

**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Megan Thomas Petty  
Anjanette Shadley  
Larry Willis

**Staff Present:**

Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director O&M)  
Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager)  
Shane Romain (Park Services Coordinator)

**1.3. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

Nomination by Commissioner Wolfe for Chair Glatz to continue as Chair. Second by Commissioner Shadley.

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Chair Glatz will continue as Chair.

Nomination by Commissioner Wolfe for Vice-Chair Thomas Petty to continue as Vice-Chair. Second by Commissioner Willis .

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Vice-Chair Thomas Petty will continue as Vice-Chair.

**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 12/14/21

## **2.2. PERMIT TO HOLD A SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCE IN CEDAR GROVE MEADOW FROM JUNE 1, 2022 TO JUNE 11, 2022**

Erin Horst from Legacy Stage (applicant), requested to hold a Shakespearean performance in the Cedar Grove Meadow four evenings a week on Wednesday through Saturday, starting on June 1, 2022, to June 11, 2022. The reservation request is from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night, with the actual performances being held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. The applicant also requested to reserve the Meadow for three additional days for rehearsals.

**Recommendation:** *Staff recommends conditional approval of the permit*

Motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Petty to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

## **3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

## **4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **4.1. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FOR 5 LONDON COURT**

Louise Murad (Applicant) requested a permit to remove one Maple tree located at 5 London Court. The Applicant cites raised sidewalks, broken sprinklers and that the tree was not planted as part of the development. Staff denied the permit as the tree is not dead, dying, or posing a dangerous or defective condition. Per the Chico Municipal Code and at the request of the Applicant, the BPPC considered an appeal of the denied permit. (Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)

**Recommendation:** The Urban Forest Manager requested that Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) make a determination to a) Uphold the denial of the tree removal permit or b) Grant approval to remove the tree with any conditions deemed appropriate.

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No public comment was made on this appeal.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe to uphold the denial of the tree removal permit. Second by Commissioner Willis.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

#### **4.2. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL AT 680 CAMELLIA WAY**

Mr. Bracewell requested the removal Hackberry tree located at the end of Camellia Way adjacent to the Newton-Bracewell Funeral Home. Mr. Bracewell cited sidewalk and sprinkler damage as well as fruit debris falling onto the sidewalk and vehicles as justification for removal. Staff denied the removal as the tree is not dead, dying, or posing a dangerous or defective condition. Per the Chico Municipal Code and at the request of the Applicant, the BPPC considered an appeal of the denied removal. (*Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager*)

**Recommendation:** The Urban Forest Manager requested that BPPC make a determination to a) Uphold the denial of the tree removal or b) Grant approval to remove the tree with any conditions deemed appropriate.

Commissioner Willis recused himself from this item.

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Bob Bracewell addressed the Commission.  
Robin McCollum addressed the Commission.

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Motion was made by Vice-Chair Thomas Petty to uphold the denial of the removal. A substitute motion was made by Chair Glatz to stay the Commission's decision on this matter for six months to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation procedures. Commissioner Thomas-Petty accepted the substitute motion and withdrew her original motion. Shadley seconded Chair Glatz' substitute motion.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley

NOES: Commissioner Alexander

RECUSED: Commissioner Willis

ABSENT: None

#### **5. REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **5.1. UPDATE REGARDING CSU, CHICO'S NEW BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING AND NEED FOR AN OPEN SPACE EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND**

The BPPC received an update from Staff on the University's plans to demolish their existing Physical Sciences Building that is located adjacent to Children's Playground and to build a new Behavior and Social Sciences Building. Due to State Fire regulations, an open space easement over a portion of the western side of Children's Playground is required for the project, which was approved by the City Council on 10/19/22. (*Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager*)

**Recommendation:** The Urban Forest Manager was seeking direction from the Commission on the University's request to remove four trees as part of the project.

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Ryan Caldwell addressed the Commission.  
Robin McCollum addressed the Commission.

