

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from Regular Meeting of December 22, 2003

Commissioner Mills had questions about recommendations mentioned at top of page 4 and needs more information about actions mentioned at top of page 5. Staff will check the video and bring the amended minutes to the February meeting.

b. Application and Permit Request from the Chico Area Recreation and Park District for the 2004 CARD Annual Community Campout, 5:00 p.m. July 10, 2004 until 10:00 a.m. July 11, 2004 - Hooker Oak Recreation Area

Commissioner Walker said he thought the camp would be at the One Mile Recreation Area. Park Director Beardsley said other sites had been discussed, but CARD now agrees to Hooker Oak.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.
COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. Review and Discuss Commercial Filming in Bidwell Park

Commissioner Mills sees television commercials filmed in Bidwell Park and thinks the producers should be paying a fee. Others doing public service events pay a fee, but not those using the park for commercial use. Urban Forester Boza said Section 12R08.030 of Chico Municipal Code reads that the public must get a permit and pay a fee for a public event and that commercial use is considered a public event. The problem is with enforcement of the code and staff is not always aware the filming is being done.

From the public, Kaivan Farahmand said he has not yet filmed in the park but thinks there should be no fee if one is not renting a space for exclusive use.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO DIRECT THIS ISSUE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION. COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION

WHICH FAILED 2-4-1. AYES: MILLS AND SCHWAB; NOES: WALKER, CANDELA, SCHREIBER AND LUCAS; UNDECIDED: WOODS.

3. **Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of January 7, 2004
(Commissioners Candela, Walker and Lucas)**

a. **Review and consideration of programs by the Chico Area Recreation and Park District utilizing the One Mile Recreation Area for various youth recreation programs**

CARD and Chico Creek Nature Center are working together on coordinating their individual uses for One Mile Recreation Area.

b. **Discussion of concepts and ideas for the area in the vicinity of Horseshoe Lake - Upper Bidwell Park**

Park Director Beardsley posted a map showing the Horseshoe Lake area remediation plan. The new parking lot will be gravel and slopes may be fenced to discourage erosion problems. There will be fewer parking spaces, but more is available at the Rod and Gun Club lot nearby. It is hoped the project will be completed by May 15. Some facilities, such as restrooms, picnic area, and habitat island are not part of this project and could be looked at in the Master Plan.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

c. **Review and discussion of benches in Bidwell Park**

Commissioner Walker voiced concern about seeing so many benches installed or being approved for Lower Park. Sixteen were originally approved, but there is now 26. He would like to postpone approving any new benches for awhile and then look into the idea again. The cost of each bench is \$500, but the Commission might consider asking more, as well as finding other ways to do memorials.

There are now seven benches in Upper Park and all requests to approve additional benches will need to come before the Commission.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO HAVE A MORATORIUM ON NEW MEMORIAL

BENCHES IN LOWER PARK FOR SIX MONTHS AND PUT THE ISSUE ON THE AGENDA FOR JULY 2004. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

d. Review and Discussion of South Rim access into Upper Bidwell Park

Some existing trails in this area are on private property. The Trail/Safety Committee is looking at several options for trails there now but action is being deferred pending submittal of a general development proposal for the area.

4. Volunteer Committee Meeting of January 12, 2003 (Commissioner Schwab, Schreiber and Wood)

a. Review and consideration of process for accepting donations for the vegetation management program

Commissioner Schwab said she researched what other parks are doing with donations of money, labor, and group or individual service projects. San Luis Obispo has a donation gift catalog online that allows the public to see what is needed and Chico can adopt that idea. The Committee has selected ten items to begin our catalog and considered sharing the website with other organizations that work with the park. A volunteer is needed to work on the website.

b. Review and discussion of donations for projects and programs

This item was included in item 4.4 a.

COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER MOVED TO PROCEED WITH THE DONATION GIFT CATALOG. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

The report addressed Baroni Park, actions by the City Council, and a list of committee meetings scheduled for the year. The first meeting of the Park Task Force will be February 12, 2004. The Urban Forester reported on a 70-year-old Cedar removed from Fourth Street downtown. The Park Department sent a staff member to regional workshops on trail maintenance given by International Mountain Bike Association. An IMBA regional workshop will be held in Chico this spring.

- 2. **Monthly Reports** Received and filed
- 3. **Incident Reports** Received and filed
- 4. **Correspondence** None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Wood would like to see no houses from the park. Park Director Beardsley said direction on the future of Bidwell Ranch will come from the City Council, and the Planning Department works on set-backs for developments, including visual.

Commissioner Mills will survey the park for locations of some bollards that could be removed for bike safety and report his findings to staff.

Commissioner Schwab announced the annual Park Watch training for volunteers is set for March 18 and 20, 2004.

- 7. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 to the next regular meeting of February 23, 2004.

PUBLIC SIGN IN

1. Kaivan Farahmand

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BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Russell Mills, Jim Walker, Ann Schwab, Michael Candela, Stephen Lucas and David Wood, Assistant City Attorney Alicia Rock, Park Director Dennis Beardsley, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes from Regular Meetings of December 22, 2003 and January 26, 2004.**
- 2. Permit Application from Ensemble Theatre of Chico - Shakespeare in the Park June 3, 2004 to August 2-, 2004 - Cedar Grove Meadow and Picnic Area**
- 3. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Downtown Chico Business Association for 2004 Friday Night Concerts May 7 to September 24, 2004 - Children's Playground**

Commissioner Schwab removed this item from the Consent Agenda.

- 4. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Downtown Chico Business Association for 2004 Thursday Night Market April 1 to September 30, 2004 - City Plaza**

Commissioner Schwab removed this item from the Consent Agenda.

- 5. Approve Permit and Application for Public Use from Cycle Productions for the Artisans Faire April 30, May 1 and 2, 2004 - Plaza Park**

Commissioner Schwab removed this item from the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS 1 AND 2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS** None

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Downtown Chico Business Association for 2004 Friday Night Concerts May 7 to September 24, 2004 - Children's Playground**

Commissioner Schwab found a typo regarding the dates. She also noted there was no receipt number on the form and no response to the condition that portable toilets be provided. Park Director Beardsley said both will be filled in upon approval tonight.

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. **Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Downtown Chico Business Association for 2004 Thursday Night Market April 1 to September 30, 2004 - City Plaza**

Commissioner Schwab asked about the permit fee. Park Director Beardsley said it would be provided upon approval tonight.

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. **Approve Permit and Application for Public Use from Cyrle Productions for the Artisans Faire April 30, May 1 and 2, 2004 - Plaza Park**

Commissioner Schwab asked about the permit fee. Park Director Beardsley said it would be provided upon approval tonight.

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. **Review and Consideration of Proposed Master Plan for Baroni Neighborhood Park**

The proposed concept plan for Baroni Neighborhood Park was presented. Greg Melton, from Land Image, said the homeowners are working for a good park and have given a lot of effort. A task force from the neighborhood went around town to see what had been done in other parks and consulted photos from other cities. From a questionnaire, 18 important elements were identified, and 15 were selected to fit into the master plan. Those to be considered include play areas, walking and biking paths, group picnic site, restroom, basketball court, and a natural area along the swale.

From the public, Bill Smith said the neighbors feel like partners with City of Chico and CARD in the project. The City will contribute some funds and the neighbors contribute their volunteer efforts. They may find several residents experienced in the future work needed. Organizations may also contribute, such as Chico Native Plant Society, who will help establish the open natural area.

Susan Mason asked about financing the park and if the general plan would change the number of houses in the neighborhood. Park Director Beardsley said Council considered selling a portion at one time, but, at the request of the neighborhood, has decided to keep all 7.3 acres. The area is not zoned for multi-family units.

Commissioner Mills said the design looks bad in that someone whose land backs up to the park may still have to go a long way to get through an access point. He asked if staff would produce a report on what standards should apply to future neighborhood parks. Commissioner Lucas asked that all open land being held for neighborhood parks be graded and seeded by the developer immediately so it is useful while future planning is being done. Park Director Beardsley said tonight's purpose is to approve the concept plan for Baroni Park. Implementation and maintenance will occur later.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR BARONI PARK. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. Review and Discussion of 2004 Vegetation Management Program

The annual report described some invasive plant species found in the park and described techniques being used or considered in eliminating them. Park Director Dennis Beardsley indicated there are conflicting reports on the use of burns and how to do them and the budget may not allow for goats this year. Salt Creek crews are now doing hand removal; and the use of herbicides is a last resort. The goal is to eradicate targeted species and avoid drastic visual impacts while encouraging the growth of native species.

Staff is working with Friends of Bidwell Park and the California Native Plant Society

to develop long terms plans and a more detailed set of strategies in conjunction with updating the Master Management Plan. It may result in a separate Vegetation Management Manual.

Commissioner Schwab advocates locating, through G.P.S., all invasive plants for the Master Plan. She would like to specify an area, maybe east of Caper Acres to the freeway, to remove all invasive plants and plant with native species as a demonstration to show what the results can be.

From the public, Susan Mason from Friends of Bidwell Park said the group is weeding each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 1:00 at Five Mile for the next three months. Other activities of public interest are on their web site. There are many decisions to make in the next year. Some concerns are finding the plants coming into the Park from neighboring lands and monitoring what follows plant removal.

