



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
November 25, 2013, 6:30 pm
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

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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 Special Meeting Minutes of 10/23/13 and Regular Meeting Minutes of 10/28/13.

Action: *Approve minutes of BPPC meetings.*

- 2.2. Permit for Run/Bike Chico Kidney Biatholon on March 22, 2014

The Chico Kidney Biathlon organization requests a permit to host a foot and bike ride in Lower and Middle Park on Saturday, March 22, 2014. This is the applicant's second year to hold the event. This application requires BPPC consideration as the group is requesting the use of non-intensive use areas in Middle Park. **Action:** *Approve of permit with conditions.*

- 2.3. Permit for Bidwell Presbyterian Vacation Bible Experience, July 23 – 27, 2014

Applicant Bidwell Presbyterian Church requests a permit to hold a vacation bible experience at Children's Playground during the week of June 23 – 27, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children's Playground is not designated as an exclusive use reservation area per 12R.10 of the Chico Municipal Code and Commission approval is therefore required. **Recommendation:** *Approve of permit with conditions.*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – if any

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4.1. Tree Permit Request: Removals Tree Permit Application: Removals and Pruning on Various Trees on Park Avenue (Stott Advertising).

Stott Advertising submitted 5 permits to remove or prune a series of 17 trees along Park Avenue in order to allow for better visibility of 6 existing billboards. Staff applied a recently developed, draft protocol and reviewed the applicant goals, tree health, nearby infrastructure, and the tree's aesthetic contribution to Park Avenue. Staff could support the removal and replacement of 9 trees, and rejected the removal of 7 others. **Recommendation:** *Accept the recommendations as presented in the staff report.*

- 4.2. Tree Permit Request: Tree Removal on at 1212 Downing Street and 668 Cromwell Street

Landowners wish to remove 1) 4 Yarwood sycamore trees at 1212 Downing Avenue and 2) 1 Yarwood sycamore tree at 668 Cromwell Street because of repeated damage and potential hazards. The removals and replanting will be completed at the applicants cost. Staff also requests exploration of a programmatic approach to help expedite requests for undesirable trees. **Recommendation:** *Approval of permits; and exploration of a Programmatic Permit.*

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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6. REPORTS

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.

- 6.1. Natural Resource Committee Report – Commissioner Mary Brentwood
- 6.2. Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on December 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
October 23, 2013 Special Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Emmerich called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Mark Herrera
Jim Moravec
Richard Ober
Janine Rood
Drew Traulsen

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Ruben Martinez, Public Works

2. MEETING AGENDA

2.1. Review and Consideration of Wells Fargo Reservation Permit in Bidwell Park

Recommendation: *Staff recommends approval with conditions.*

Public Works Director Ruben Martinez provided an overview of the Wells Fargo Bank permit request to stage a still photo shoot in Bidwell Park on October 26 and 27, 2013. The production company would setup in Upper Park at Day Camp, on early Saturday for an afternoon and sunset photography session. On Sunday they would setup very early in the North 5-Mile Area, and start with a sunrise shoot until around noon. The company's setup will include trucks, camera equipment, horses and approximately 20 production staff.

The applicant will provide sufficient monitoring to keep the production equipment and staff on the roadways where possible. The applicant has also requested that the Day Camp area be cordoned off so equipment, including trucks, horses, horse trailers and iconic stage coach is able to stage and effectively use natural light in the parking area with the natural foliage in the background. The applicant also asked to be allowed to put up caution tape as a boundary for regular onlookers and passersby, to view but not interfere with the work of the photo crew.

These areas will remain open to the public. The Commission also discussed indepth keeping the Yahi Trail open to Park users. The applicant agreed ahead of time to pay for Park staff to help with guiding Park visitors and helping monitor the photo sessions to reduce interference by the Park onlookers.

Production staff had agreed to monitor equipment movements to restrict, reduce or eliminate any movements outside of the wheeled roadways, while allowing the production company the best possible staging for photos. Additionally, 5 Mile Way on the North side of 5 Mile Park Areas will need to be kept clear of through traffic.

The BPPC considered the application because of the use of intensive-use areas in Middle Park

and non-intensive use areas in Upper Park and for a duration of over ten hours for both sessions.

Commissioner Traulsen inquired as to whether the Yahí Trail would be closed to visitors. The trail will remain open and Park staff members would help guide visitors in and around the filming area.

A schedule was provided to the Park Division. Commissioner Emerich inquired as to whether the permit fees would cover the extra staff time to write the report as well as the overtime for Park staff members to be on hand the two days of the event. Public Works Director Martinez said that his time was covered by salary but that the overtime for workers would be charged to the applicant.

Commissioner Ober expressed concern about the precedent of holding the special meeting for a rushed application and what would happen if the BPPC did not approve the permit. Director Martinez said that the applicant would have to move their location.

MOTION: Approve permit request with conditions. **MADE BY:** Moravec. **SECOND:** Herrera. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Herrera, Moravec, Ober, Rood, and Traulsen). **NOES:** 1 (Emmerich). **ABSENT:** 0.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:05 pm to the next regular meeting on October 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: _____

Prepared By:

Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator

Date

Distribution: BPPC

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Minutes of
October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Emmerich called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Lisa Emmerich
Mark Herrera
Jim Moravec
Richard Ober
Janine Rood
Drew Traulsen

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Ruben Martinez (General Services Director), and Lise Smith-Peters (Park Services Coordinator).

2. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Herrera asked that the meeting Minutes of 9/30/13 item 4.1 reflect that he recused himself from discussion and voting on the Special Event permit for Butte Environmental Council's Endangered Species Faire since he is on their Board of Directors. Commissioner Moravec asked that his absence be noted under 1.2 Roll Call. These will be corrected and posted on-line.

MOTION: Approve Minutes of 9/30/13 with corrections. **MADE BY:** Herrera. **SECOND:** Brentwood.
AYES: 7 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Herrera, Moravec, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Consideration of Alcohol Sales at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course.