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A motion was made by Chair Glatz to continue with the Council approved easement and to approve the removal of the four trees, if necessary. Commissioner Willis seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**5.2. UPDATE ON A PROPOSAL TO RESTORE NATIVE FISH PASSAGE ON BIG CHICO CREEK AT THE IRON CANYON FISH LADDER IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK**

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission received an update on renewed interest in restoring the Iron Canyon Fish Ladder in Upper Bidwell Park to allow fish passage, such as spring run Chinook salmon, steelhead, and other native species, to access upstream holding, spawning, and rearing habitats on Big Chico Creek. (*Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager*)

**Recommendation:** The Parks & Natural Resources Manager recommended that the BPPC consider supporting the new proposed Iron Canyon Fish Project and the pursuit of grant funding.

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Eli Goodsell addressed the Commission.  
Curtis Anderson addressed the Commission.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Willis to support the new proposed project. Commissioner Shadley seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**5.3. APPROVAL OF THE 2022 BPPC MEETING CALENDAR**

The Commission was requested to approve the proposed BPPC regular meeting dates for 2022.

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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Motion was made by Chair Glatz to move the proposed November 21, 2022 meeting to the 28<sup>th</sup> and approve the rest of the meeting dates as presented. Commissioner Wolfe seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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

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Pamela Hospers addressed the Commission.

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## **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**

## **8. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the Commission is needed in order to agendize these items for discussion at a future meeting. At this meeting, public comment may be taken only whether to agendize these items. If approved to be agendized, public comment regarding the items themselves will be taken at a future BPPC meeting.

**8.1.** By email dated 2/21/22, Commissioner Glatz requests to agendize discussion regarding allowing free permits to play acoustic music in the downtown City Plaza.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shadley to agendize this topic for a future meeting. Vice-Chair Thomas Petty seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**8.2.** By email dated 2/24/22, Commissioner Glatz requests to agendize whether to allow a mobile coffee shop to set up at Sycamore Pool in the mornings.

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis to agendize this topic for a future meeting. Commissioner Wolfe seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:51 pm to the next regular BPPC meeting on March 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Kathleen Collier, Administrative Assistant  
Distribution: BPPC

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Date

**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
MARCH 28, 2022 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Megan Thomas Petty  
Anjanette Shadley  
Larry Willis

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Kathleen Collier (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 2/28/22.

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Petty to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CHICO EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION TO LIMIT PUBLIC VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE HORSE ARENA AREA**

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) considered a request from the Chico Equestrian Association (CEA) that the gate to the Horse Arena area be closed to non-member

vehicles, except during the required public use periods. (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager**)

**Recommendation:** The Park & Natural Resources Manager recommended that the BPPC approve CEA's request.

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A motion was made by Chair Glatz to approve CEA's request. Commissioner Wolfe seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

## **5.2. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS REGARDING PARK RULES**

At its 2/10/22 meeting, the Chico City Council approved Mayor Coolidge's request to direct the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) to review certain park rules and Chico Municipal Code (CMC) regulations. The Commission began its review of the Chico Municipal Code regulations regarding the pertinent topics for potential revisions: (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager**)

**Recommendation:** Park & Natural Resource Manager recommended that the BPPC review the list of CMC Sections and provide direction to Staff or recommendations to the City Council.

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Willis to hold off on a speed limit change in the park until a traffic survey could be completed. Commissioner Willis subsequently withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe for the City to conduct a traffic survey, including e-bikes, of Lower Bidwell Park. Commissioner Willis seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Vice Chair Thomas Petty to reduce the speed limit in Lower Bidwell Park to 15 mph. Chair Glatz seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, and Chair Glatz.



NOES: Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis.

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Chair Glatz to include Upper Bidwell Park in the traffic survey. Commissioner Shadley seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Shadley, Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Wolfe, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: Vice Chair Thomas Petty and Commissioner Willis.

