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**CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)**

Regular Meeting Agenda
October 28, 2019, **6:00 pm**
City Council Chambers - 421 Main Street

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 9/30/19.

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

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

Recommendation: *Conditional approval of the permit*

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS IN CITY PARKS.

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

Recommendation: The Commission is requested to provide direction regarding this item.

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

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

Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding whether to provide private vehicle access beyond Salmon Hole in Upper Bidwell Park.

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

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

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

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

Recommendation: None at this time.

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

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

Recommendation: The Committee recommends the BPPC provide direction to Staff on:

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

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

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

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members from 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 is prohibited from taking action, except for a brief response from the Commission or to staff, on any comments or requests made under this section of the agenda.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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



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