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO ACCEPT THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND ADD A “MAKE A DIFFERENCE YEAR” PROJECT OF FINDING A SPECIFIC AREA TO REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS AND REPLACE WITH NATIVES. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4. Consideration of Request from Commissioner Wood Regarding Bidwell Ranch and Adjacent Property to Bidwell Park

Commissioner Wood said Bidwell Ranch had been zoned and may be developed. A real buffer to the park could run the entire north edge and the owners might be able to trade land with the City to keep homes way from the property line. Commissioner Walker said there is an overlap between the work of The Park and Planning Commission. He proposes an Ad Hoc committee of two members from each to look at issues of mutual interest. The issue will be on the March agenda.

5. Review and Discussion of the Kiwanis Community Observatory and Up-Coming Events

Kris Koenig, director, presented the 2003 annual report. Last year BPPC gave conceptual approval for several projects at the observatory. Logs have been installed and they have succeeded in cutting the speed of cars in the area. More parking space has been achieved. A survey has been done on moving the road and Butte College has offered to do the road as a class project. He would like to have a time frame in completing the road work and construction of the planetarium (seating pit) and telescope pads. Comets, planet alignments and a moon eclipse are coming up soon. The Astro Camps did not go last summer, but are being planned for this year.

Park Director Beardsley said plans for the road work are still at the Planning Department and they are attempting to move it along. He will ask again where it stands.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO HAVE STAFF WRITE TO CITY MANAGER EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE LACK OF PROGRESS MADE ON THE PREVIOUS MOTION. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director’s Report

Rifle/Pistol range cleanup is delayed until at least July. The design has received favorable comments from the California Department of Substance Control. Staff hopes to have Bids go out in March or April. Bids will also go out in March or April for the irrigation and lighting project at One Mile. Work will begin after Labor Day. The Park Funding Task Force has set March and April meetings to explore how to fund the unfunded portions of parks and greenways in our community. The results will be presented to City Council in April or May. Council voted to include a rest room in the Master Plan for City Plaza. It will be on Fifth Street across from the post office.

2. Monthly Reports Received and filed

3. Incident Reports

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Commissioner Schwab asked if Ringle Park was supposed to be included in the Incident Reports. Park Director Beardsley said it should be but maybe there is nothing to report last month.

5. Correspondence

Friends of Bidwell Park letter regarding list of invasive plants for Bidwell Park.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Woods would like the Trails Committee to replace the part of a trail that crosses private property on the south side of Upper Park. Homes are being built and the trail could be fenced off. He would like to have a plan to realign the trail before it happens, and would like to plan for home owners’ access to the park from the ridge. Park Director Beardsley said that issue is on the agenda for the Trail/Safety Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

**SIGN IN SHEET
FEBRUARY 23, 2004**

	Name	Address
1.	Mary Cahill	CARD 545 Vallombrosa
2.	Bill Smith	11 Premier Court, 95928
3.	Susan Mason	PO Box 3036
4.	Kris Koenig	1025 Rushmore Ave

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 29, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Russell Mills, James Walker, Michael Candela, Stephen Lucas, and David Wood, Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent: Commissioner Ann Schwab.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes from Regular Meeting of February 23, 2004

Commissioner Mills removed this item from Consent Agenda.

b. Approve Permit and Application for Public Use from Balls Edge Concerts for 2004 Concert Series for Various Saturday Night Concerts May 8 to October 30, 2004 - City Plaza

c. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) for 2004 Friday Night Concerts May 7 to September 24, 2004 - City Plaza

d. Application and Permit for Park Use of Wildwood Park for the 2004 Season from Butte United Soccer League for us until June 30, 2004 and Chico Central Little League for use until June 30, 2004

e. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from Len Findlay for Soccer Camps for Players Aged 5-14 years old, June 1-4, June 7-10, and June 12-15, 2004 - Wildwood Park

f. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from Mike Peavy, Cyclesport/Kona Bicycles for Bicycle Demonstration April 28, 2004 - Upper Bidwell Park

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS 2-6 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Review and Consideration of Resolution to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approve the Monitoring Program and Improvements to the Kiwanis Chico Community Observatory at Horseshoe Lake in Upper Bidwell Park Identified as Assessor's Parcel No. 048-520-006 (City of Chico)

Kris Koenig, Director, spoke in favor of the project which includes construction of an outdoor planetarium and two telescope pads, realigning the road, adding speed bumps for traffic safety, and reconfiguring parking lots to create a safer traffic circulation pattern.

From the public, John Merz said this item represents a failure to plan for success and should be considered as part of the larger issues in planning for the park as a whole. There is a need for a plan for moving large numbers of people in Upper Park. All organizations that use park land should report annually and tell in advance the number of events that might draw crowds.

Commissioners discussed construction of a path along the road to get people from parking lots to the observatory more safely.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MONITORING PROGRAM, APPROVE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KIWANIS OBSERVATORY AT HORSESHOE LAKE, AND REQUIRE ANNUALLY A LIST OF ANTICIPATED ATTRACTIONS AT THAT OBSERVATORY. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

Minutes from Regular Meeting of February 23, 2004

Commissioner Mills said the motion on Item 4.5 should state that Chair Schreiber would write to City Manager.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2004 AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

BREAK FROM 8:20 PM TO 8:30 PM

b. Review and Consideration of Fiscal Year 2003-04 Park Related Community Organization Funding Requests

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO REQUEST FUNDING OF \$60,960 FOR CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO REQUEST FUNDING OF \$11,750 FOR CHICO CAT COALITION. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4.3 Report on Various Projects and Programs Along Big Chico Creek

Susan Strachan, Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance, is submitting a funding proposal to repair the deteriorating fish ladder at Iron Canyon. They are collaborating with CSUC and several other organizations. Kristin Cooper-Carter, Environmental Projects Director and Adjunct Research Associate Professor in the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology, described the Resource Legacy Fund application and the work being proposed with various government and private groups.

Park Director Beardsley said this item is being presented tonight at the beginning of the project for information only. BPPC will have opportunities to review and approve the progress. They are not asking the City for funding now.

4.4 Review and Consideration of Requesting Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee between the Planning Commission and Bidwell Park and Playground Commission

Commissioner Walker proposed such a committee when considering the viewscape for Upper Park. It could be made up of two members each from the Planning and Park Commissions. Commissioners Mills and Lucas volunteered to serve for BPPC.

Kim Seidler, Planning Director, said he supports the idea of joint consideration for occasional big issues. Staff will do an agenda for the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc committee on the items of 1) viewscape and 2) development around neighborhood parks. Committee members will report to their full Commissions.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Director's Report

A tour of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve has been set for June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This weekend is Bidwell Park trail days to train the public for working on the trails. May 25 is the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration for Chico Road and Gun Club and Commissioners are invited to attend. Chemical toilets for Upper Park will arrive May 1. Park Director Beardsley showed photos of the baby bear in Upper Park. The mother has occasionally been spotted and signs are posted to leave them alone.

b. Monthly Reports Received and filed.

c. Incident Reports Received and filed.

d. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Walker has replaced some posts on the Vita Course and would like to put improving that trail on the Trail/Safety Committee agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting of April 26, 2004.

SIGN IN SHEET

1. Kris Koenig 1025 Rushmore Avenue
2. John Merz 1813 Broadway
3. Susan Strachan 40 Via Morro Court
4. Kristin Carter 600 Parkwood

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN BIDWELL PARK

Volunteer Coordinator Steve Hogue said the Park Department's goal is to connect potential volunteers to their interests and skill level. Projects include such variety as painting, feral cat removal, litter removal, vegetation management, and patrolling for Park Watch. Volunteer hours increased from 5,000 in 1997 to 15,000 in 2003.

Chair Schreiber presented awards of recognition to the following:

- Lori Beth Way from Chico Cat Coalition for removal and care of feral cats
- John Copeland Representing the California Native Plant Society for removing invasive plants from the park
- Jen Ray from CUSC Housing Services for volunteers who removed rock dams from Big Chico Creek to allow fish to migrate
- Ted Thomsen for adopting a trail in Lower Park and keeping it passable
- Larry Stemple representing mountain bikers of the Tuesday/Thursday Club who adopted trails on the south side of Upper Park and do routine maintenance
- Roger Cole representing Streammindes for restoration in Lindo Channel and Big Chico Creek
- Laura Nissim for countless hours removing invasive, non-native plants in the park
- Susan Mason representing Friends of Bidwell Park for educating the public on the importance of vegetation management
- Jane McCulloch of Park Watch for informing the public of appropriate park use and helping with special events
- Phi Chi Theta for removing pokeweed from Caper Acres playground
- Champion Christian School for a trash removal project
- Sierra Nevada Brewing Company for sponsoring trail maintenance
- Ed McLaughlin representing Chico Velo Cycling Club for a recent community volunteer trail event with International Mountain Bicycling Association

- 1. Present at Roll Call;** Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Ann Schwab, Russell Mills, James Walker, and David Wood; staff Urban Forester Chris Boza, ACA Alicia M. Rock, Park Director Dennis Beardsley, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent: Commissions Stephen Lucas and Michael Candela.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 29, 2004

Commissioner Schwab removed this item from the Consent Agenda.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 29, 2004

In Item 4.3, Kristin Carter's proper name and title is Kristin Cooper-Carter, Environmental Projects Director and Adjunct Research Associate Professor in the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.

COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0

2. Review and Discussion of Priority Issues and Areas of Interest for Updating the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan

Staff presented a list of issues and topics to serve as a focal point for initiating discussion on updating the Master Management Plan.

Commissioner Walker said he would like discussion about the Horseshoe Lake area, which is becoming heavily used. The "new addition" should have a name and policies for that zone do not need to be adopted from policies in Upper Park. He said this Commission should be proactive in making recommendations.

Commissioner Mills said it is important to begin with citizens' open discussion. The Commission is not comprehensive enough to consider all things. He will email his suggestions before the next meeting.

Commissioner Wood said the memo attachment does not describe results from three years of having trail meetings with the public on Zones 29 to 32. The consultant needs more direction. He would like to have the trail plan section come to the Trail/Safety Committee, which the public can attend, before coming back to the full Commission. Park Director indicated the extra trail plan for Upper Bidwell Park will be the basics for the update.

Commissioner Schwab would like to discuss the freeway changes, transportation

and traffic circulation, and how best to use Upper Park Road.

Chair Schreiber said the park belongs to all of us and we should start with ideas from the public.

Park Director Beardsley said the consultant should be on board shortly and can meet with the Commission soon after. It is not necessary to plan for every square foot or to be stopped by issues that have no consent. The document should be easy to reference in the future and to use through the process.

3. Trail/Safety Committee Meeting of April 5, 2004 (Commissioners Wood, Walker and Mills)

1. Review and Discussion of Trail Difficulty Classifications for Upper Bidwell Park

The Committee recommended changing the difficulty designation of parts of the Guardians Trail and the Upper Trail.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

2. Review and Discussion of Trail Maintenance in Lower Bidwell Park

Exposed tree roots and some drainage issues are becoming problems on the Vita Course. Urban Forester Boza said 400 yards of clean soil will be deposited at various points. CSUC cross country running team will move it to the desired locations and pack it. Staff will move ahead on the project.

4. Tree/Finance Committee Meeting of April 6, 2004 (Commissioner Lucas, Schwab and Schreiber)

1. Review and Consideration of Request to Remove a Black Walnut Located at 124 W. Lassen Avenue

The property manager requested removal of a large black walnut at 124 W. Lassen Avenue for creating a sight problem as residents leave the parking lot. Staff reviewed the condition of the tree and recommended it remain for now. The property manager appealed that decision. There are two other driveways that should be used and cars can be prohibited from parking where they should not be. Committee voted to remove an Italian Cypress and start replacement trees in the public right-of-way to provide

shade in the future.

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO DENY THE APPEAL, KEEP THE WALNUT TREE, REMOVE THE CYPRESS, AND PLANT THE TWO OTHER TREES FURTHER BACK. COMMISSIONER MILLS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0

2. Update of Standard Plan Review Process; Review of Proposed Nursery Tree Specifications.

The existing Standard Plans were approved in 1997 and the containerized tree standards were developed in 2003. Urban Forester Boza said conditions have changed and staff is working with landscape contractors, architects and nursery suppliers to update the Plan. A pictorial pamphlet showing tree standards would be produced for both private and commercial use as part of the project.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Staff is still waiting on DTSC to complete the Rifle Range clean up. The Volunteer Recognition barbeque is at Wildwood on May 11. A tour of the Ecological Reserve is June 12. Park Funding Task Force will meet on May 15 at CARD. Next week Field Supervisor Jack Peters and Sr. Maintenance Worker Art Berexa will retire. Martin Whitehead has been promoted to Supervisor.

Butte College finished realigning the road at the Observatory last week. The parking lot is finished. An Eagle Scout is putting up the split rail fence. Grading for the telescope pads is complete and the design for the planetarium needs to be completed.

Urban Forester Boza explained the new computerized watering system. With reconstruction of the irrigation at One Mile, we will purchase the necessary hardware. All irrigation controls will work from a center computer in city hall. It will shut off if more water is coming than programmed for, and turn on, if there is less. We can easily save \$60,000 per year on water costs. Grant monies are being used to retrofit the existing system. The central system can also be used to turn off and on lights and lock or unlock doors.

2. Monthly Reports Received and filed

3. Incident Reports

Ringle Park is now included in the incident reports. Commissioner Wood asked about the lockouts reported. Park Director Beardsley said security will attempt to find folks who are locked into Upper Park, but Police get a call when they try to go out through a locked gate.

4. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Walker asked about a thank you letter to Dan Katz's son, who wants to make their annual donation of \$1,500 to support volunteer work projects at Caper Acres.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Present at Roll Call;** Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Ann Schwab, Russell Mills, Michael Candela, James Walker, and David Wood; staff Urban Forester Chris Boza, ACA Alicia M. Rock, Park Director Dennis Beardsley, and Administrative Secretary Cheryl Tobin.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2004

Review and consideration of Request from the Chico Creek Nature Center to Extend Existing Lease to Meet the Requirements for Grant Funding

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Report from the Tot Lot Youth Team-Butte County Department of Behavioral Health Community Services Regarding Use of Tobacco Products in the Vicinity of Playgrounds**

Representatives, Enrique Mendoza and Angela Andrade, from the Tot Lot Youth Team made an informational report on the status of controlling the use of tobacco products around playgrounds. The Tot Lot Youth group is made up of students from various Chico schools. This organization surveys the parks for signs of tobacco use by counting the cigarette butts in the playgrounds. Through a grant from the Butte County Youth Nexxus Philanthropy Board, informational signs are then placed in each playground explaining Assembly Bill 188 which states it is prohibited to smoke within 25' of any playground. All parks in Chico now display this sign.

2. Request from Sandee Renault to Increase Access to and through Annie's Glen

Sandee Renault spoke on the concerns of the neighbors and businesses around the Annie's Glen area and suggested if Annie's Glen were cleaned up and more inviting, it would feel safer. She suggested possibly installing restrooms, picnic tables, and cleaning up the creek ecology. The Commission discussed the options of installing a lighted tunnel undercrossing under Pine Street and a north-south bridge over Big Chico Creek. Susan Mason spoke on the on-going problem of removing non-native weeds and the restoration of Annie's Glen.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO REFER BOTH ITEMS TO THE BIKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND BRING THE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER MILLS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. Conceptual Consideration of Locating Cellular Towers at the Hooker Oak Recreation Area

The Chico Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors has expressed interest in locating one or more cellular towers at the Hooker Oak Recreation Area. As proposed, the new towers would replace one or two of the existing 95' tall light poles. Prior to proceeding with the required permitting and approvals, CARD requested to hear comments from the Commission.

Technology has advanced to a point where it is possible to build cell towers that appear to be stadium lights. The poles at the Hooker Oak Recreation Area are in need of repair, and when the opportunity arose to use an alternate technique, it seemed reasonable to explore the possibilities.

Mary Cahill, General Manager of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District, spoke about the need to replace the ballfield lights at Hooker Oak Park due to safety issues with the wood poles. The cost to replace the eight poles will cost approximately \$150,000, and two of the poles will be paid for by Mountain Union Telecom. Alex Goetze, of Mountain Union Telecom, made a presentation to the Commission on the benefits of multi-user facilities. The poles will be approximately 110' tall and will have three sets of antennas. The equipment would be housed in an area behind the baseball fields. The installation of the poles would provide lighting and provide revenue to CARD through the use of the cellular towers and would help in the initial construction of the light standards. The fees would need to be negotiated, and as yet, are undetermined. Mountain Union Telecom has agreed to pay for the utility cost of installing the infostructure underground.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE INSTALLATION POLES. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Sporthaven Health Club for a Triathlon-Lower Bidwell Park

The request is to use Lower Bidwell Park for the running competition and the Sycamore Pool for the swimming segment. At the end of the swimming, participants will leave Bidwell Park and access Vallombrosa Avenue to complete the event. The event will not interfere with scheduled pool operation which begins at 11:00 a.m. In addition, the bike race portion will not be in Bidwell Park and therefore avoid concerns expressed in earlier proposals from other applicants to use with either Petersen Drive or South Park Drive for bicycle racing. The final leg of the event, running, will be in Paradise. The Commission discussed this event and approved the permit as submitted.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT.
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. Review and Discussion of Priority Issues and Areas of Interest for Updating the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan

The Commission requested to meet with the Consultant to review the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan, in July or August. Park Director Beardsley suggested holding an initial meeting, then schedule a second meeting to discuss priority issues. The Commission would like to discuss topics of interest and areas of concern relating to Bidwell Park and make sure these items are addressed in the upcoming update of the Bidwell Park Master Plan. This item will be discussed at a future workshop on the project.