ABSENT: None

**5.3. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR GLATZ'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS ALLOWING FREE PERMITS TO PLAY ACOUSTIC MUSIC IN CITY PLAZA**

At its 2/28/22 meeting, the BPPC approved Chair Glatz's request to consider issuing free permits to play acoustic music in the downtown City Plaza. ***(Report – Chair Glatz)***

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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Commission requested research/outreach with the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) regarding daily events at City Plaza.

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Commissioner Wolfe left the meeting.

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**5.4. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR GLATZ'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS ALLOWING A MOBILE COFFEE SHOP OR CART AT SYCAMORE POOL AREA IN LOWER PARK**

At its 2/28/22 meeting, the BPPC approved Chair Glatz's request to consider allowing a mobile coffee shop or cart at Sycamore Pool Area in the One Mile Recreation Area in Bidwell Park. ***(Report – Chair Glatz)***

Motion made by Commissioner Shadley to go out to bid for a coffee shop or cart in One Mile (separate from the existing concession agreement). Commissioner Willis seconded.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Wolfe

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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Tim Edwards addressed the Commission.

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**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**

Motion made by Commissioner Alexander for Staff to provide a list of any Park and Greenway items on which ARPA funds have been spent. Commissioner Willis seconded.

Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Wolfe

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:26 pm to the next regular BPPC meeting on April 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Kathleen Collier, Administrative Assistant  
Distribution: BPPC

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Date

**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
APRIL 25, 2022 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Anjanette Shadley  
Larry Willis

**Commissioners Absent:**

Megan Thomas Petty

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager)  
Kathleen Collier (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 3/28/22.

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Commissioner Wolfe to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Thomas Petty

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. CONTINUED REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS REGARDING PARK RULES**

At its 3/28/22 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission reviewed the Chico Municipal Code regulations regarding bicycle and traffic safety in Bidwell Park. On 4/25/22 the Commission continued its review of the CMC codes regarding noise, signage, and open carried weapons. **(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager)**

**Recommendation:** Park & Natural Resources Manager recommended that the BPPC review the remaining list of CMC Sections and provide direction to Staff or recommendations to the City Council.

Chair Glatz requested Staff create a bullet-point list of Chico Municipal Code (CMC) noise related codes to provide to the Rangers and the Police Department to help with enforcement.

Chair Glatz also requested Staff prepare bullet-point items to discuss with City Council regarding enforcement of weapons and other park related CMC revisions.

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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#### **5.2. CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT OPTION FOR COFFEE VENDORS AT SYCAMORE POOL AREA IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK**

At its 3/28/22 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) considered Chair Glatz's request that coffee vendors be allowed in the Sycamore Pool area in Lower Bidwell Park. The Commission approved the concept and directed staff to proceed with obtaining bids for the vending service. On 4/25/22 the Commission considered another option of issuing vend, peddle, hawk permits for this purpose instead of a competitive bid process. **(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager)**

**Recommendation:** Park & Natural Resource Manager recommended that the BPPC consider using the vend, peddle, hawk permit process for the coffee vending, or provide other direction to staff.

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Shadley to move forward using the City's current vend, peddle, hawk permit as an example. The motion included waiving the permit fee for 90 days, with the total term of the permit to be one year. Commissioner Wolfe seconded.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Commissioner Shadley and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Thomas Petty

Staff suggested bringing to a future meeting a permit example, adjusted to Park use, as well as more information regarding the proposal process.

#### **5.3. REPORT ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING**

At its 3/28/22 meeting, Commissioner Alexander requested a list of any park and greenway related projects that may have received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Commission was

provided a fund summary of the revenues and expenses for these funds. (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager**)

**Recommendation:** None, this was an informational item only.

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** – There was no Business from the Floor.

