deborah Muth, John Crane, Marybeth Wuethner, Tom Wuerthner addressed the Commission.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

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

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

7.3 Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (*Verbal Report, if applicable*)

- 8.** Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the commission will be needed in order to agendize these items for discussion at a future meeting. If agendized, public comment will be taken at that meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted for these items.

- 8.1** Commissioner Moore requested to agendize sending a letter to the City Council supporting their approval to form the City's Climate Action Commission.

Commissioner Grist made a motion to send a letter to the Council supporting the Climate Action Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters. Commissioner Moore agreed to provide a draft letter for the Commission's review and approval at the next BPPC meeting.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Chair McReynolds, Commissioner Glatz

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

- 8.2** Commissioner McReynolds originally requested to agendize discussion regarding dog leash laws in Bidwell Park, but decided to delay this topic until December or early 2020.

- 8.3** Commissioner Haar requested to agendize discussion regarding the following items:

8.3.1.1 Sending a letter to the City Council requesting an immediate task force to handle disorderly conduct, drugs, vandalism, and environmental degradation in Lower Bidwell Park.

8.3.1.2 The cleanup of trash and encampments along City greenways and creeks, and consideration of fencing as an option to deter this activity.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to agendaize items 8.3.1.1 and 8.3.1.2. Commissioner Glatz offered a friendly amendment to delete Lower Park. Commissioner Moore accepted the friendly amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Chair McReynolds, Commissioner Glatz

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to the next regular meeting on **10/28/19** at **6:00 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

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of October 28, 2019 Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Scott Grist
Jeff Glatz
Aaron Haar
Elaina McReynolds
Garrett Liles

Commissioners absent:

Lise Smith-Peters

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 10/28/19

2.2 SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR SCAVENGER HUNT/HIKE ON TRAILS IN MIDDLE AND UPPER PARK ON 12/07/19.

Rex Winterbottom from Terraloco (Applicant) requested a Special Use Permit to host a scavenger hunt and map orientation event for hikers on trails in Middle and Upper Park on Saturday, December 7, 2019 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This new event will start at Hooker Oak Park and extend into Middle and Upper Park.

John Merz addressed the Commission on behalf of the Friends of Bidwell Park. Richard Muenzer withdrew his request to address the Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Smith Peters

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT - None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 **CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS IN CITY PARKS.**

At its 9/30/19 meeting, the BPPC discussed Commissioner Grist's requested to agendize discussion regarding providing additional restrooms in City Parks and greenways. The BPPC requested that Staff provide information on the costs to place 2 to 8 portable restrooms at various locations on Lindo Channel, Big Chico Creek, and Little Chico Creek. **(Report - Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager).**

Lisa Currier, Sisarie Sherry, Nancy Wirtz, Rose Thoulin, Tami Donnelson, Charles Withuhn, George Deeds, Jesica Giannola, Bryce Goldstein, Richard Muenzer, Lauren Kohler, Steven Breedlove, Chaz Kelley addressed the Commission as a citizen of Chico and not a representative of BEC, Dee Austin, Patrick Newman, Steve Depa, Casey Doran, Rob Berry, Eric Chisler, Robin Indar, and Scott Thompson addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Moore made a motion that more information be gathered by staff for the next meeting as to the best locations in the Park and greenways for four, six, and eight additional portable restrooms. Seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Chair McReynolds

NOES: Commissioner Glatz

ABSENT: Commissioner Smith Peters

The Commission recessed at 7:37 p.m. for a 15-minute break. The meeting was reconvened and all members of the Commission were present.

5.2 **CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING PRIVATE VEHICLE ACCESS BEYOND SALMON HOLE IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK**

At its 3/05/19 meeting, the City Council approved the BPPC's recommendations regarding a phased approach to redesign/repair Upper Park Road and to allow vehicle access to Salmon Hole in Upper Bidwell Park. The Council also directed Staff to continue policy discussions with the BPPC and the public regarding whether to allow private vehicle use beyond Salmon Hole once the repairs to the Upper Park Road are complete. **(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager)**

Julia Keener, John Merz on behalf of Friends of Bidwell Park, Eve Werner, and Patrick Newman addressed the Commission

Commissioner Grist made a motion to not allow private vehicles beyond Salmon Hole. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Smith Peters

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 10/09/19 BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Policy Advisory Committee will provide a report on the following agenda items that were discussed at its 10/09/19 meeting (**Report – Anna Moore, Committee Chair**):

5.3.1 CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTING TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FOR BIDWELL PARK.