At the Policy Advisory Committee meeting on 9/19/13, Commissioners recommended forwarding for consideration a proposal to allow alcohol sales at the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course, which was originally submitted by Empire Golf to the Park Division in August. Park Staff noted that the staff report on this issue was mistakenly not included in the Commissioners hard copy of the BPPC packet but was included on the online version. Parks and Natural Resources Manager Efseaff provided a verbal overview of the issue as well as some of the discussion items raised during the PAC meeting.

Staff stated that to exempt the Bidwell Park Golf Club from the current alcohol ban for Parks and Playgrounds, City Council would need to review and approve it to change the current Chico

Municipal Code (CMC). Empire Golf would have to obtain an alcohol license from the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Department. Then the Chico Police Department would be involved in the review of the alcohol license as well as the City Council.

Staff requested that the BPPC 1) consider whether the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course should be exempted from the current ban on alcohol in Bidwell Park; and 2) review the proposal from Empire Golf to sell alcohol on the premises and consider additional lease conditions.

Rod Metzler, General Manager for Empire Golf presented information in support of allowing the Club to sell alcohol. He stated that the game of golf in general is in an economic slump and that Bidwell Park Golf Club faces even more challenges by competition locally from area Clubs that allow alcohol sales. The Club is also at a disadvantage by not having a driving range, which helps generate more revenue at other sites. Empire Golf operates 6 golf clubs in which two are municipally owned and operated on Park lands that do have alcohol bans that exempt the golf courses in the County of Sacramento. Empire Golf has "On-Sale General Eating Place" alcoholic beverage licenses at each of the 5 clubs that serve.

Empire Golf has projected an increase of revenue by about \$377,000 annually based on alcohol sales as well as an increase in golf rounds, cart rentals, and sales from banquets and tournament reservations. These estimates are based on sales averages of other clubs that sell alcohol. He predicted a spillover effect for helping the Chico economy with golfers traveling from outside the area and contributing to the local economy through restaurants, shopping and hotel stays. The Club will also need to hire more staff to handle increased use of their Club restaurant.

The Bidwell Park Golf Club, Inc. is a nonprofit so an increase in revenues over expenses will be put back into the golf course and in the Club facility. There is an economic benefit to the City as the Club's revenue is based on a percentage of gross revenue monthly. A five year capital improvement plan is also part of the lease with the City and outlines many needed upgrades including new irrigation, all weather cart paths, and a pump upgrade to name but a few.

Mr. Metzler stated that there is already alcohol consumption on the property and the sale of alcohol would put in place controls over this. Their staff will be trained through the "safe serve" program and sales would be for onsite consumption only. Police would be the enforcer outside the golf course for impaired drivers as with any intoxicated park visitors.

The question was raised as to what would prevent the other Park leasees from serving alcohol and staff replied that the change in the CMC would only refer to the Bidwell Park Golf Club. Park staff named the other Park leasees as the Chico Creek Nature Center, Community Observatory, Chico Area Recreation District, Chico Rod and Gun Club, Outdoor Recreation Advocacy, Inc.

FROM THE PUBLIC:

Caitlyn Reilly, Executive Director of Chico Creek Nature Center – the golf course needs this revenue structure and this will help reinvest in the park.

Ken Fleming, CSUC Professor – has specialized in behavioral health and alcohol issues since 1978. Chico has a problem with alcohol and this decision will have a major impact on this city. Downtown and south campus neighborhood is an alcohol wasteland. Our younger population between ages 18–35 has an alcohol problem. Suggests marketing strategy of alcohol free golf course.

Melinda Vasquez – too much emphasis on the revenue that would be generated. Chico has a huge alcohol problem, and there is a large price tag in the loss of life and payments for police to patrol during the Halloween alcohol party. Keep the Park as Annie intended it – alcohol free.

Dan Casamajor – Golf Club member since 1961, states alcohol is already consumed at the golf club. Since working in maintenance at the Club, he has really observed the need for upgrades and the current budget is thin so revenue from sales is needed.

Harrie D. Riley – Annie Bidwell was clear in the deed about no manufacturing or sale of alcohol. The City said no to alcohol in the park in 1995; I will be shocked if we go against what the forefathers wanted.

Todd Hall – Chico Creek Nature Center Board and Arts Commission – His family is in the wine making business and they promote the area's agriculture tourism and increased taxes from such. Want people to have options in the park.

Roger Clark, Board President of BPGCI) – the Golf Club demographics is quite different from the general Chico population – about 65 years of age and the Club is not a party destination like Madison Bear Garden. The Club needs to be able to hold full service events in order to increase the revenue to invest in the capital improvements.

Spencer Riemer works at the Golf Course and stated the need for the license.

James Mosher – there is binge drinking but this would not be a problem with the golf course.

Marvin Davidson – Played the course since 1968 with many of Chico's community members and they are active part of the community and active in fundraising to help the park. They agree that alcohol is ok at the course.

Commissioner Ober stated that the main process tonight included consideration of the following:

- 1) Making an exception for the golf course and Club to the City-wide ban of alcohol in parks and playgrounds;
- 2) consider the need for conditions;
- 3) continue the ban on glass in the park; and
- 4) training of Golf Club staff in the "safe serve" program.

Several Commissioners noted that making the Golf Club an exception to the alcohol ban did not create a precedent since the Club has such a different relationship with the City and any overage of revenue is returned to the Park. Chair Emmerich noted that alcohol is very much a city-wide issue and to vote for alcohol at the Golf Club would be providing a City-stamp of approval while linking alcohol use and recreation. She also stated that because illegal alcohol use on the golf course is already a norm, does not make it ok and it does not send a good message young people who play golf with elders who violate the Park's ban.

MOTION: Move that the BPPC recommend that the Council adopt an exemption for the Bidwell Park Municipal Golf Course from the current City-wide alcohol ban with 4 conditions: 1) abide by park hours; 2) allow no offsite sales; 3) uphold restriction on glass; and 4) Club staff trains in a "safe serve" program.

MADE BY: Ober. **SECOND:** Herrera. **AYES:** 4 (Brentwood, Herrera, Moravec and Ober). **NOES:** 3. (Emmerich, Rood and Traulsen); **ABSENT:** 0.