**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**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:16 pm to the next regular BPPC meeting on May 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Kathleen Collier, Administrative Assistant  
Distribution: BPPC

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Date

**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
MAY 23, 2022 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:01 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Megan Thomas Petty  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Larry Willis

**Commissioners Absent:**

Anjanette Shadley  
Jesse Alexander

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager)  
Kathleen Collier (Administrative Assistant)  
Colleen Lazzaretto (Administrative Analyst)

**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 4/25/22.

**2.2. PERMIT FOR HEART & SOLE: RUN FOR WELLNESS – OAK GROVE A & B (3/25/23)**

Enloe Medical Center (Applicant) requested to reserve One Mile Picnic/Barbeque Area, Oak Grove A and Oak Grove B, on March 25, 2023, for their annual event, Heart & Sole: Run for Wellness. Along with this reservation, Enloe Medical Center requested to use Sycamore Field for a helicopter landing.

**Recommendation:** Conditional approval.

**2.3. PERMIT TO RESERVE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE FIV-MILE RECREATION AREA FOR A WEDDING (10/29/22)**

Applicant Elizabeth Hill requested to reserve a portion on the north side of the Five-Mile Recreation Area in Middle Park for a wedding from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on October 29, 2022. Commission approval was required for this private event because the north side of Five-Mile is not designated as an exclusive use reservation area.

**Recommendation:** Conditional approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Petty to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. CONSIDERATION OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO HOLD “COLOR RUN” FUNDRAISERS IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK**

The Commission considered two applications to hold benefit 5K “color runs” in Lower Bidwell Park in which runners run through several stations where they are bombarded with colored powder. The two applicants were Prestige Assisted Living at Chico and the Salvation Army (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager**)

**Recommendation:** Park & Natural Resources Manager requested BPPC direction regarding these two permit applications.

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Lt. Jeff Boyd and Carolyn Neeley addressed the Commission.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Willis to approve both permit applications.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe

NOES: Commissioner Willis, Chair Glatz and Vice-Chair Thomas Petty

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Commissioner Thomas-Petty to approve the application by Prestige Assisted Living. The Salvation Army’s application would be held and considered again at the August 2022 BPPC meeting.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Commissioner Willis

NOES: Chair Glatz

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley

**5.2. FINAL REVIEW OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON REVISIONS TO THE CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PARK RULES**

As directed by the City Council, the Commission had been reviewing park regulations concerning park closing times, noise, bike and traffic safety and other items. The Commission reviewed its final recommendations to the City Council regarding potential revisions to the Chico Municipal Code. (*Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager*)

**Recommendation:** Review and approval of the following recommendations to the City Council:

1. Designating all City Parks as Drug Free Zones
2. Changing the closing time for City parks and greenways from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
3. Reducing the speed limit now for vehicles and bicycles in Lower Bidwell Park from 20 mph to 15mph.
4. Conducting a traffic analysis of Lower Bidwell Park to include reviewing e-bike use and Upper Bidwell Park.
5. Staff providing more specific information to the Rangers and the Police Department on the current CMC noise related codes.
6. Installing the new rules signs after the no camping restrictions are enforced.
7. *Weapons (Added to list at the request of Chair Glatz).*

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Willis to approve numbers 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 on the above list.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley

Motion was made by Chair Glatz and seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Petty to have the City Council and City Attorney review regulations regarding weapons.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, and Vice-Chair Thomas Petty

NOES: Commissioner Willis

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley

Motion was made by Chair Glatz and seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Petty to reconsider Park closing hours and to change the closing hour to Dusk to Dawn.

The motion failed with a tie vote as follows:

AYES: Chair Glatz and Vice-Chair Thomas Petty

NOES: Commissioner Wolfe and Commissioner Willis

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley



**5.3. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2022-23 PARK AND STREET TREE DIVISION OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

Staff provided the proposed Parks and Street Tree Division operating and capital project budgets for fiscal year 2022-23, which was reviewed and preliminarily approved by the City Council at its 5/17/22 meeting. (*Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager*)

**Recommendation:** None, this was an informational item only.

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There were no comments from the public on this item.

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**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** – There was no Business from the Floor.

**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**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:19 pm to the next regular BPPC meeting on June 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Kathleen Collier, Administrative Assistant  
Distribution: BPPC

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Date

**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
JUNE 27, 2022 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Megan Thomas Petty  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Larry Willis

**Commissioners Absent:**

Anjanette Shadley  
Jesse Alexander

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Kathleen Collier (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 5/23/22.