At its 10/09/19 meeting, the Policy Advisory Committee discussed whether a portion of the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) could be used for Bidwell Park. It was determined that TOT funds are already used for the Park.

5.3.2 CONSIDERATION OF ADDING ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE REGARDING NO SMOKING AND FIRE RISKS IN CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS.

The Committee considered whether to install additional signage regarding no smoking and other fire risk activities in City parks and greenways.

1. Posting larger signs at main entrances into the Lower Bidwell Park and "No Smoking or Open Fires" at each of the 36 entrances in Lower Bidwell Park, and on some of the interior trails.
2. Posting a phone number to call after office hours to report fires and other major incidents.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to post large signs of the major rules plus the no smoking signs at the main entrance to of the park. Seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Commissioner Glatz requested to make a friendly amendment to post the no smoking immediately and for staff to bring back a design or two for the larger rules and hours signs for approval.

Commissioner Moore accepted the friendly amendment.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz, Chair McReynolds

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Smith Peters

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT LETTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY'S CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION.

At its 9/30/19 meeting, the BPPC discussed Commissioner Moore's request to send a letter to the City Council supporting their approval to form a Climate Action Commission. The BPPC requested Commissioner Moore to draft the letter for the Commission's review and approval at tonight's meeting. (**Verbal Report – Anna Moore, Commissioner**).

Commissioner Moore verbally read the letter to the Commission.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz,
Chair McReynolds

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Smith Peters

6 BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Marybeth Wuerthner, Tom Wuerthner, John Crane, and Patrick Newman addressed the Commission

7 REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 9:01 p.m. to the next regular meeting on 11/25/19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 main street, Chico, California.

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

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Date

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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of November 25, 2019 Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Vice-Chair Haar at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Jeff Glatz
Scott Grist
Aaron Haar
Garrett Liles
Lise Smith Peters

Commissioners absent:

Elaina McReynolds
Anna Moore

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 10/28/19

Motion made by Commissioner Liles to approve the minutes of 10/28/19. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion is carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair McReynolds and Commissioner Moore

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT - None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FOR 11 BLACKSTONE COURT.

Souhel Khalil (Applicant) requested a permit to remove one Sawtooth Oak tree located at 11 Blackstone Court. The Applicant cites fallen debris on the sidewalk and his yard as the 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. (Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)

Urban Forest Manager requested BPPC commission consider and choose one of two presented options.

Option 1. Repeal denial of the tree removal permit. Approve removal of one Sawtooth oak at 11 Blackstone Ct

Option 2: Uphold denial of the tree removal permit.

Addressing the Commission in support of this appeal was the applicant, Souhel Khalil.

Speaking in opposition to the appeal was Charles Withun on behalf of the Chico Tree Advocates.

Motion by Commissioner Smith Peters to uphold the decision. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

The decision was upheld by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair McReynolds and Commissioner Moore

4.2. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FOR 2206 ROBAILEY DRIVE.

Leslie Vermillion (Applicant) requested a permit to remove two Tallow trees located at 2206 Robailey Dr. The Applicant cites water line and driveway damage as well as public safety concerns due to lifting sidewalks 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. (Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)

Urban Forest Manager requested BPPC commission to consider and choose one of two presented options.

Option 1. Repeal in full or in part the denial of the tree removal permit. Approve removal of one or two Tallow trees at 2206 Robailey Dr.

Option 2: Uphold denial of the tree removal permit.

Addressing the Commission in support of this appeal were Richard Vermillion and Leslie Vermillion.

Speaking in opposition to the appeal was Charles Withun on behalf of the Chico Tree Advocates.