4.2. Review and Consideration of a Wet Weather Policy for Bidwell Park

Parks and Natural Resources Manager Efseaff provided a background on the creation of the Interim (Adaptive) Wet Weather Management Plan that was first adopted in December 2009. The BPPC reviewed and provided comments on a draft plan at its meeting in December 2012. Staff then presented some key findings of the revised 2013 document, which finalizes the Plan, and satisfies BPPC Workplan priority 2.

Some trends in data were evident; with drier weather prevailing in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 as compared to the first two years of data collection, ie. 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. There were

more than double the closures of both the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course (PPDG) and the trails during the first two years. January 2013 was an extremely dry month and the trails and PPDG were closed one week vs. 30 days in December 2012. The revised plan relies on weather data from the US Forest Service Chico weather Station (CHI). The protocol uses a trigger of 0.25" indentation (heel mark) to close trails and the Peregrine Point Course. A trail assessment is used to open the trails and PPDG (pp. 3-5). The dual assessment of trails and the PPDG is important because of the differences in the two sites and helps log these distinctions.

Staff, along with the Outsiders, have increased education efforts for disc golfers and there seems to be better compliance with wet weather policies. Staff observations suggest that unauthorized use still occurs in the Park; however, overall compliance during wet weather appears to be improving and we will continue to ramp up education efforts and enforcement. As discussed in the past, staff has placed a "Disc Golf Course Closed" sign on a lock in place bollard at the first hole. This makes the notice of closure impossible to miss so those playing when the course is closed should be cited. Staff also has contacted CALTRANS regarding a trail/disc golf course status sign at Highway 32 and Bruce Road, but have not received permission to erect a sign there (we received conflicting information on what was possible in the right of way).

Staff added the closure of Upper Park Road to motor vehicles to coincide with trail closures, providing an opportunity for trail users to use the road without car traffic when the trails are closed. After several years of study, staff has also defined a new trail assessment route for the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course to better capture disc golf fairway conditions on the long course. The new route will encompass holes 1, 2, 14, 15 and 16 (the latter two being the wettest holes).

Commissioner Ober asked whether there is now enough evidence for a seasonal closure of the trails in December. Staff is not ready to make that move yet, but that through the trail plan update process, there may be a recommendation for closures of particular areas that have vernal pools, such as in the case of the area west of Horseshoe Lake.

From the Public:

Adam Filippone, Vice President Chico Outsiders, said that the group is focusing on educating course users about the wet weather policy and the need to stay off the course during wet weather (to help keep the course open through the City).

Woody Elliott suggested that staff continue efforts to get a sign placed at Bruce Road and Hwy 32 so that people will not drive up the hill only to find the course is closed. He also recommended having a gate which would close off the parking lot during a course closure.

Staff will provide further update and revisions in 2014.

MOTION: Move that the BPPC adopt the Adaptive Wet Weather Trail Management Plan (Revised 2013).
MADE BY: Moravec. **SECOND:** Rood. **AYES:** 7 (Brentwood, Emmerich, Herrera, Moravec, Ober, Rood and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Woody Elliott – the transient issue has gotten out of hand in the Park and there is great need to stay on top of it.

6. REPORTS

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6.1. Natural Resources Committee Report – Commissioner Brentwood

Commissioner Brentwood presented information on the first of a series of public meetings about the Caper Acres Master Management Plan and revitalization process. The meetings are being held through the Natural Resources Committee. The kick off meeting was well attended. Parks and Natural Resources Manager Efseaff provided a background on the current conditions of the Caper Acres facility. Design consultant, Gregg Melton, described the public input process and some of the ideas to keep in mind while thinking about what will help transform Caper Acres into a safer, and easier park to maintain for the City. The next meeting will be onsite at Caper Acres on November 14 at 4 pm.

6.2. Park & Natural Resources Manager's Report - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

Parks and Natural Resources Manager Efseaff discussed some of the focal points of the Park Division, such as the on-going need for staff to cleanup homeless encampments. There have been volunteer days that have helped immensely throughout the greenways and parks with the Butte Environmental Council cleanup and efforts of Comanche Creek neighbors, Lindo Channel neighbors and Friends of Bidwell Park. Rangers estimate that 40-50% of their time is spent dealing with homeless issues, including writing citations, education, cleanups, etc. Staff has also made use of the Sheriffs Work Alternative Program (SWAP) participants to help with cleanups. Maintenance crew have also been preoccupied with cleanups. Servepro will end their volunteer service at Caper Acres at the end of October and staff has worked out an agreement with the SWAP program so that they can take over the Caper Acres cleaning and some other park maintenance duties. The Volunteer Program celebrated a successful Make a Difference Day in Bidwell Park and Comanche Creek with over 350 volunteers participating.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:53 pm to the next regular meeting on November 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator

Date

Distribution: BPPC



DATE: November 15, 2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Permit Application for the Chico Kidney Biathlon

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the permit with conditions.

Report in Brief

The Chico Kidney Biathlon organization requests a permit to host a foot and bike ride in Lower and Middle Park on Saturday, March 22, 2014. This will be the second year the applicant has held this event and anticipates approximately 300 participants (100 more than last year). The event will follow the same courses from last year. The evaluation is attached.

The applicant will have a 5k run; starting and ending at the Hooker Oak Recreation area and utilizing established trails in Lower & Middle Park. The transition over to bikes for the 10k bike race will take place at Hooker Oak and will end at Wildwood Park. The bike race will utilize the paved path along Manzanita and the roads in Middle/Upper Park. In the event that the Middle and Upper Park paths, trails or road are closed due to wet or unsafe conditions, the race course will need to be altered accordingly. The applicant intends on moving the foot race to the paved paths and road in the event of trail closures due to wet weather.

During the event, monitors will be in place to direct participants as well as restrict vehicle traffic, while allowing participants through. Adequate signage will also be in place to ensure racers follow the established routes and also to notify other park users of the event. The route is along paths, trails or the road that can accommodate higher use. The applicant will do a final inspection of the race courses at the conclusion of the event and remove all signs as well as pick up any associated garbage. In the event that the Lower or Middle Park paths or trails are closed due to unsafe or wet conditions, the race/hiking course will be altered accordingly and approved by the Park Division.