6. Review and Consideration of Amendment to Section 12R.20.080 Loitering and Playing on Bridges or Spillways - Prohibited

During the discussions involving the bridge at the One Mile Recreation Area, the City Council asked that the Commission review existing policy regarding loitering on bridges and spillways. In particular, does the existing policy recognize that standing on, and observing portions of, Bidwell Park from bridges is recreation, and not necessarily something to be discouraged. The City Attorney's Office has prepared a proposed change to Chico Municipal Code to clarify the intent of recreational uses on bridges and spillways. The Commission discussed the language and opted to delete the word 'play' in 12R.20.080 (a) and to strike the wording 'at or near a swimming pool or swimming area'. This wording will be

presented to the City Council for final action.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE WORDING AS REVISED.
COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

7. Reconsideration of Decision Not to Remove a Bunker as Part of the Remediation of the Former Chico Rifle/Trap Range Project-Bidwell Park

Commissioner Candela has requested reconsideration of the Commission's decision not to remove the large bunker at the former rifle/trap range. As directed by the Commission's 12/22/03 action. Current plans are to remove the rubble and debris from around the bunker and retain the unit for historic purposes. The Commission also directed that an appropriate plaque be placed on the bunker. The project can be modified as directed by the Commission.

The Commission discussed keeping the bunker for historical purposes, removing the bunker and allowing the area to return to its natural state, or even placing an interpretive plaque at the bunker. The Commission voted to retain the bunker as it is a historical part of Chico.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO RETAIN THE BUNKER. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-2. COMMISSIONER MILLS AND SCHWAB VOTED AGAINST IT.

**8. Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of April 7, 2004
(Commissioners Candela, Walker, and Lucas)**

1. Review and Consideration of Requests for Benches in Bidwell Park

Staff had received several requests for benches in Bidwell Park. Persons who have inquired about benches in Lower Bidwell Park have been informed about the temporary moratorium on any new benches until the Commission has an opportunity to review existing, and any future, sites. That review is expected to take place in September or October 2004. The Park Director has routinely presented requests for benches in Upper Bidwell Park to the Committee for review and recommendation to the Commission.

The Park Director has received three requests for Committee review:

1. Request from Suzanne Tefs and Terri Gama for a memorial bench adjacent the Middle Trail at the base of Monkey Face - Upper Bidwell Park. Item continued to April 14, 2004 meeting.
2. A request for a bench along the trail in the vicinity of the Five Mile Recreation Area. Item continued to April 14, 2004 meeting.
3. A request from Michael Van Ert to make a donation and have a plaque placed

on an existing bench on the deck next to the Sycamore Pool. *Committee recommends approval.*

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PLAQUE ON THE EXISTING BENCH FROM MICHAEL VAN ERT. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

9. Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of April 14, 2004 (Commissioners Candela, Walker, and Lucas)

a. Review and Discussion of Dog Leash Policy in Bidwell Park

By a letter dated February 21, 2004, Andrea Moseley has asked the Committee to review current dog off-leash requirements. The Committee was provided a copy of the current policy for review and discussion. As a result of the discussion, the Committee is recommending that the current fine schedule be reviewed and the Committee expressed interest in a tiered fine schedule for various park offenses.

The Commission is supportive of a tiered fine system. Staff will prepare a proposal for review and discussion by the Committee, which will then be forwarded to City Council for approval. With rule enforcement, this type of system could be a good source to generate revenue for the City.

b. Review and Discussion of Policy Regarding the Bench Donation Program

At it's April 7, 2004 meeting, the Committee continued a discussion regarding donations for benches in Bidwell Park. Commissioner Candela has drafted an initial proposal for Committee review and consideration.

Commissioner Candela has proposed adding three benches per year. The process would be on a first come, first serve, basis with three names per year accepted. Each bench would cost \$1,500. The Commission discussed the possibility of allowing multiple plaques attached to one bench, and limiting the number of benches to be placed in pre-approved locations. From the public, Terri Gama spoke. She indicated that she preferred the first come, first serve, method of accepting benches.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICY OF MEMORIAL DEDICATION RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN BIDWELL PARK WITH THE EDITING OF SECTION C (2), WHICH STATES 'NEW BENCH LOCATIONS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH IDENTIFIED LOCATIONS OR INDIVIDUAL BENCHES APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION AND IN C (3) OF THE STAFF REPORT, THE MASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THREE,

RATHER THAN TWO, BENCHES WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER AND THE BENCHES WOULD BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE, BASIS. UNTIL LOCATIONS ARE APPROVED, ALL REQUESTS WOULD NEED TO COME BEFORE THE BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

c. Review and Consideration of Requests for Benches in Bidwell Park

Staff has received several requests for benches in Bidwell Park. Persons who have inquired about benches in Lower Bidwell Park have been informed about the temporary moratorium on any new benches until the Commission has an opportunity to review existing, and any future, sites. That review is expected to take place in September or October 2004. The Park Director has routinely presented requests for benches in Upper Bidwell Park to the Committee for review and recommendation to the Commission. Commissioner Mills stated it would be helpful for the Commission to have a map of the proposed bench locations.

The Park Director has received three requests for Committee review:

1. Request from Suzanne Tefs and Terri Gama for a memorial bench adjacent the Middle Trail at the base of Monkey Face - Upper Bidwell Park.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. Two requests for benches along the paved pathway in the vicinity of the Five Mile Recreation Area (M. Marie Hart and Mike Scott).

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ALLOW THREE NEW BENCHES FOR 2004. COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

d. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Director's Report

Park Director Beardsley updated the Commission on the Rifle Range cleanup. The project is moving ahead slowly. There is a window of time of 45-60 days for DTSC to authorize the approval of the environmental review process and public participation process. It is hoped to have this process completed this year, so as the Hooked On Fishing event can take place next year.

Commissioner Schwab spoke about the Centennial Celebration which has been in the planning stages over the past five months. The Committee has identified a volunteer creek restoration project at Annie's Glen, the Committee has selected a logo which was designed by a graphic arts class, and the Committee applied for Council funding to allow the Committee to begin its own fundraising. The Finance Committee approved \$2,500. The Celebration will take place over a two-week time period, July 10-23, 2005. Among the planned activities are a pancake breakfast, an art show, a film festival featuring *Robin Hood*, and a re-enactment. July 10 is the day Annie Bidwell deeded the Park to the City and July 23 is the day after the Deed was recorded. Hopefully, many of the events planned will become yearly events.

b. Monthly Reports Received and filed

c. Incident Reports Received and filed

d. Correspondence

Letter dated May 24, 2004 from Susan Mason on invasive plants. This item was referred to the Preservation/Stream Committee for review and discussion.

e. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Walker asked about a thank you letter to Dan Katz's son, who wants to make their annual donation of \$1,500 to support volunteer work projects at Caper Acres.

f. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2004.

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| 1. | Sandee Renault | 229 Orient Street |
| 2. | Susan Mason | P.O. Box 3036 |
| 3. | Alex Goetz | P.O. Box 162338, Sacramento, CA 95816 |
| 4. | Stephen Betts | 1945 Broadway |
| 5. | C. Bryan Graves | 857 Reavis Avenue |
| 6. | Terri Gama | 2151 Robailey Drive |

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Acting Chair Ann Schwab, Commissioners Russell Mills, James Walker, Steven Lucas, Michael Candela, and David Wood; staff: Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forest Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent Chair Mary Schreiber.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of June 1, 2004

2. Request from Earl and Susan Nance for Garden Permit in Lindo Channel
This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Acting Chair Schwab.

3. Consideration of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Butte United Soccer and Chico Cal Soccer Leagues for Use of Wildwood Park August 1, 2004 to December 1, 2004

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Candela.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2004.
COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

a. Request from Earl and Susan Nance for Garden Permit in Lindo Channel

Acting Chair Schwab asked what guidelines people are given when they receive a permit to remove invasive plants on public land. Maybe there could be a manual or cards on each plant with information. Park Director Beardsley said the Nances want to have poppies on that parcel in July and he will talk to them about how to proceed.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION. CHAIR SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

b. Consideration of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Butte United Soccer and Chico Cal Soccer Leagues for Use of Wildwood Park August 1, 2004 to December 1, 2004

Commissioner Candela said there has been scheduling conflicts between the two leagues in the past and he commends staff for working things out so well.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.
COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

Commissioners agreed to move Item 2. later on the agenda to give more time for preparation and to hear Item 4.

4. Status Report and Presentation on Implementation of the City Plaza Master Plan

Greg Melton, from Land Image, leads the design team and gave a progress report on the City Plaza Master Plan design. He described the parking plan, configuration of the stage and restrooms, an area for the veterans' memorial, elevated turf areas with alcoves, the center fountain and smaller, interactive ones on the perimeter, and later plans for subtle art in the park.

From the public, Glenn Dunning said there are no funds now and asked about fund raising. Park Director Beardsley said that once plans are completed, staff will ask the community to get involved. There would be plaques to recognize donors. He wants to go out for bid this winter, close off the area for construction next spring, and have it completed by spring of 2006. The FY 04-05 Budget does include \$2.5 million for improvements. Confirmation of the allocation is expected July 6, 2004.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE REPORT. COMMISSIONER WOODS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

2. Presentation and Discussion of Art in Public Places
Information only.

Mary Gardner, Art Projects Coordinator, gave an overview and history of art projects funded by the Art Commission. She distributed a brochure showing works around the City and showed slides of each project. The money is mostly from Redevelopment Funds and Bidwell Park is not in that district. However, there is an Individual Artist grant that will reimburse up to \$2,000 for work done. Those grants have funded some works for the park.