Motion made by Commissioner Haar to uphold the decision. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

The decision was upheld by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair McReynolds and Commissioner Moore

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONDUCT BICYCLE TROLLEY TOURS IN BIDWELL PARK

Regi Huber (Applicant) requests a Special Use Permit to conduct educational and historical bicycle trolley tours in Bidwell Park. The Applicant's proposal is to provide approximately 1-hour tours using a 14-passenger pedal driven trolley Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 am to 3 or 4 p.m. The tours will be open to ages from 10 years old to adults and will be conducted from One-Mile to Five Mile Recreation Areas. **(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager)**

Regi Huber addressed the Commission

Motion made by Commissioner Glatz to approve the permit without music or sound. Seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair McReynolds and Commissioner Moore

The BPPC to receive a status report on the trolley service after it has been in place for a few months.

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC'S (PG&E) USE OF CAMBISTAT GROWTH INHIBITOR ON CITY STREET TREES

At its 7/30/18 meeting, staff reported to BPPC on a small-scale trial of the use of Cambistat, a Plant Growth Regulator (PGR) to assist in the management of tree growth in electrical utility right-of-way easements. PG&E and Tree Division are now considering the future use of PGR's as a tool in the management of electric utility easements within the City of Chico. **(Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)**

Dan Blair and Adam Baker presented on behalf of PGE.

Steve Metzger, Tom Wuerthner, Marybeth Wuerthner, John Crane, Robin McCollum, Patrick Newman, and Deborah Muth addressed the Commission

The discussion is continued to 12/16/19 to hear from Rainbow Tree Care.

Commission recessed at 7:48 p.m. for a five-minute break. The meeting reconvened with all Commissioners present.

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS IN CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS.

At its 10/28/19 meeting, the BPPC discussed the feasibility and costs to provide eight additional portable restrooms in City Parks and greenways. The BPPC requested that Staff recommend locations to place 4, 6, and 8 portable restrooms on Lindo Channel, Big Chico Creek, and Little Chico Creek. **(Report - Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager).**

Charles Withuhn and Patrick Newman addressed the Commission

Commissioners Smith Peters and Grist requested further information on the competitive bidding. Commissioner Smith Peters further requested to know what the length is of the contract for the current vendor. Staff to provide the information

Commissioner Grist made a motion to recommend City Council approval of the placing the portable restrooms at the top five locations with the added direction for staff to look diligently for Prop 68 or other grants. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters

NOES: Commissioner Glatz

ABSENT: Chair McReynolds and Commissioner Moore

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 11/20/19 BPPC NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Natural Resource Committee provided a report on the following agenda items that were discussed at its 11/20/19 meeting (*Report – Scott Grist, Committee Chair*):

5.4.1 CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN FOR THE NATURE CENTER AREA

The Committee reviewed a draft plan to restore the tree-clearing area near the Nature Center area in Lower Bidwell Park as a Valley Oak Woodland demonstration site.

5.4.2 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF A VEGETATIVE FUELS MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Committee received an update on the status of the Vegetative Fuels Management Plan for Bidwell Park and City parks and greenways which is funded by a Cal Fire Community Wildfire Prevention grant.

5.4.3 CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE ANNIE BIDWELL TRAIL IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK.

The Committee considered Staff's proposal to make some changes to the western portion of the Annie Bidwell Trail on the south side of Upper Bidwell Park.

5.4.4 UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS FUEL REDUCTION GRANT

The Committee received a report regarding the Shasta Cascade California Conservation Corps (CCCs) grant to provide 8,000 hours of labor to reduce vegetation fuel loads and fire risks in Bidwell Park.

Woody Elliott and Richard Harriman addressed the commission. Mr. Harriman objected to only allowing 3 minutes to speak on 4 subjects.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Woody Elliot and Richard Harriman addressed the Commission.

7 REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission’s information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

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

Woody Elliott addressed the Commission

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 9:14 p.m.to the next regular meeting on 12/16/19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 main street, Chico, California.

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