**2.2. PERMIT FOR BIDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE – CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND (7/25/22 TO 7/28/22)**

Applicant Marquita Goodman, from the Bidwell Presbyterian Church, is requesting to reserve the Children’s Playground for their annual Vacation Bible Experience event from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on 7/25/22 through 7/28/22. This event will host children from kindergarten through 8th grade. This event requires Commission approval because it is for multiple days.

**Recommendation: Conditional approval.**

**2.3 PERMIT TO RESERVE THE PICNIC SITE 9 IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK FOR A WEDDING (9/03/22)**

Applicant Sondra Williams is requesting to reserve Picnic Site 9, which is on the north side of South Park Drive in the no vehicle section of Lower Park for a wedding from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday September 3, 2022. Commission approval is required for this private event because this picnic site is not currently a reservable area.

**Recommendation: Conditional approval.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Willis to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A MASCOT FOR BIDWELL PARK AND OTHER CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS.**

At its 10/25/22 meeting, the Commission approved developing a friendly mascot to assist in conveying park rules and other important information to the public. Chair Glatz was assigned to this task and is presenting a proposal to develop and implement a new mascot and public outreach campaign. (*Report –Jeff Glatz, BPPC Chair*)

**Recommendation: Park & Natural Resources Manager requests BPPC direction regarding the mascot proposal.**

Chair Glatz provided a proposal to retain staff from the Upper Park Clothing Company to develop a mascot and educational campaign for Bidwell Park at a cost of \$10,000.

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There were no comments from the public on this item

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The Commission discussed the high cost and directed Chair Glatz to come back with possible other options, such as using Butte College or CSU, Chico students to develop the mascot.

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – There was no Business from the Floor.**

**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**

**8. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

8.1. The Commission considered Chair Glatz's request to agendaize discussion on the following items:

- A. Bell requirements for bicycles in Bidwell Park
- B. Propane use in City parks and greenway

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Thomas-Petty and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to agendaize both items for discussion at a future meeting.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Chair Glatz, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Commissioner Willis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:31 p.m. to the next regular BPPC meeting on July 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager

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Date

Distribution: BPPC

CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
AUGUST 29, 2022 MEETING

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Megan Thomas Petty  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Larry Willis

**Commissioners Absent:**

Anjanette Shadley

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager)

**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 6/27/22.

**2.2. PERMIT FOR THE BIDWELL BUMP MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER BIDWELL PARK ON 10/08/22.**

Shawn Hughes from Bidwell Bump (Applicant) requested a permit to hold a mountain bike race in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park on October 8, 2022. This event has been held in Bidwell Park for over 12 years and the Park & Natural Resources Manager (P&NRM) is requesting that the event be approved for three years until 2024.

**Recommendation:** *Conditional approval of the permit for three years provided that there are no significant changes to the event in the future.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Thomas-Petty to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT** – NONE

4. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** – NONE

5. **REGULAR AGENDA**

5.1. **CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FROM CHICO STATE CYCLING TO HOLD MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK ON 10/22/22 AND 10/23/22.**

Chico State Cycling (Applicant) requested a permit to hold two-day mountain bike races in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park. Commission approval is required for this event because it is a new multi-day event to be held in a typically non-reservable area. (***Report –Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager***)

**Recommendation: P&NRM requests conditional approval or other BPPC direction.**

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Shawn Hughes provided comments on this item.