From the public, Gregg Payne explained how he worked with the aerosol artists on the pillar murals under the freeway in the Park. In getting started, he encouraged them to meet with him every week to brainstorm ideas and then they did the work together in about a week. Kris Koenig said Gregg Payne did some beautiful murals inside the Observatory that were damaged but will be replaced.

3. Review and Consideration of Adding Art to the Remaining Pillars Under Highway 99 - Lower Bidwell Park

Commission and public agree they like the authorized work already done by Gregg Payne and would like to proceed with some designs for the remaining pillars under the freeway between Vallombrosa Avenue and South Park Drive. Caltrans seems willing to give permission to go ahead, though it could be a long time before there is money for it.

Gregg Payne, artist, said he works spontaneously and interactively with the people who come by so the public makes contributions to the work.

From the public, Glenn Dunning said his original idea, when he suggested doing the murals, was to not notice the freeway and Gregg has done a good job with that. It has, in fact, become a focal point of interest with the visitors.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT UNDER THE AD HOC ART COMMITTEE COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

Acting Chair Schwab requested to put on the next regular agenda that the Art Ad Hoc Committee be made a standing committee.

**5. Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of June 2, 2004
(Commissioners Candela, Walker and Lucas)**

A. Review and discussion of naming the access road to the Kiwanis Community Observatory and road to the Five Mile Recreation Area - Upper Park Road - Bidwell Park

The Committee recommends the road be named "Observatory Way".

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO NAME THE ROAD TO THE OBSERVATORY "OBSERVATORY WAY".

Commissioner Mills said this is an opportunity to be original and creative. Commissioner Walker withdrew his motion.

From the public, Kris Koenig said there have been several suggestions and he likes "Milky Way". Gregg Payne said he just drew a street sign that says "Milky Way". Susan Mason said BPPC should also consider a name for the entry to Cedar Grove, as it is difficult to give directions.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO NAME THE ROAD TO THE OBSERVATORY "MILKY WAY". COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO NAME THE ROAD TO FIVE MILE "FIVE MILE WAY". COMMISSIONER MILLS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

B. Review and discussion of policy regarding the bench donation program

The Committee and public will meet at One Mile at 6:30 pm on June 30, 2004, to do a bike tour of the Park and find potential bench locations.

C. Review and discussion of neighborhood park site located at East 20th Street and Notre Dame Blvd

For information only.

City Council is looking for affordable housing and Chico Redevelopment Agency is considering a purchase of about four acres of this land at \$200,000 to \$250,000 per acre for that purpose. That money would go back into neighborhood park funds and the City would still have seven acres to accommodate park use and ecology.

Commissioner Mills asked about how neighborhood parks are named. Park Director Beardsley said there is no specific plan.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Staff is still working with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control for the rifle range clean up.

The next step for Park Funding Task Force is to do a community survey to explore priorities and funding options. Staff has prepared a draft for the web site page giving information on potential donations to Bidwell Park, and will add a spot for donations to City Plaza.

The Ad Hoc Planning Committee has met twice. Commissioner Lucas reported that Phase Nine of Canyon Oaks subdivision includes the last piece of land overlooking Bidwell Park. The developer is willing to work on solutions for the view shed and to relocate part of the trail that goes over the property. Possible encroachments along north rim will be addressed soon.

The Bike Advisory Committee looked at the cost and feasibility of building a crossing under Mangrove Avenue to connect Annie's Glen to One Mile. They feel that more traffic through Annie's Glen would increase safety there. A second bridge over Big Chico Creek may be needed to enable smooth traffic flow. That item will be on the Trail/Safety Committee agenda.

The Centennial Committee has received \$2,500 from the City Council and there was a good article in the Enterprise-Record. Acting Chair Schwab showed the event logo and said there is a photo contest for seasonal pictures of Bidwell Park to be included in a calendar.

2. Urban Forester's Report

Urban Forester Boza reported that both bids for the One Mile light and irrigation project have been too high so the project has been cut back and goes out for bid again in August. Fences for Humboldt Skateboard Park should be completed by the end of this month. An invasion of Perennial Pepperwood was recently halted in the Park. It could have been the worst invasion of any plant.

There is often a conflict between tree owners, state regulations, and PG&E contractors regarding the best way to trim trees around electric lines. All met in the field in June to look at the pruning being done and learned a lot about what is happening. They will come up with workable guidelines to get the proper clearance and keep sound structure of the trees.

At the recent Western Section Tree Trimmer Jamboree held in Chico, City employee Greg Liu won fourth place in competition.

3. Monthly Reports Received and filed.

4. Incident Reports Received and filed

5. Correspondence

Letter dated June 12, 2004 from Susan Mason referred to the Stream/Preservation Committee.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Susan Mason thanked Chris Boza for pursuing the PG&E tree trimming process. She noticed cigarette butts at the disc golf course and would like a no smoking sign posted between May and September.

Commissioner Walker thinks the sale of a portion of Bidwell Ranch for funding neighborhood parks is a bad idea. Staff has provided dirt for runners to cover roots on the Lower Park trails and many volunteers have helped. He waters the dust until the dirt gets compacted.

Gregg Payne has built a large wind chime for a mini grant and needs help building a structure to hang it. He would like it to be placed in the Park.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 to the next regular meeting of July 26, 2004.

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1.	Glenn Dunning	2089 Hooker Oak Avenue
2.	Kris Koenig	1025 Rushmore Avenue
3.	Gregg Payne	1343 Laburnum Avenue
4.	Susan Mason	PO Box 3036, Chico 95927

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 26, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Russell Mills, James Walker, Ann Schwab, Michael Candela, Stephen Lucas and David Wood; staff Park Director Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1 Minutes from Regular Meeting of June 28, 2004

2. Review and Consideration of Application and Permit for Public Use from Geoff Lane for Workouts/Barbeque and Jujitsu Classes - September 25 and 26, 2004 - Five Mile Recreation Area

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.
COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Review and Consideration of Application and Permit for Park Use from the Chico Peace and Justice Center

Staff recommended approval with several conditions and would like to withdraw the condition for providing one portable toilet because the number of people and the short time for the event does not make that necessary. Park Director Beardsley said DCBA has a reservation for Plaza Park on Friday night and he has tried to contact them about allowing the shadows to remain on the sidewalk during their event.

Cathy Webster, from the Peace and Justice Center, said she has contacted DCBA and will check back later to be sure they are OK with this arrangement.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONDITION #1. COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. Review and Consideration of Establishing a Permanent Art Committee

Commissioner Walker said he likes the existing public art, but a standing committee would create the impression BPPC is encouraging more art in the Park. The City Art Commission promotes art in the community and the Park's Ad Hoc Art Committee is reasonable as is.

Commissioner Mills said public art will continue and BPPC would be a part of it with a permanent committee. Commissioner Schwab agreed.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO MAKE THE AD HOC ART COMMITTEE A PERMANENT COMMITTEE AND KEEP THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP. COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

**4. Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of June 30, 2004
(Commissioners Candela, Walker and Lucas)**

Tour and Discussion of Park Benches in Bidwell Park

The Committee rode bikes for about an hour in Lower Park and recommended consideration of 25-30 acceptable bench locations marked on a map provided.

Commissioner Candela said the area between Sycamore Pool and Caper Acres has plenty of space, and benches could be placed by staff without BPPC approval. Benches could be without backs or have a convertible back and should be placed close to a paved surface.

Commissioner Walker said they should be placed in a safe location where a person could be seen from the road and not under large branches. Commissioner Mills voiced some concern about erosion in heavily used areas near a steep bank. Also, when put near a pathway, be sure people congregated at the bench won't block the path for others.

Commissioner Schwab asked to review the policy of putting in three new benches a year and letting each person choose from the pre-approved sites. Chair Schreiber wants to know how many more requests have been made by the end of the year. The numbers would help determine if policies need to be looked at then.

From the public, Bill Ward said he would like to consider lowering the cost of \$1,500 per bench as long as there is a volunteer group to work on them. He thinks the public should have to pay for just the cost of the bench. Commissioner Mills said the donor is not buying the bench but giving to help support the park.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SITES RECOMMENDED FOR BENCHES. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. Trail/Safety Committee Meeting of July 7, 2004 (Commissioners Wood, Walker and Mills)

a. Review and Discussion of Pathway Improvements in the Vicinity of Annie's Glen and the One Mile Recreation Area

To improve access from Annie's Glen to One Mile and provide easier bike and pedestrian movement in Lower Bidwell Park, Committee recommends construction of a pathway under Pine Street, a bridge connecting Vallombrosa to Annie's Glen, and evaluation of a second bridge to connect Vallombrosa to South Park Drive near theCARD Center.

Commissioner Walker said traffic on South Park Drive will be a problem and there was no consensus on how to solve that. BPPC should be clear about specific problems to resolve as there are often unintended consequences in potential solutions. The underpass and bridges will have to be engineered.

Commissioner Wood is looking at what is good for the Park. The underpass and bridges involve pouring more asphalt and will impact the creek bank, but don't solve the park problem as much as the Bike Advisory's.

Commissioner Schwab favors the project and said to make sure the plans fit into the City's transportation plan.