This application requires BPPC consideration as the group is requesting the use of non-intensive use areas in Middle Park. While running/walking is a permissible use under the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (BPMMP), there is the potential that a large event could become incompatible with wilderness activities. Staff has not observed excessive trail damage and has not fielded any citizen complaints associated with similar races, and anticipates monitoring the event this year. The plan also notes that Middle Park is a protected area for primarily non-intensive recreational uses (O.Middle-1).

- Continued adherence to all park rules.
- Maintain participants at 400 and below the participant cap of similar events (500).
- The bike race route will be on the road in Middle Park, which will also extend onto City streets. Work with Chico Police Department to coordinate traffic in areas where bicyclists may interface with street car traffic.
- Participants are required to follow all traffic laws, wear a helmet and walk their bike across the pedestrian bridge.
- Monitors will be strategically placed throughout the route to minimize conflicts with participants and vehicles (see map).
- The foot race will start at Hooker Oak Recreation Area and follow a route through Lower Park.
- The pedestrian underpass at Manzanita will be utilized, therefore minimizing pedestrian/vehicle interactions.
- In the event that the underpass is closed, monitors/CPD will direct traffic and participants across the road.
- Coordinate City street closures and use with the Engineering Department if needed.
- Coordinate the use of the Hooker Oak Recreation Area and Wildwood Park with CARD.

Distribution: Kerilynn Ferguson

Attachments: Application and permit for park use for the Chico Kidney Biathlon in Bidwell Park and Evaluation



City of Chico

APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR PARK USE

Public Works Department - Park Division
965 Fir Street/P.O. Box 3420
Chico, CA 95927-3420
(530) 896-7800 Fax: (530) 895-4731

Type of Event:

PUBLIC PRIVATE

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Must be 18 or older • No glass beverage containers • Application fee due upon submittal •

THIS RESERVATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE PARK DIVISION.

PLEASE PRINT:

Kerilynn Ferguson
Name of Applicant/Contact Person

Chico Kidney Biathlon
Organization Name (if applicable)

[Redacted]
Home Organization or Company Address

[Redacted]
City, State, Zip

[Redacted] Contact Phone # [Redacted] Alternate Phone #

run/bike Biathlon
Description of Event: (family BBQ, walk/run, describe below if needed)

March 22, 2014 Saturday
Day and Date of Event:

From: 8am To: noon
Total Time Needed for Set-up, Event, and Clean-up

From: 9am To: 10am 300
Time of Event Only Number of people

E-mail address: [Redacted]

Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30 am. Street closure(s) subject to approval.

AREA REQUESTED: (Please check if requested)

- Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
 - Electricity (15 amp)
- Note: Special conditions apply for amplified sound (12R.08.263 CMC)
- Cedar Grove Picnic Area Meadow
 - Electricity (15 amp) 100 amp Electrical Service tables, restroom area (circle) Water (public events only)
- Children's Playground
 - Electricity (15 amp)-Pick up key on: _____ Mon - Fri 8:00 - 3:30
 - Water (public events only) 100 amp Electrical Service
- City Plaza (Additional fees may apply)
 - Electricity (15 amp) 100 amp Electrical Service
 - Event Restrooms Water (public events only)
 - Fountain - On Fountain - Off
 - Meter Bags # _____ Sound Curtain

- Council Ring
 - Fire Permit
- Five Mile Picnic Area
- One Mile Picnic/Barbeque Area - Water available, no hose bib 100+ people
 - Oak Grove A Oak Grove B
 - Sycamore Way Parking Lot Closure-Public Events ONLY
 - Electricity (15 amp) parking area, restroom area (Pick up key)
- Band Stand (15 amp)
 - BBQ-Pick up key on: _____ Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Depot Park
 - Electricity (15 amp)
- Lower Bidwell Park (public events only): _____
- Upper Bidwell Park (public events only): _____
- Other (specify) (public events only): _____
- Early Entrance Needed (public events only) Yes No

Additional Description of the Event: Biathlon - 5K BIKER 10K-BIKE

will have water stations throughout

FOR PARK RANGER ASSISTANCE during the event, CALL 530-897-4900 (Police Department Dispatch)

SECTION 2 - PERMIT FEES

Call Park Office at 896-7800 for availability of park areas and fee schedule 80.020

- Application Fee \$ 19.00 (Non-Refundable)
- Reservation Fee \$ 150.00 (\$11.00 minimum, please call for quote)
- Insurance Fee \$ 40.00 (\$40.00 to process outside insurance)
- Vendor Fee # _____ \$ _____ (\$6.00 per vendor)
- Damage Deposit \$ 100.00 (\$100.00 refundable following acceptable clean-up after event)
- Early Entrance Fee \$ 32.50 (\$32.50/hr, public events only)
- Additional Park Use Fees \$ _____ (see fee schedule)

Additional fees for City Plaza use:

Event Restrooms _____ x (\$95.00) = \$ _____
#days

100 amp Electrical _____ x (\$30.00) = \$ _____
(electrician required) #days

Total Fee Required: \$ 341.50
309.00

Fee due upon submittal of application * Make Checks Payable to: City of Chico

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. CR 372938 Payment Method: CK 334 Date: 10/22/13 Received By: TR

Office Distribution:	Permit File (original) Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 1 Park Ranger 2	Senior Park Ranger Landscape Inspector.	Applicant Risk Management (e-mail)	Email(various) 920 Fund
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SECTION 3

CONDITIONS FOR PARK USE

You Are Responsible for Knowing the Park Rules. Please Observe the Following:

Alcohol	Alcohol is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
BBQ's	Portable BBQ's may only be used next to existing BBQ's in Lower Bidwell Park and Five Mile Recreation Areas.
Bicycles	Must observe all California vehicular codes including one-way streets. Riders are expected to be courteous and yield to equestrian and pedestrian traffic. Helmets must be worn at all times in Upper Park, except when on pavement. Riders must stay on designated trails. Bicycle riding is not allowed in Caper Acres or on the Sycamore pool deck.
Bounce Houses	Bounce houses and other similar play equipment are only permitted with a reservation and upon approval by the Park Division. The operators of this equipment must provide proof of insurance. Bounce houses are not allowed in Caper Acres.
Campfires	No campfires allowed.
Camping	No overnight camping allowed. Bidwell Park is a "day use park" only.
Clean up	Permittee is required to completely clean up area at the conclusion of event. Additional garbage bags may be obtained from the General Services Department at time of reservation. (12R.04.180 CMC)
Damages	Any damage to City property as a result of this event will be repaired at permittee's expense.
Dogs	Dogs may be off leash from 5:30 AM until 8:30 AM in Lower Park -- All other times dogs must be on a leash . Along the north side of Upper Park Road, dogs may be "off leash" anytime. While "off leash," dogs must remain under control via master's voice. Dogs are not allowed in Caper Acres, One-Mile or Five-Mile swimming areas, or designated swimming holes in Upper Park.
Electrical	All power extension cords, sound amplification equipment, and staging to be supplied by permittee. Permittee shall provide "tripping" prevention devices over power cords crossing any pathway.
Fishing	Big Chico Creek: Check California Fish and Game Regulations, http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/ , Freshwater Sport Fishing, Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations, (20) Big Chico Creek. Horseshoe Lake: <u>Age 14 and over</u> - license, catch and release; <u>Under 14</u> - no license, catch and keep.
Gate Closures	Upper Park gate at parking area E is closed on Sundays and Mondays and during wet periods. Gates can be closed for approved special events. See www.ci.chico.ca.us/general_services_department/park_division/gate_closing_hours.asp
Glass	No glass beverage containers allowed in any City Park or Playground.
Horses	Horses must stay on designated trails. Horses are not allowed in One-Mile or Five-Mile Recreation Areas. Horses must cross the creek at approved crossings. Safe and courteous riding is the Park standard.
Noise	No loud or unusual noises are allowed, including: radios and headsets that can be heard over 50' away. Music/Amplified Sound at One-Mile Recreation Area, please, face all speakers away from Woodland Ave.
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(to be determined by Park Office)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE TO:

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- (1) All Public Events per Title 12R.08.240, and/or
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Organization Named on Certificate of Insurance _____

Permittee shall supply, at least two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled event, a Certificate of Insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in California with a Best's Insurance Guide rating of "B" or better ("A" rated if Company is unlicensed) which provides evidence of comprehensive and general liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit, with policy endorsements as follows:

- (1) Identification of permit applicant, identification of event, date of event.

NOTE: NUMBERS 2 AND 3 MUST BE SEPARATE ENDORSEMENTS:

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***I certify that I have read this application thoroughly, followed any and all instructions, understand its contents, will comply with the attached "Conditions for Park Use", will adhere to any additional conditions set forth by this permit, and supplied true and correct information herein to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

X Kevin Jergun
Signature of Applicant

X OCT. 22, 2013
Date

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965 Fir Street
Chico, CA 95928

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 Application approved by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission. Date: _____
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Date: _____

Signature of Park and Natural Resources Manager

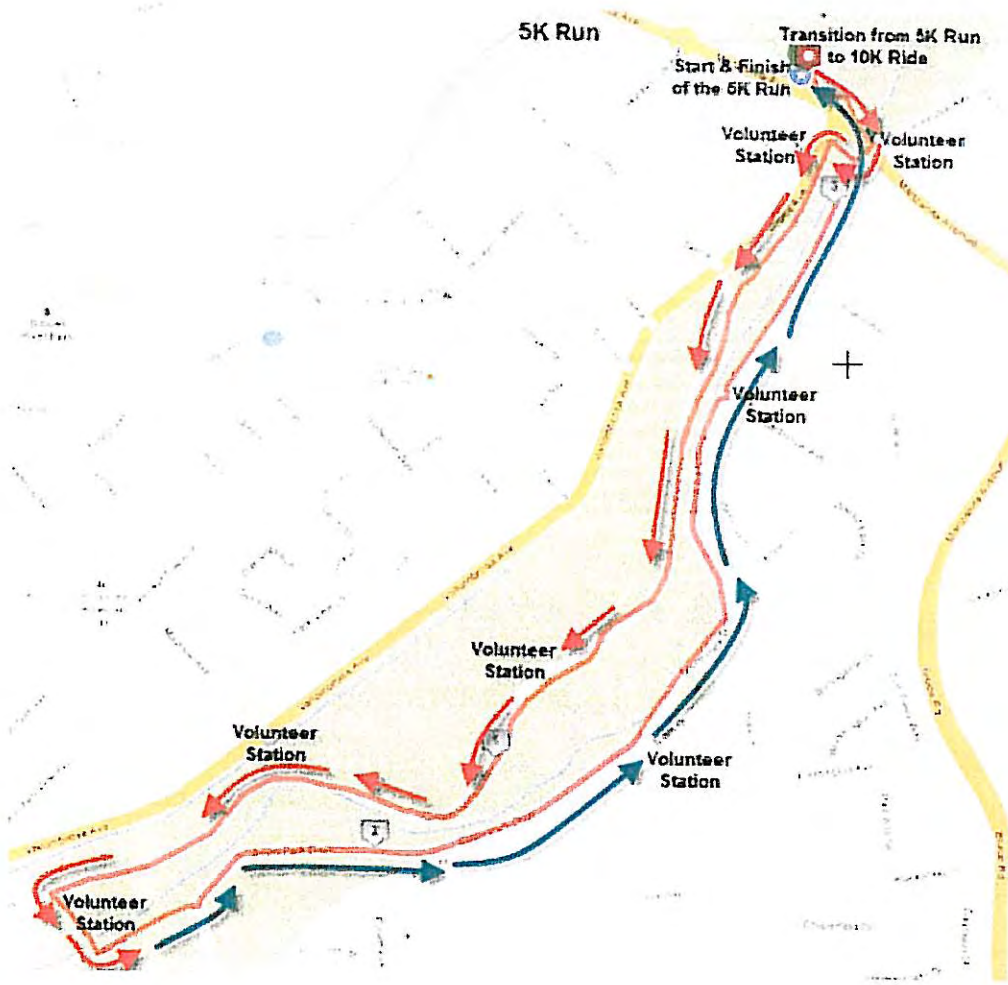
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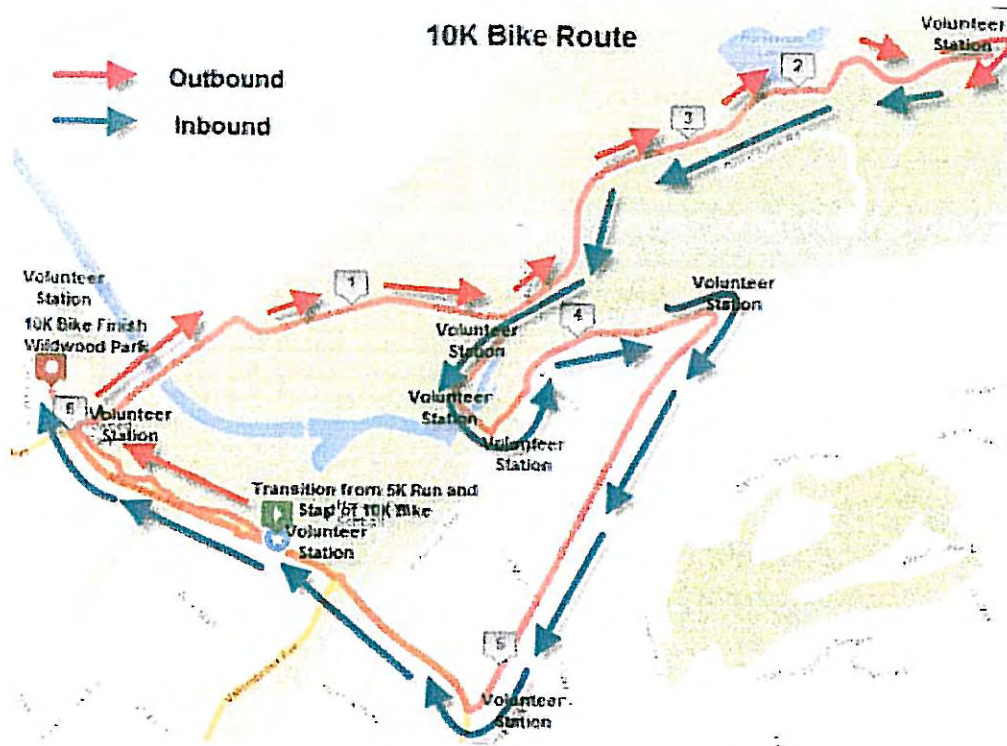
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Please answer the following questions by circling "Yes" or "No"