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Chair Glatz asked Mr. Hughes if he would be willing to advise and help Chico State Cycling with this event in which Mr. Hughes agreed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Thomas-Petty to approve the park permit, with the condition that the applicant work with Shawn Hughes who has experience with these types of events.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

5.2. **RECONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO HOLD A “COLOR RUN” IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.**

At its 5/23/22 meeting, the Commission considered two applications to hold “color run” fundraisers in Lower Bidwell Park. The Commission approved the application from Prestige Assisted Living in Chico to hold in July 2022 as a test run, with the application from Salvation Army to be reconsidered at the Commission’s August meeting. (***Report –Linda Herman, P&NRM***)

**Recommendation:** Park & Natural Resources Manager requests BPPC direction regarding the color run application.

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Applicant Lieutenant Boyd provided additional information on this event.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Commissioner Wolfe to approve the park permit.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

**5.3. PRESENTATION FROM THE BUTTE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL ON THE URBAN FOREST REVITALIZATION TREE-PLANTING PROGRAM.**

The Butte Environmental Council provided a presentation on the tree planting and outreach program required under the Cal Fire Urban Forest Revitalization grant. **(Report –Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)**

**Recommendation:** None, this was an informational item only.

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There were no public comments on this item.

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**5.4. PRESENTATION FROM DUDEK ON THE DRAFT URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN.**

The City's consultant, DUDEK provided an introduction and overview of the Draft Urban Forest Master Plan for Chico. This presentation also started the public comment period for the Plan. **(Report –Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)**

**Recommendation:** None, this was an informational item only.

Chair Glatz inquired on whether the Planning Commission would be reviewing the Draft Plan and Staff responded that it will be shared with the Commission and ultimately presented to the City Council for approval.

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There were no public comments on this item.

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**5.5. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR GLATZ'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS BELL REQUIREMENTS ON BICYCLES AND BANNING PROPANE USE IN CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS.**

At its 6/27/22 meeting, the Commission approved Chair Glatz's request to agendize discussion of requiring bells on bicycles when riding in Bidwell Park and to consider banning the use of propane in City parks and greenways. (Report – Chair Glatz).

**Recommendation:** Park & Natural Resources Manager requests BPPC direction regarding these topics.

Due to the lateness of the meeting, this item was pulled by Chair Glatz to be discussed at the Commission's September meeting.

**5.6. CONSIDERATION OF REMOVING THE FENCING AROUND THE DEER PENS IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.**

The Commission considered a proposal to remove the wire fencing around the deer pens and to replace a portion with split rail fencing. **(Report –Linda Herman, P&NRM).**

**Recommendation:** Park & Natural Resources Manager recommends approval of the proposal.

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There were no public comments on this agenda item.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Chair Glatz to approve the removal of the fencing as proposed by Staff.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** – There was no Business from the Floor.

**7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Items provided for the Commission’s information and discussion. No action was taken on any of the items.

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

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

**8. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

**8.1.** The Commission considered Vice Chair Thomas-Petty’s request to agendize discussion on the Dark Sky Initiative in support of the Chico Community Observatory.

A motion was made by Chair Glatz and seconded by Commissioner Willis to agendize this item for discussion at a future meeting.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:34 p.m. to the next regular BPPC meeting on September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager

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Date

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**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Megan Thomas Petty  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Larry Willis

**Commissioners Absent:**

Anjanette Shadley

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager)  
Shane Romain (Assistant Park Manager)

**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 8/29/22.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Willis to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONDUCT LLAMA DAY HIKES IN BIDWELL PARK.**

Steven McFarland from Happy Homestead Llamas (Applicant) requested a special use permit to hold guided llama hikes in Upper Bidwell Park from November to April each year. Commission approval was required for this event because it is a new multi-day activity to be held in a non-reservable area. (*Report –Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager*)

**Recommendation:** The Park & Natural Resources Manager (P&NRM) requested conditional approval or other BPPC direction.

Staff provided a report regarding this request. The applicant Steven McFarland also provided more information on his request and the characteristics of llamas.

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Chair Glatz asked what was is the requested term of the Special Use Permit and P&NRM suggested perhaps year. Commissioner Willis suggested a two-year initial term.

The P&NRM also restated the permit conditions listed in the Staff Report, which included not allowing hikes when trails are closed due to wet weather and other conditions. Mr. McFarland stated his opinion that llamas are low impact due to having pads and not hooves and that they do not cause the same damage as horses or mountain bikes.

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There were no other public comments regarding this item.

