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

Regular Meeting Agenda
October 25, 2021, 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 8/30/21.

2.2. PERMIT FOR THE BIDWELL BUMP MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER BIDWELL PARK ON 11/06/21.

Shawn Hughes from Bidwell Bump (Applicant) requests a permit to hold a mountain bike race in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park on 11/06/21. This event has been held in Bidwell Park for nearly a decade.

Recommendation: Conditional approval of the permit

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT-IF ANY

4. OFFICIAL CEREMONY

4.1. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

- ❖ Paul McCreary
- ❖ Larry Wills

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1. RECEIPT OF COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE UPPER BIDWELL PARK ROAD SEDIMENT REDUCTION PROJECT.

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) will review a Draft Initial Study and a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the City's Upper Bidwell Park Road Sediment Reduction Project (Project). A Notice of Intent to Adopt the IS/MND was issued on 10/04/21, which started the 30-day public comment period. The Draft IS/MND is available on the City's website at <https://chico.ca.us/post/upper-bidwell-park-road-sediment-reduction-project>. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 2, 2021. *(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager)*.

Recommendation: This is an informational item only. The BPPC will provide its comments, if any, and accept comments from the public on the Draft IS/MND. All comments received will be addressed in the Final IS/MND.

6.2. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS REGARDING ELECTRIC BICYCLE USE IN BIDWELL PARK.

At its 8/30/21 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) considered background information regarding whether to establish a policy regarding the use of electric bicycles on trails and other areas in Bidwell Park. The BPPC directed Staff to research options and continued this discussion to a future BPPC meeting. *(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager)*.

Recommendation: Staff is recommending that the BPPC:

1. Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to provide recommendations on an e-bike and electric mountain bike policy for Bidwell Park.
2. Appoint one or two Commissioners to the Committee.
3. Authorize Staff to solicit applications from representatives of the local bicycle community and other stakeholder groups to be considered for appointment to the Committee by the BPPC.

6.3. UPDATE ON POTENTIAL USES FOR THE HORSESHOE PIT AREA IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.

At its 7/26/21 meeting, the BPPC considered ideas on how to improve the horseshoe pit area in the One Mile Recreation Area in Lower Bidwell Park after the horseshoe pits were removed due to their poor condition and disrepair. The Commission directed Staff to look into the costs and feasibility of installing Bocce Ball courts in the area and to report back to the Commission. *(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager)*.

Recommendation: The Commission is requested to provide input and further direction on ways to renovate the horseshoe pit area in Lower Bidwell Park.

6.4. CONSIDERATION OF FORMING AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A MASCOT OR PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN FOR ENFORCING BIDWELL PARK RULES

At its 8/30/21 meeting, BPPC heard Chair Glatz's idea to develop some form of animal mascot or a friendlier image to help inform the public of the rules and regulations for Bidwell Park. Chair Glatz is requesting that the Commission consider forming an Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of no more than two BPPC members to work with an intern to develop this outreach concept. *(Report – Jeff Glatz, BPPC Chair)*.

Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to provide a recommendation whether to pursue the Bidwell Park mascot idea and establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a public outreach campaign.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes or as determined by the Chair. The Committee cannot take any action on requests made under this section of the agenda at this meeting.

8. 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

9. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

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

9.1. By email dated 10/22/21, Commissioner Thomas-Petty requests to receive a current update on the transient population/situation in the City's parks and waterways only for discussion related to assessing and repairing damages to the parks, greenways and waterways.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **11/22/21** at **6:00 p.m.** to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California. ***(Please note this is not on the last Monday of the month due to Thanksgiving holiday week)***



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