



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
August 27, 2018, 6:30 pm
City Council Chambers - 421 Main Street

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Roll Call
- 1.3. Special Recognition: Discovery Shoppe – Caper Acres Donation
- 1.4. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

2. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

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

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 7/30/18.

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

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

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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

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

5. REGULAR AGENDA

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

The Rotary Club of Chico and the Chico post of the Chico Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post

1555 would like to donate the costs and labor to install a plaque and decorative pavers near the existing WW I monument in Children's Playground to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of the war.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on 9/24/18 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.



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