Commissioner Mills said the Bike Advisory has funding available and is setting priorities for their top three projects. We should be looking at alternative transportation for the future. Greenways and the Park are our only corridors for safe movement without a car.

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO SUPPORT A PINE STREET UNDERPASS, A BRIDGE FROM ANNIE'S GLEN TO VALLOMBROSA/MEMORIAL WAY INTERSECTION, REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR A PATHWAY LINK FROM

PINE STREET TO THE BRIDGE AT ONE MILE, AND DO FUTURE STUDY ON A BRIDGE FROM VALLOMBROSA TO SOUTH PARK DRIVE. COMMISSIONER MILLS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

b. Review and Discussion of Trail Master Plan

Commissioner Wood asked for this item to be put on the Committee agenda, but it was challenged. Commissioner Mills thinks direction on this item should come from the BPPC. Commissioner Walker suggested trail concerns will be addressed on the Master Management Plan so allow that process to proceed and act on what comes from that.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

The Master Management Plan update work session with the consulting team, on August 26, 2004, will talk about how the task force will be formed and items to be addressed. A conceptual review may be available in nine months. There will be a website and a flow chart on how the process will proceed.

Park Director Beardsley is still hopeful the pistol range cleanup will be achieved. Cedar Grove needs special clean up of materials at the former forest research station. The Park Funding task force will have a proposal for the Finance Committee next month.

Commissioner Mills asked why Teichert Ponds is not being addressed more as a park. The development plan refers to recreation potential and he would like it to be put on a future BPPC agenda. Park Director Beardsley said Council's first concern there is water quality.

Commissioner Mills said the CSUC pool has been closed so the public wants to update Shapiro Pool There is a great potential for an aquatic complex in Chico. CARD is the lead agency for discussion now, but would the City want to get involved in funding.

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| 2. Urban Forester's Report | Received and filed. |
| 3. Monthly Reports | Received and filed. |
| 4. Incident Reports | Received and filed. |
| 5. Correspondence | None |

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Susan Mason said the Teichert Ponds meeting is set for Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at the Council Chamber. Friends of Bidwell Park has been asked if there are laws about picking up after dogs and there is not. It is a health and safety hazard and she asks that Master Management Committee discuss it. Staff is adding more stands for doggie bags.

Commissioner Schwab announced puncture vine removal at Parking Lot C next Saturday morning. There is a Scour and Devour on October 2, sponsored by CSUC and Friends of Bidwell Park for cleaning up various areas, especially in the Park.

To Commissioner Walker's question, Park Director Beardsley said there is still \$230,000 available for the bladder dam at One Mile and staff may also ask for a grant this fall. He is still working with Fish and Wildlife on gravel replacement to benefit fish.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 to the Master Management Plan work session at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1, on August 26, 2004. The next regular meeting is Monday, August 30, 2004.

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| 1. | Cathy Webster | 751 Eaton Road Chico 95973 |
| 2. | Bill Ward | 886 East Sixth Street |
| 3. | Susan Mason | PO Box 3036 |

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Russell Mills, Ann Schwab, James Walker, Michael Candela, and Stephen Lucas; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, ACA Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent: Commissioner David Wood.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of July 26, 2004

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Schwab.

2. Review and Consideration of Park Reservation Fee for Filing

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Walker.

3. Application and Permit Request from the Chico State Cycling Club to use Upper Bidwell Park on Saturday, October 9, 2004

This item was removed from Consent Agenda by Commissioner Walker.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from Regular Meeting of July 26, 2004

Commissioner Schwab made a spelling correction on Page 5.

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.
COMMISSIONER MILLS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

b. Review and Consideration of Park Reservation Fee for Filming

Currently there is a reservation fee for the exclusive use of park facilities for filming. Park Director Beardsley recommends removing the term “exclusive use” and requiring a permit for any filming. Commissioner Walker said this issue was addressed earlier and it was determined not to change the rules. Commissioner Mills said this is a new concept in that we remove the word “exclusive”. The item was referred to Master Management Plan Committee.

c. **Application and Permit Request from the Chico State Cycling Club to use Upper Bidwell Park on Saturday, October 9, 2004**

Commissioner Walker said this course goes through sensitive areas and on trails that have eroded. It is good to take a look at this as it will be an issue in coming years.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.
COMMISSIONER MILLS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

2. **Review and Discussion of the Draft Teichert Ponds Restoration and Management Plan**

Clif Sellers, Assistant Community Development Director, provided Commissioners with the draft plan and appeared tonight to give more information. The Pond area was historically wooded, but was acquired in 1960 as a materials site for the freeway. Three ponds were made from excavation and ground water keeps them permanently wet. The City acquired 40 acres of the site in 1999.

This plan addresses improvement of water quality and habitat aesthetics, restoration of a balanced habitat, establishing a long term management program for the water quality and habitat restoration, and maintaining the storm water detention and treatment function. Informational workshops are being held.

Future use of the Ponds will be the subject of later discussions and are not part of the current project, but Council does not want to preclude use of the Ponds for passive recreational and/or educational activities.

From the public: Rolland Berger said we need to identify the other uses being considered before a judgment can be made on the value of the plan. The central location makes them valuable to the community. A former study recommended their use as a community center and the private sector needs meetings places.

Susan Mason said there are seven or eight invasive plants that need to be eliminated before they are a major problem. She also does not want to see encroachments from the neighbors as there was in Lindo Channel.

3. **Review and Consideration of City Plaza Renovation Project**

The consulting team and staff gave an animated power point presentation of the designs for the park and the area around it. The center fountain has a global treatment. It does not hold water but geysers can be programed and computer controlled. The restrooms show regional art reflecting the geology and history of the area. The pavilion has a dome that retracts to provide shade for the stage and

colonnades to provide an entry and blend with the classical elements of the old city hall and post office nearby.

Commissioner Mills thought active fountains are difficult and expensive to maintain. His favorites are flowing water types. Commissioner Schwab would like Chico to be at the center of the globe at the fountain.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION OF THE FINAL DESIGN. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4. Review and Discussion of Bidwell Park Clean-ups Held Twice Per Year

Park Director Beardsley said that historically there has been a spring and a fall clean up sponsored by BEC, but the spring event is a scheduling problem. He recommends Commission consider one large event in the fall and encourage volunteer help on projects throughout the year.

From the public, Susan Mason said she has participated in spring clean up. There is a lot of work to promote the event to the public and the results do not make it worth while.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO APPROVE A TRIAL FOR ONE YEAR WITH ONE COMMUNITY EVENT IN FALL OF 2005. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

5. Tree/Finance Committee Meeting of August 3, 2004 (Commissioners Lucas, Schwab and Schreiber)

a. Review and discussion of soliciting gifts, donations and service projects.

Commissioner Schwab reminded the public the website has a link to provide for volunteer opportunities and to get ideas of how to help.

b. Review and discussion of designated street trees

Susan Mason requested various trees be reconsidered for inclusion on the approved list of designated street trees. Urban Forester Boza will check the list and bring it back for review.

6. Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of August 4, 2004 (Commissioners Candela, Schwab and Lucas)

a. Request to consider establishing a disc golf course in Annie's Glen

Gregg Payne has proposed playing disc golf in Annie's Glen. The disc golf course issue is coming up in the Master Management Plan process soon.

b. Review and consideration of existing smoking policy

Smoking is currently prohibited in Upper Park May 1 to November 1. Committee discussed limiting smoking in Lower Park also. Assistant City Attorney Rock will bring back an answer on the legality of the question.

c. Consider prohibiting dogs from the Children's Playground

Park Director Beardsley asked BPPC to consider prohibiting dogs at Children's Playground for safety and sanitation reasons. He said Rangers have had problems with dogs running loose. It is part of the bigger problem resulting with higher incident reports. There is a leash law there now but dogs are prohibited at Caper Acres and school grounds so it would be consistent to have that here.

Commissioner Walker said he did not see any dog waste there so it is not a health problem. If it is a safety problem, the leash law could be enough.

Commissioner Lucas said the folks who hang out there for hours on end have dogs with them, so both would have to move on. He asked what the City might do to encourage more family activities there. Prohibition would drive the good people and dogs away as well as those who may be a problem.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO POST MORE SIGNS THAT DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AND INSTALL DOGGIE BAGS. COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

d. Review and consideration of reducing dog waste in Bidwell Park

Commissioner Candela said the committee came up with some good ideas to make the public more aware of assisting with the problem

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO PLACE MORE DOG BAGS IN BIDWELL PARK AND INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS. COMMISSIONER MILLS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Park Director Beardsley said he would answer any questions. Commissioner Mills asked who puts up banners along the streets. It is done by the lighting crew from Dept. of Public Works.

2. Urban Forester's Report

Chris said the City will be hosting exams on September 11 at CARD Center to certify arborists and tree workers.

3. Monthly Reports Received and filed.

4. Incident Reports Received and filed.

5. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Schwab reported on the Centennial Committee and Commissioner Mills modeled a t-shirt with their logo. She said she reported a problem on a trail and it as fixed the next day. Commissioner Walker noted a tree down over the weekend and thanked staff for promptly removing it.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting of September 27, 2004.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

1. ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call: Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Russell Mills, Stephen Lucas, Ann Schwab, James Walker, David Wood and Michael Candela; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, ACA Alicia M. Rock, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular meeting of August 26, 2004

2. Minutes from Regular Meeting of August 30, 2004

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Walker.

3. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the CSU, Chico Department of Kinesiology for Cross Country 5K, 10K and Fun Run November 13, 2004 - Upper Bidwell Park.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Walker.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2004. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from Regular Meeting of August 30, 2004

Commissioner Walker corrected the names of Master Management As part Committee members in item 4.5.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2004. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

b. Approval of Application and Permit for Park Use from the CSU, Chico Department of Kinesiology for Cross Country 5K, 10K and Fun

Run November 13, 2004 - Upper Bidwell Park.

Commissioner Walker asked for more information on what the course for the run would be. Park Director Beardsley said there is a map attached which shows it.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE RUN. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

2. Review, Discussion and Consideration of Updating the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan.

Park Director Beardsley recommends formation of a Citizens' Advisory Committee. Though every citizen will have the opportunity to participate, the 25 to 30 members selected for this committee would be asked to stay through the entire process. Commissioners were given a list of possible organizations to consider for representation. They are to make recommendations on various matters pertaining to the Master Management Plan that will then be reviewed by the BPPC.

Petra Unger and Curtis Alling, from EDAW Consultants, said they are looking for guidance in the composition of the committee. They also want to hear more about the pros and cons of the existing Master Plan and to present examples of potential outlines that can be used.

Commissioners added the names of some groups that could go on the list for consideration. Commissioner Mills said it might be good to have a member-at-large who is not necessarily affiliated with a group. Commissioner Lucas said this is to be a citizens' committee, so look more toward the general people who use the Park instead of getting too carried away with specific representation. He supports having each Commissioner select one person at-large. Commissioner Walker suggested asking for applications. Ms. Unger said that is commonly done, but may be more formal than what is wanted here, so just extend the invitation widely and see what response we get.

COMMISSIONER MILLS MOVED TO HAVE THE PARK DIRECTOR SELECT THE COMMITTEE FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED AND HAVE EACH COMMISSIONER SELECT ONE MEMBER-AT-LARGE. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

Commissioner Mills looked at the reports submitted from different projects EDAW has done and liked the Tuolome Plan best for what we need. Commissioner Walker tended to like the Sonoma Coast project better as it included the element of “the spirit of the place”. Curtis said it is helpful to hear what they liked about each.

3. Review and Discussion of Revised Proposal for Placement of a Wind Chime in a Park

At its March 31, 2004 meeting, the BPPC authorized the concept of the placement of an eight-foot wind chime in Children’s Playground. An enlarged, revised proposal comes back to the BPPC for review tonight. Mary Gardner, Art Projects Coordinator, would like comments from the BPPC prior to further review by the Art Committee and consideration of the funding request. Considerations include appropriate location, engineering feasibility, maintenance, sound, and visual impacts, and any possible impacts on other park users. Art works funded by RDA must be placed in a redevelopment area. Since Bidwell Park is not in such an area, artist Gregg Payne asked that Bidwell Park become included.

From the public, Gregg Payne brought a model of the tetrahedron he proposes for hanging the chimes. The proposed chimes now measure 16 feet, the tetrahedron stands 35 feet, and the pipes would be high enough to be out of reach.

Daniel Donnelly, Director of Design at Butte College, came to support Gregg and this beautiful project. Randy Abbott asked about how loud the sound would be and can it be adjusted. Gregg answered it is fully adjustable and the neighbors love to hear it now.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT AND REFERED IT TO THE ART COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

BREAK from 8:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

4. Preservation/Stream Committee Meeting of September 16, 2004 (Commissioners Walker, Wood and Schreiber)

a. Review and discussion of managing invasive plants along streams and channels

Commissioner Walker said the initial issue was to prioritize invasive plant removal and develop a list of the top ten plants to be removed. The Volunteer Committee would coordinate efforts of various groups and

support better communication between all. Some volunteers are working on the short-term problems and the Master Management Plan will work on the long-term answers.

Commissioner Wood asked how to resolve this problem with those who lease from us. Park Director Beardsley said the Master Management Plan will give direction for both the City and the lessees.

From the public, Susan Mason said volunteers work five mornings a week on invasive plants and it would help to have someone else recruiting more people to participate.

b. Review and consideration of a memorial oak grove in the One Mile Recreation Area

As part of the Oak Regeneration Project, a group would like to install a plaque on a split-rail fence around a small area to allow native oaks to become established.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE IDEA OF A MEMORIAL OAK GROVE. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Commissioners Schwab and Mills attended the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting. The members were supportive of the Pine Street under-crossing, but were considering others also.

Commissioner Schwab reported the Centennial Committee held a reception at CARD with displays of what they are planning to do for the celebration. About 125 people attended. They are also collecting items for display at Chico Museum.

2. Urban Forester's Report

Chris reported the list for 55 tree and 41 stump removals went out today. There is funding to replace the trees removed, but not enough to plant all we would like to plant. The City has over 5,000 street trees.

3. Monthly Reports Received and filed.

4. Incident Reports Received and filed

5. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Lon Glazner, Public Relations Coordinator for the Disc Golf Club, announced supporters and opponents of the disc golf course will meet tomorrow to get everyone's points of view. There may be a Disc Golf Club formed at Chico State. Gregg Payne said there are some new and improved poles on the course.

Commissioner Wood has been running in Upper Park near a burned area and asked about policy on removal of burned branches. Park Director Beardsley said removal is done for a safety matter. Jim said runners are ready to be trained on trail maintenance.

Commissioner Mills noted the creek bank is eroding at Manzanita Avenue near Vallombrosa Avenue and he would like to preserve the bank before the bike path is lost. Park Director Beardsley said that area has been designated as vegetation management in the past but it did not work well. Engineering would be an expensive matter so the bike path may have to be moved.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 to the next regular meeting on October 25, 2004.

SIGN IN SHEET

1. Gregg Payne 1343 Laburnum Avenue
2. Daniel Donnelly 3091 Chico Way
3. Randy Abbott 1151 East Tenth Street
4. Susan Mason PO Box 3036
5. Lon Glazner 1119 Valley Oak Drive

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2004
MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

a. Present at Roll Call

Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Michael Candela, Ann Schwab, David Wood, Stephen Lucas, and James Walker; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Assistant City Attorney Alicia, M. Rock and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson. Absent: Commission Russell Mills.

b. Special Recognition - The Home Depot for Designing, Providing the Supplies, and Building the New Shade Structure at Caper Acres Picnic Site #2

Chair Schreiber presented Rusty Stevens, Home Depot Store Manager, with a certificate of thanks for their contribution. Mr. Stevens thanked the Commission for allowing the store to show what its associates can do. He showed slides of the new structure and encouraged the public to make reservations to use the area.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Review and Discussion of City Plaza Rehabilitation Project

Greg Melton, of Land Image, showed the design update with a few changes, including those in the center area, the restroom, and the fountain. He will bring ideas for the Veterans' Memorial to the Commission at a later date.

Burr Oaks are growing in the Plaza, but are dropping acorns on the ground. Park Director Beardsley said a meeting will be set to consider other options for trees. The final design should go out for bid by January.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO PROCEED WITH BID DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR CONSTRUCTION. COMMISSION CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

3. Request from the Chico Disc Golf Club to Make Changes to the Disc Golf Site in Bidwell Park

Lon Glazner, speaking for the Disc Golf Course Club, has requested permission to make modifications to the existing course in Upper Park to mitigate possible seasonal damage to the area. Park Director Beardsley has denied the request on the grounds that a decision on the location of the facility and any potential mitigation needs to be considered an approved plan and related environmental review.

Commissioners and the public discussed the many issues involved, and agreed that all interested persons would like to visit the site before making a decision on this request.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO VIEW THE DISC GOLF COURSE - DATE IN NOVEMBER TO BE DECIDED. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

4. Art Committee Meeting of October 14, 2004 (Commissioner Mills, Schwab, and Candela)

Review and Consideration of Wind Chime Locations and Potential Conditions of Approval

Committee recommended that the large chime be placed in Humboldt Park, but with some design features included to minimize maintenance costs.

From the public, Randy Abbott said neighbors should be notified. Gregg Payne, artist, said he had talked to neighbors and they thought it was fine.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE PROJECT FOR HUMBOLDT PARK. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Reports

Park Director Beardsley said the rifle range cleanup is proceeding for bids this

winter and work could be done in the spring. This Thursday evening is a meeting to kick off the Master Management Plan process. He has not heard from many of the organizations invited to send representatives.

2. Urban Forester's Report

Urban Forester Chris Boza was absent, but his report was received and filed.

3. Monthly Reports Received and filed.

4. Incident Reports Received and filed

5. Correspondence. None received.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Gregg Payne said the encroachment permits from Caltrans regarding his art work on the freeway supports have been sent back to him so the project may be put on the Commission agenda. Park Director Beardsley said it may not need to come back to BPPC for additional action.

Chair Schreiber said she read the application evaluation on the Chico State Bump Race and was surprised by the problems. Next year we need to be sure they follow all the rules. Park Director Beardsley indicated that staff will be meeting with the race organizer prior to next year's event.