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Commissioner Thomas Petty supported Staff's position to not allow the hikes when trails are closed, but that perhaps this decision could be evaluated after a year of guided hikes.

Commissioner Wolfe asked if the Commission would be willing to not wait for a year and to re-evaluate this policy after the first llama hiking season.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Thomas-Petty to approve the special use permit for a two year term, and that the decision to not allow the hikes when trails are closed be reevaluated in April or May of 2023.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

## **5.2. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR GLATZ'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS BELL REQUIREMENTS ON BICYCLES AND BANNING PROPANE USE IN CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS.**

At its 6/27/22 meeting, the Commission approved Chair Glatz's request to agendize discussion of requiring bells on bicycles when riding in Bidwell Park and to consider banning the use of propane in City parks and greenways. (Report – Chair Glatz).

**Recommendation:** The P&NRM requested BPPC direction regarding these topics.

Chair Glatz provided his ideas and reasoning on wanting these two items to be considered and approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Alexander stated that an existing Chico Municipal Code section already restricts the use of propane tanks to only in designated BBQ areas and prohibits its use in all other areas in City Parks greenways.

Chair Glatz acknowledged this and withdrew his request for further action on propane use.

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Karen Laslo provided comments via email dated 9/25/22 regarding requiring bells on bicycles.

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Commissioner Thomas-Petty asked Staff if there was a possibility that a dedicated bike or pedestrian lane on Petersen and South Park Drives could be recommended as part of the Lower Bidwell Park speed and traffic analysis currently being conducted by a consultant. Staff responded that yes this is one of the possibilities.

Chair Glatz made a motion to recommend the City Council approve amending the Chico Municipal Code to require bells on bicycles. The motion was not seconded and failed.

**5.3. CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A COFFEE VENDOR AT SYCAMORE POOL AREA IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.**

At its 4/25/22 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) approved using the City's current Vend Peddle Hawk permit process to solicit a vendor to sell coffee and other items in the Sycamore Pool area in Lower Bidwell Park. The Commission reviewed the proposed permit application, criteria, and approval process.

**Recommendation:** P&NRM recommended that the BPPC approve the permit application and the proposed vendor selection criteria or provide other direction.

The Park & Natural Resources Manager provided a report outlining the revised vend peddle hawk permit application that was revised for this type of park permit purpose, and also discussed the potential criteria the Commission could use to determine a potential coffee service vendor.

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There were no public comments on this item.

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It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the coffee permit application and process.

**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.

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Jared Geizer representing the local Audubon Society provided comments in support of the Commission's future Dark Sky Initiative discussion.

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**7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

Items provided for the Commission's information and discussion. No action was taken on any of the items.

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

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

After reviewing the Parks Division report, Commissioner Alexander said that he would like to somehow recognize the many volunteers at a BPPC meeting in the future.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, P&NRM advised the Commission that their next regular meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2022, which is Halloween. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to reschedule the October meeting to Monday, October 24, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to the next regular BPPC meeting on October 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager

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Date

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CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
OCTOBER 24, 2022 MEETING

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Thomas Petty at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Megan Thomas Petty  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Larry Willis

**Commissioners Absent:** Jeff Glatz and Anjanette Shadley

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resources Manager)

**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 9/26/22.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alexander.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, and Vice-Chair Thomas Petty,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Glatz and Commissioner Shadley.

**\*\*\* Commissioner Shadley joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.\*\*\***

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM CSU, CHICO TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BIDWELL BOWL AMPHITHEATER.**

The Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) was informed of California State University, Chico's (CSUC) plans to build a new Behavior and Social Sciences Building near Children's Playground, and the need for an open space easement on a portion of the playground property to meet State Fire Code. The easement was approved by the City Council and as compensation for the easement CSUC agreed to manage and make improvements to the Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater. Staff also told the BPPC that more detailed plans/designs for the Bidwell Bowl would be brought back to the Commission for review once they were available.

**Recommendation:** The Park & Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) requested BPPC to provide comments, if any, on the proposed Bidwell Bowl improvements.