Is this an annual event? How many years have you been holding this event? <u>2</u>	Yes	No
Is there a patron admission, entry, or participant fee(s) required for your event?	Yes	No
Will there be amplified sound/music at event? (Please see 'Conditions For Park Use') Specify type (microphone, band, radio, PA system etc): <u>@ Hooker Oak & Wildwood (CARD)</u>	Yes	No
When will amplified sound/music be heard? Time from: <u>7am</u> until: <u>10am</u> amps needed (<u>15 or 100</u>) <small>Note: 100 amp electrical service requires a certified electrician to operate.</small>		
Will there be any entertainment apparatus? (Operator to provide proof of insurance) [] Bounce house [] Climbing wall [] Ropes Course [] Other: _____ Name of Operator: _____	Yes	No
Will there be any vendors at this event? (No glass or alcohol permitted) If "yes" please note the number of vendors anticipated: _____ (submit a, separate, complete list) Does your event include food concession and/or preparation areas? If yes, please describe how food will be served and/or prepared: <u>"Vendors" will be at Wildwood but will not be selling anything. "Vendors" will be sponsors of the race handing out coupons / stickers etc.</u>	Yes	No
Will event require that any part of the Park remain closed beyond the normal time of opening? <small>Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30am. (Subject to approval by the General Services Department Director and/or Senior Park Ranger.)</small> If "yes" please state which gate(s): _____ Time of closure from: _____ until: _____	Yes	No
Will there be early entrance into the Park for setup? If "yes" when will monitors be at their position(s)? Time from: <u>6:00am</u> until: <u>7:00am</u> <small>Note: Gate Monitors are required at the entrances and exits for early Park entrance. An additional fee may be charged for early entrance</small>	Yes	No
Will event require over night camping for security purposes? (authorized for a maximum of two people, 12R.04.340 CMC) If "yes" how many security personnel will be required?	Yes	No
Portable Restrooms: You are required to provide portable restroom for events with 200+ participants at your event, in the immediate area of the event site which will be available to the public during your event. Restroom Company <u>TBA</u> Phone Number _____ Location of portable restrooms _____ <small>Note: Restrooms shall be removed within 24 hrs after conclusion of event.</small>	Yes	No
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Will your event include the use of any signs, banners or decorations? (Please see 'Conditions For Park Use') If yes, please describe type and location: <u>Hooker Oak & Wildwood Start & Finish lines (CARD)</u> <small>Note: All signs and banners shall be free standing and not affixed to Park property.</small>	Yes	No
Will water be needed during your event? Please provide your own hose and on/off switch. No hose bib is available at One Mile Recreation Area. <small>Note: Please request a water coupler key for City Plaza, Children's Playground, and Cedar Grove.</small>	Yes	No
Do you request irrigation to be turned off before and during your event?	Yes	No
CITY PLAZA ONLY: Vehicles are not allowed in City Plaza. Loading and unloading must occur from the streets. Meter bags for unloading and loading <u>only</u> may be obtained from the City by calling (530) 896-7800.		
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Will City street closure(s) be needed? <small>A separate permit must be obtained from the Engineering Division at 411 Main Street, Chico, (530) 879-6900.</small>	Yes	No

The Chico Kidney Biathlon will be held on March 22, 2014. It is a 5K run through Lower Park and a 10K bike ride through Upper Park on paved roads. Volunteers will arrive around 6am to set up in Upper and Lower park. Volunteer stations will be set up throughout the park for the safety of participants and pedestrians. Participants will arrive starting at 7:00am to the start line / Transition area in Hooker Oak Park. The 5K run will be first and go through Lower Park. The 10K Bike ride will be following the run through paved roads in Upper Park. The awards ceremony will be at Wild Wood Park (and the finish line) approx. at 9:00 a.m. Cleanup will be following the last participant or 10am, whichever is first.







