



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

Regular Meeting Agenda
November 25, 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 10/28/19.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Souhel Khalil (Applicant) requested a permit to remove one Sawtooth Oak tree located at 11 Blackstone Court. The Applicant cites fallen debris on the sidewalk and his yard as the reasons for removal. Staff denied the permit as the trees are not dead, dying, or pose a dangerous or defective condition. Per the Chico Municipal Code and at the request of the Applicant, the BPPC is considering an appeal of the denied permit. **(Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)**

Urban Forest Manager requests BPPC commission to consider and chose one of two presented options.

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

Option 2: Uphold denial of the tree removal permit.

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

Leslie Vermillion (Applicant) requested a permit to remove two Tallow trees located at 2206 Robailey Dr. The Applicant cites water line and driveway damage as well as public safety concerns due to lifting sidewalks as the principal reasons for removal. Staff denied the permit as the trees are not dead, dying, or pose a dangerous or defective condition. Per the Chico Municipal Code and at the request of the Applicant, the BPPC is considering an appeal of the denied permit. **(Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager)**

Urban Forest Manager requests BPPC commission to consider and chose one of two presented options.
Option 1. Repeal in full or in part the denial of the tree removal permit. Approve removal of one or two Tallow trees at 2206 Robailey Dr.
Option 2: Uphold denial of the tree removal permit.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

Recommendation: If approved by the BPPC, Staff recommends the Applicant adhere to the additional conditions listed in the Staff Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recommendation: The Committee directed Staff to consult with the Mechoopda Tribe regarding the plan, to begin CEQA review for the project, and report back to the Committee at the next NRC meeting

5.4.2 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF A VEGETATIVE FUELS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

Recommendation: None, this was an information item only.

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

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

Recommendation: The Committee concurred with the proposal to identify this section as part of the Annie Bidwell Trail and to postpone discussion of the South Rim Trail.

5.4.4 UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS FUEL REDUCTION GRANT

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

Recommendation: The Committee requested Staff provide a copy of the CEQA review for this grant project, which is included in the Committee's Report.

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 **12/16/19 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California. ***(Please note that this meeting is earlier in the month due to the holidays)***



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