Staff provided a report regarding this construction project and proposed improvements.

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Nicole Nava provided public comments on this item.

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Commissioners voiced their support of the improvements being proposed.

## **5.2. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CHICO AREA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENT TO HOOKER OAK PARK.**

The Chico Area Recreation & Park District (CARD), which has a long-term City lease for use of Hooker Oak Recreation Area in Middle Bidwell Park, requested the BPPC's approval to resurface the basketball courts, and to replace the lights on two of the ballfields and one of the aging existing playground structures in the park.

**Recommendation:** The Park & Natural Resources Director recommended approval of these improvements.

The Park & Natural Resources Manager provided a report outlining CARD's request to make improvements at Hooker Oak Park in Bidwell Park.

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Nicole Nava provided comments on this item.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Willis and seconded by Commissioner Wolfe to approve the proposed improvements.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley and Vice-Chair Thomas Petty,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair 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.

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Julie Keener provided public comments regarding Upper Park Road vehicle access beyond Diversion Dam. Nicole Nava commented on the state of Caper Acres restrooms and other park facilities.

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Commissioner Wills asked if the Parks Division has a Capital Improvement Program or schedule for the restrooms and other park facilities. P&NR responded that Staff is working on developing one using new software that was recently purchased by the City.

Although the City Council previously approved vehicle access beyond Diversion Dam two days a week, Commissioner Alexander requested that Upper Park Road vehicle access be discussed again at a future BPPC meeting.

**7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

Items provided for the Commission’s information and discussion. No action was taken on any of the items.

**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**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to the next regular BPPC meeting on November 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager

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Date

Distribution: BPPC

**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
DECEMBER 12, 2022 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Megan Thomas Petty  
Jesse Alexander  
Nancy Wolfe  
Larry Willis  
Jeff Glatz  
Anjanette Shadley

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager (P&NRM)  
Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager (UFM)

**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 10/24/22.

**2.2. PERMIT FOR THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS EVENT IN OAK GROVE A & B IN THE ONE MILE RECREATION AREA ON 10/14/23.**

Heaven Wood (Applicant) is requesting permission to set up their event in Oak Grove A & B on Friday, 10/13/23 starting at 4:00p.m., which is the day before the actual event on 10/14/23. The Applicant is also requesting the gate at Woodland Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street to remain closed from 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. on 10/13/22. Current policy is that gates will remain closed beyond normal opening time for events with 1000 or more participants.

**Recommendation:** Conditional approval of the permit.

**2.3. PERMIT FOR FROST OR FOG 5K, 1/4 MARATHON AND 10 MILE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER PARK ON 1/21/2023.**

Under the Sun Events requests a permit to host the Frost or Fog race on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 7 am to 1:00 p.m., which starts and ends at the Five Mile Recreation Area and extends into Middle and Upper Park.

**Recommendation:** Conditional approval of the permit



A motion was made by Commissioner Willis to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolfe.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Shadley, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1. UPDATE ON THE URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN.**

At its 8/29/22 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) received a presentation from the City's consultant Dudek on the preparation of an Urban Forest Master Plan for Chico. The Urban Forest Manager will provide an update on the Draft plan and the schedule for public comment and approval.

**Recommendation:** None, this is an information item only

The UFM discussed the Draft Urban Forest Master Plan and announced the 30-day public comment period for the plan. The public comment period is scheduled to end on 1/12/23.

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There was no action taken by the Commission or public comments on this item.

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**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.

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Julie Keener provided public comments regarding Upper Park Road vehicle access beyond Diversion Dam.

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Although the City Council previously approved vehicle access beyond Diversion Dam two days a week, Commissioner Alexander requested that Upper Park Road vehicle access be discussed at the next BPPC meeting.

**7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

The following items were provided for the Commission's information only.

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

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

The Commissioners requested a discussion on potential park related capital projects that could possibly be funded with Measure H funds.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. to the next regular BPPC meeting on January 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager

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Date

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