DATE: November 15, 2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Permit Application for a Vacation Bible Experience Event at Children's Playground

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the permit with conditions.

Report in Brief

Applicant Christi Harrington with the Bidwell Presbyterian Church requests a permit to hold a vacation bible experience at Children's Playground during the week of June 23 – 27, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (includes set-up and take down daily). Harrington has requested to use the lawn areas for the event and anticipates 150 attendees daily. Similar events hosted by the Bidwell Presbyterian Church have been held at this location for the past 9 years.

Children's Playground is not designated as an exclusive use reservation area per 12R.10 of the Chico Municipal Code and Commission approval is therefore required for a private reservation permit request. Staff does not anticipate any major conflicts, issues, or damage associated with the applicant's requests.

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Continued adherence to all park rules.
- Applicant understands that there is no exclusive use of Children's Playground and it is open to the public during their event.
- No signs or decorations to be attached or hung from City structures, trees, tree barriers, or vegetation.
- Vehicles to be parked in designated parking areas only.
- Bounce house is allowed (but may not have a waterslide).

Distribution: Christi Harrington

Attachments: Application and permit for park use for the Vacation Bible Experience



City of Chico

APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR PARK USE

General Services Department - Park Division
965 Fir Street/P.O. Box 3420
Chico, CA 95927-3420
(530) 896-7800 Fax: (530) 895-4731

Type of Event:

PUBLIC PRIVATE

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Must be 18 or older. No glass beverage containers. Application fee due upon submittal.

THIS RESERVATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE PARK DIVISION.

PLEASE PRINT:

Christi Harrington
Name of Applicant/Contact Person

Vacation Bible experience
Description of Event: (family BBQ, walk/run, describe below if needed)

Bidwell Presbyterian Church
Organization Name (if applicable)

6/23 - 6/27/2014
Day and Date of Event:

Home, Organization, or Company Address

From: 8:00am To: 3:30 pm
Total Time Needed for Set-up, Event, and Clean-up

City, State, Zip

From: 9:00am To: 3:00pm 150
Time of Event Only Number of People

Contact Phone # () _____
Alternate Phone #

E-mail address _____

Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30 am. Street closure(s) subject to approval.

AREA REQUESTED: (Please check if requested)

- Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
- Electricity (15 amp)

Note: Special conditions apply for amplified sound (12R.08.263 CMC)

- Cedar Grove Picnic Area
- Electricity (15 amp)
- tables, restroom area (circle)
- Meadow
- 100 amp Electrical Service
- Water (public events only)

- Children's Playground
- Electricity (15 amp)-Pick up key on: _____ between 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
- Water (public events only)
- 100 amp Electrical Service

- City Plaza (Additional fees may apply)
- Electricity (15 amp)
- Event Restrooms
- Fountain - On
- Meter Bags # _____
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- Fountain - Off
- Sound Curtain

- Council Ring
- Fire Permit
- Five Mile Picnic Area
- One Mile Picnic/Barbeque Area - Water available, no hose bib
- Oak Grove A
- Oak Grove B
- Sycamore Way Parking Lot Closure-Public Events ONLY
- Electricity (15 amp) tables, trees, parking area, restroom area
- Band Stand (15 amp) (circle above)
- BBQ-Pick up key on: _____ between 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

- Depot Park
- Electricity (15 amp)
- Lower Bidwell Park (public events only): _____
- Upper Bidwell Park (public events only): _____
- Other (specify) (public events only): _____
- Early Entrance Needed (public events only) Yes No

Additional Description of the Event: _____

FOR PARK RANGER ASSISTANCE during the event, CALL 530-897-4900 (Police Department Dispatch)

SECTION 2 - PERMIT FEES

Call Park Office at 896-7800 for availability of park areas and fee schedule 80.020

- Application Fee \$ 14.00 (Non-Refundable)
- Reservation Fee \$ 140.00 (\$10.50 minimum, please call for quote)
- Insurance Fee \$ 39.00 (\$39.00 to process outside insurance)
- Vendor Fee # _____ \$ _____ (\$5.50 per vendor)
- Damage Deposit \$ 100.00 (\$100.00 refundable following acceptable clean-up after event)
- Early Entrance Fee \$ _____ (\$31.50/hr, public events only)
- Additional Park Use Fees \$ _____ (see fee schedule)

Additional fees for City Plaza use:

Event Restrooms _____ x (\$92.00) = \$ _____ #days

100 amp Electrical _____ x (\$29.00) = \$ _____ (electrician required) #days

Total Fee Required: \$ 339.50
302.50

Fee due upon submittal of application * Make Checks Payable to: City of Chico

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. _____ Payment Method: _____ Date: _____ Received By: TR

Office Distribution:	Permit File (original) Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 1 Park Ranger 2	Senior Park Ranger Landscape Inspector	Applicant Risk Management (e-mail)	Email (various) 920 Fund
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SECTION 3 CONDITIONS FOR PARK USE

You Are Responsible for Knowing the Park Rules. Please Observe the Following:

- Alcohol** Alcohol is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
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X *[Signature]* _____ X 6/27/13 _____
Signature of Applicant Date

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Signature of General Services Director

Date

EVENT INFORMATION

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DATE: November 15, 2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Tree Permit Application: Removals and Pruning on Various Trees on Park Avenue (Stott Advertising).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the BPPC accept the recommendations as presented in this report.

Background

Stott Advertising submitted 5 permits (Attachment 1) to remove or prune a series of trees along Park Avenue in order to allow for better visibility of 6 existing billboards (Table 1).

During previous meetings of the BPPC, CBS advertising was granted a permit to remove and/or prune trees to create greater visibility to their billboards along Park Avenue. They were also required to replace them with landscaping and trees. While approving the permit that was granted, some BPPC Commissioners expressed disappointment with the permit that was granted.

