



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
February 28, 2022, 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

1.3. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair- Linda Herman, Parks and Natural Resources Manager

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 12/14/21.

2.2. PERMIT TO HOLD A SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCE IN CEDAR GROVE MEADOW FROM JUNE 1, 2022 TO JUNE 11, 2022

Erin Horst from Legacy Stage (applicant), requests to hold a Shakespearean performance in the Cedar Grove Meadow four evenings a week on Wednesday through Saturday, starting on June 1, 2022 to June 11, 2022. The reservation request is from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night, with the actual performances being held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 or 10: p.m. The applicant is also requesting to reserve the Meadow for three additional days for rehearsals.

Recommendation: *Conditional approval of the permit*

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FOR 5 LONDON COURT.

Louise Murad (Applicant) requested a permit to remove one Maple tree located at 5 London Court. The Applicant cites raised sidewalks, broken sprinklers and that the tree was not planted as part of the development. Staff denied the permit as the tree is not dead, dying, or poses 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**)

Recommendation: The Urban Forest Manager requests that Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) make a determination to a) Uphold the denial of the tree removal permit or b) Grant approval to remove the tree with any conditions deemed appropriate.

4.2. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL AT 680 CAMELLIA WAY.

Mr. Bracewell requested the removal Hackberry tree located at the end of Camellia Way adjacent to the Newton-Bracewell Funeral Home. Mr. Bracewell cites sidewalk and sprinkler damage as well as fruit debris falling onto the sidewalk and vehicles as justification for removal. Staff denied the removal as the tree is not dead, dying, or poses 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 removal. (*Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager*)

Recommendation: The Urban Forest Manager requests that BPPC make a determination to a) Uphold the denial of the tree removal or b) Grant approval to remove the tree with any conditions deemed appropriate.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. UPDATE REGARDING CSU, CHICO'S NEW BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING AND NEED FOR AN OPEN SPACE EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

The BPPC will receive an update from Staff on the University's plans to demolish their existing Physical Sciences Building that is located adjacent to Children's Playground and to build a new Behavior and Social Sciences Building. Due to State Fire regulations, an open space easement over a portion of the western side of Children's Playground is required for the project, which was approved by the City Council on 10/19/22. (*Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager*)

Recommendation: The Urban Forest Manager is seeking direction from the Commission on the University's request to remove four trees as part of the project.

5.2. UPDATE ON A PROPOSAL TO RESTORE NATIVE FISH PASSAGE ON BIG CHICO CREEK AT THE IRON CANYON FISH LADDER IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission will receive an update on renewed interest in restoring the Iron Canyon Fish Ladder in Upper Bidwell Park to allow fish passage, such as spring run Chinook salmon, steelhead, and other native species, to access upstream holding, spawning, and rearing habitats on Big Chico Creek. (*Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager*)

Recommendation: The Parks & Natural Resources Manager recommends that the BPPC consider supporting the new proposed Iron Canyon Fish Project and the pursuit of grant funding.

5.3. APPROVAL OF THE 2022 BPPC MEETING CALENDAR

The Commission is requested to approve the proposed BPPC regular meeting dates for 2022.

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.

8. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

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

- 8.1. By email dated 2/21/22, Commissioner Glatz requests to agendize discussion regarding allowing free permits to play acoustic music in the downtown City Plaza.
- 8.2. By email dated 2/24/22, Commissioner Glatz requests to agendize whether to allow a mobile coffee shop to set up at Sycamore Pool in the mornings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on 3/28/22 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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