Tim Edwards said he runs in the Park many times a week. The trail on the Vita Course is lower than the sides and that is a problem in the winter. The imported soil being used is slick and he suggested local soil be scraped into the middle.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. to the Special Meeting at the Disc Golf Course on a date to be decided.

SIGN-IN SHEET
OCTOBER 25, 2004

1. Lon Glazner 1119 Valley Oak Drive
2. Josephine Guardino 8315 River Avenue Los Molinos
3. Michael R. Jones 4211 Notre Dame Blvd
4. Tim Edwards 670 East Fifth Street
5. Gregg Payne 1343 Laburnum Avenue
6. Randy Abbott 1151 East Tenth Street

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
ADJOURNED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2004
MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

a. Present at Roll Call

Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners, Ann Schwab, David Wood, Stephen Lucas, and James Walker; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, Assistant City Attorney Alicia, M. Rock, Senior Planner Brendan Vieg and Senior Planner Patrick Murphy. Absent: Commission Russell Mills, Michael Candela.

2. CONSENT AGENDA None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Site Visit to Upper Bidwell Park - Hwy. 32 (Disc Golf)

The Commission toured the site where disc golf, hiking, and mountain bicycling occur on the 37.20 acres acquired by the City on 1/6/1994. The Commission and attendees discussed the history and use of the site and visited several areas, including parts of the disc golf courses as presently laid out, and modifications being proposed by users of the courses. The discussion was continued to the Commission's November 29, 2004 meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. to the meeting of November 29, 2004.

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES TO NOVEMBER 29, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners Russell Mills, James Walker, Ann Schwab, Michael Candela, Stephen Lucas, and David Wood; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, ACA Alicia M. Rock and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of October 25, 2004**
- 2. Minutes from Adjourned Regular Meeting of November 13, 2004**
- 3. Approval to Name the Access Road to Cedar Grove “Cedar Grove Way”**

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Review of Documentary Video of Bidwell Park

Michael and Kathryn Redman, from Half A Bubble Out Communications, showed a short sample of an hour documentary they are preparing on the history of Bidwell Park. They would like to raise funding to complete it by July for the centennial celebration.

3. Request from the Chico Disc Golf Club to Make Changes to the Disc Golf Site in Bidwell Park

The Disc Golf Club has asked to temporarily move the pins on the course in Upper Park. Interested persons attended a special meeting at the site on November 13, 2004 to gather future information before making a decision.

From the public: Lon Glazner showed diagrams of the changes he is proposing. He wants to move the targets for about three months to have less impact on the surrounding trees. Tom Addison said the disc golf community is showing they are flexible. Scott D. Raimous finds disc golf to be healthy exercise and 40% of the people in the area are there for other purposes that have more impact. Greg Payne has found many exceptions in CEQA for what we are talking about here.

Patsy Schutz recognizes this sport causes significant soil erosion at the site and another area would be better. There is a lot of misinformation going about and the public should listen to experts. John Merz said disc golf is part of an entire plan for community activities and issues should be discussed in a larger context. Travis Copper does not believe the damage is extensive, but it is not wise to do nothing now to minimize it.

Commissioner Schwab learned that soil erosion is doing more damage than discs hitting the trees. Commissioners Wood and Walker agree more damage would be done from moving the pins. Commissioner Mills could not go to the meeting but said we cannot expect human use will not have an effect on the Park

COMMISSIONER SCHWAB MOVED TO DENY THE REQUEST TO MOVE PINS ON THE DISC GOLF COURSE. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

4. Review and Discussion of the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan

Commissioner Lucas discussed some changes to be considered in the draft outline of the Plan Update. The list of contacts for Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) was provided and Commissioners were asked to let staff know their individual appointees.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE OUTLINES WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES. COMMISSIONER WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. Report and Recommendations from the Master Management Plan Committee Meeting of November 3, 2004

a. Review and discussion of Chico Rod and Gun Club Lease

Commissioner Schwab asked about the condition of the building and the level of use. Commissioner Mills asked about the air quality because of the potential hazards from lead in gun powder.

From the public, Ron Husa handed out the yearly schedule historically sent to Council, Fire, Police and Park staff. Claud Evans, current President, said the building was built 50 years ago by volunteers. It has a wood frame and exterior, tin roof, and concrete floor. They would make repairs to the exterior walls upon signing the lease.

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTE ORDER 1-04 AUTHORIZING THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND REQUIRING AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT.
COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

b. Report on Gate Closure at Diversion Dam - Upper Bidwell Park

The gate is closed during periods of wet weather. That prevents motorized access to the road while staying open to bicycles year around.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE.
COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

6. Report and Recommendations from the Tree/Finance Committee Meeting of November 9, 2004

a. Review and discussion of grant funds - California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40)

Butte County authorized \$350,101 grant funds to the City. Committee recommends spending \$223,000 to complete irrigation and lighting improvements at One Mile and \$127,101 toward replacing the dam at One Mile. The floor and sides of Sycamore Pool will have to be replaced in the future.

COMMISSIONER WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

b. Review and Discussion of Designated Trees - City Plaza

Committee recommends planting Accolade elms to replace the Bur oaks, which will come out during renovation and be moved to other, less heavily used parks. Copper beech will be planted mid-block on all four sides and Blue Atlas cedars on the interior.

COMMISSIONER CANDELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTED TREES.
COMMISSIONER SCHWAB SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Director's Report

Bids for the pistol range cleanup should go out in January. The ribbon cutting for Peterson Park is on December 4. Bidwell Park Centennial museum display has been funded and a book is coming out before Christmas.

2. Urban Forester's Report

December 21 is bid opening for restrooms at Humboldt Skate Park. Staff is preparing for the annual California Invasive Plant Council conference in Chico during October 2005.

3. Monthly Reports Received and filed

4. Incident Reports Received and filed

5. Correspondence None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Randy Abbott said Friends of Bidwell Park has been mentioned in the news by those who support disc golf and the public should know the organization has no problems with hikers, equestrians, etc. using the Park.

Commissioner Lucas wants to thank Commissioner Schwab for being on the Commission and wishes Godspeed serving on City Council. Commissioner Schwab said it has been an honor and she enjoyed it very much.

Commissioners Mills and Schwab will not be attending the December 29 meeting. A quorum is needed so other commissioners should keep staff informed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m. to the next regular meeting of December 29, 2004.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2004
SIGN-IN SHEET

	Name	Address
1.	William Lon Glazner	1119 Valley Oak Drive
2.	Tom Addison	668 East 7 th Street
3.	Scott D. Raimous	1457 E. Lassen Ave #56
4.	Gregg Payane	1343 Laburnum
5.	Patsy Schutz	193 E. Sacramento Ave
6.	Josephine Guardino	8315 River Avenue 96055
7.	John Merz	1013 Broadway
8.	Travis Copper	15984 Wagon Road Forest Ranch
9.	Ronald R. Husa	2 Renee Circle
10.	Claud E. Evans	2380 Florida Lane Durham
11.	Randy Abbott	1151 E. Tenth Street

BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present at Roll Call: Chair Mary Schreiber, Commissioners James Walker, Michael Candela, Stephen Lucas, David Wood and Richard Ober; staff Park Director Dennis Beardsley, Urban Forester Chris Boza, and Administrative Secretary Janice Heckerson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from Regular Meeting of November 29, 2004

COMMISSIONER LUCAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER CANDELA SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS none

4. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda None

2. Status Reports on Capital Projects

Park Director Beardsley and Urban Forester Boza reported on the following projects:

a. Humboldt Neighborhood (Skateboard) Park

Lighting and fencing around the park were completed this year. Cameras were installed for surveillance but they were not a success. However, there is less vandalism at the neighboring shop. Bids for restrooms open December 21 and the work should be done by end of March.

b. Rife/Skeet/Pistol Range Clean-Up

The Department of Toxic Substance Control is circulating the draft Removal Action Workplan. It is available to the public at several locations, including the Park Office, until January 22, 2005. Comments are due by January 20. The Air Quality Control District Permit was approved December 20, 2004. A public hearing to review the Regional Water Quality Control Permit is set for January 27 and 28, 2005.

c. City Plaza Renovation and Veterans' Memorial

Elements being considered in the City Plaza renovation are a band shell with adjustable dome, central fountain, rests rooms, and eight zones of elevated seating. The seating is now set to be 20 inches high, but may be

lowered to save on costs.

An updated animation showed the new Veterans' Memorial, which is being constructed entirely from donations. One side of the memorial will show bronze plaques and staff asked the public for suggestions on the content. The other side will contain names of military service people nominated from the public and inscribed for a donation of \$100 each. Names will not give service dates, conflicts or branch of service, but will be all inclusive.

d. One Mile Dam Replacement - One Mile Recreation Area

Work on an updated automatic watering system and on lighting started December 20 and is being scheduled around rainy days. All should be completed by the end of April. Funding for the One Mile Dam replacement is inadequate. City Council authorized application to California Department of Parks and Recreation under Proposition 40 for the balance of funds needed.

3. Review and Discussion of the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan Update

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Director's Report**
- 2. Urban Forester's Report**
- 3. Monthly Reports** Received and filed.
- 4. Incident Reports** Received and filed.
- 5. Correspondence** None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting of January 24, 2005.