To minimize potential conflicts, Staff requested that the Stott permit be deferred until the Tree Committee approves a standard policy for such situations that can be applied universally and objectively in the future. The Tree Committee discussed the matter and at the 6/12/13 meeting (the most recent one) arrived at a general consensus for future requests (which could eventually be a future revision of CMC 14.40.). The BPPC has not yet considered the protocol. Stott requested that the permit be reconsidered.

Discussion

Under City of Chico Municipal Code (CMC Section 14.40.120 Permits – Required) No trees or shrubs shall be planted in or removed from any planting area in the city unless the commission or the city council authorizes and the director issues a permit; or such planting or removal is required by order of the commission or the city council. The CMC states that the director shall bring all applications for permits to the attention of the commission and shall issue such written permit when and as directed by the commission or the city council. The CMC also provides for

1. The director to impose additional reasonable conditions, such as the replanting of a tree or shrub in place of that removed. (CMC 14.40.150 Permit - Conditions upon issuance).
2. That the cost of removal of trees that are not dead or dying or pose a dangerous condition upon public property, the removal shall be deemed to be for the convenience of the property owner (CMC 14.40.170) and the cost shall be at the property owner's expense. (CMC 14.40.180).

The Tree Committee developed the following protocol for future applications for Pruning or Removal of Street Trees blocking advertising signs (pre-existing billboards only):

1. Whenever possible trees should be pruned rather than removed. Pruning should not, however, be so severe as to significantly disfigure or compromise the health of the tree.
2. Removal or pruning should allow for reasonable viewing of billboards up to 100' away.
3. When removal is necessary, trees should be replaced with shorter growing vegetation at their original location, plus additional trees shall be planted at a ratio of one 15 gallon tree per 2" of tree diameter removed.
4. Replacement trees should be in another appropriate location as near as possible to the site in question.
5. Replacement species should favor native trees, while allowing for species appropriate to the growing conditions of the site.
6. Any application which refers to significant trees or a significant number of trees shall be considered by the BPPC, and not approved administratively.

The Committee summary noted that the CMC contains no guidelines as to viewing distance for billboard, or other commercial signs.

Table 1. STOTT OUTDOOR ADVERTISING - Applications Requesting Permission to Plant, Remove, Alter or Disturb Public Trees.

PERMIT	ADDRESS	TREE #	Contact Landowner	SPECIES	DBH (in)	APPLICANT REQUEST			STAFF RECOMMENDATION			COMMENTS
						TRIM / PRUNE	REMOVE	PLANT	TRIM / PRUNE	REMOVE	REPLANT	
1	400 E Park Ave	56969	-	strawberry tree	1		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		No		Leave as is 25' max growth.
	400 E Park Ave	56968	-	strawberry tree	1		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		No		Leave as is 25' max growth.
2	1035 Park Avenue	31276	-	Ch. Pistache	12	Yes			Yes			Side trim canopy.
	1045 Park Avenue	2087	-	Pacific Maple	7		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Low vigor. Decay and sunburn.
3	1944 Park Avenue	23697	Yes	Pear	11		Yes	Crepe Myrtle	prune	No		Reinspect. Owner noted ok to remove.
4	2404 Park Avenue	31840	-	Pacific Maple	2		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Utility conflicts. Replant off site
	2404 Park Avenue	29494	-	Pacific Maple	4		Yes	Crepe Myrtle	prune	No		Elevate for visibility
	2404 Park Avenue	31821	-	Crab Apple	3		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Low vigor tree, replant at appropriate location
	2404 Park Avenue	56922	-	Crab Apple	3		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Low vigor tree
	2404 Park Avenue	31820	-	Crab Apple	3		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Low vigor tree
	2404 Park Avenue	31824	-	Crab Apple	3		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Low vigor tree
	2404 Park Avenue	31811	-	Ch. Pistache	9		Yes	Crepe Myrtle	prune	No		Elevate for visibility
	2404 Park Avenue	31825	-	Ch. Pistache	9		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Minor defects, female, codominant.
	2404 Park Avenue	31826	-	Ch. Pistache	9		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		No		Elevate for visibility, codominant.
	2404 Park Avenue	31828	-	Ch. Pistache	9		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Minor defects
5	2502 Park Avenue	31800	pending	Ch. Pistache	7		Yes	Crepe Myrtle	prune	No		Elevate for visibility, female.
	2502 Park Avenue	31801	pending	Ch. Pistache	7		Yes	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	Minor defects, small planter size.

Parks and Street Trees Removal Request

NA	2404 Park Avenue	multiple		Crab Apples	2"-5"	No	No	Crepe Myrtle		Yes	Yes	3 trees, low vigor, poor location
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The Parks and Natural Resource Manager and Street Tree Supervisor met with the applicant and reviewed the trees in the field, considering the draft protocol above and also the health of the tree, applicant goals, nearby infrastructure, and the tree's aesthetic contribution to Park Avenue. The City of Chico has a policy of providing shade and cover to bike paths and parking areas where possible. The trees growing along the Park Avenue bike path were planted specifically to provide such cover and have been slow to establish.

The Parks and Street Trees Division have a policy of pruning trees according to ANSI A-300 Pruning standards and the ISA Best Management Practices Tree Pruning (Revised 2008). These standards state that no more than 30% of the foliage of a tree shall be removed in any one year and that routine crown reduction, and especially topping, should be avoided wherever practical. These practices ensure the good health of shade trees. The applicant has indicated that they will abide by ANSI standards.

There may be some future conflicts that arise with the combination of elevation for line of sight and pruning that the trees may require as they grow toward the overhead power line.

While Table 1 provides the details for each tree, and while the BPPC may wish to discuss individual trees, a summary may be helpful:

Permit Application Request					Staff Recommendation			
Permit #	Address	# Prune	# Remove	Total	# Prune	# Remove	# Monitor	Total
1	400 E. Park Ave		2	2	-	-	2	2
2	1045 Park Ave	1	1	2	1	1		2
3	1944 Park Ave		1	1	1			1
4	2404 Park Ave		10	10	3	7		10
5	2502 Park Ave		2	2	1	1		2
Total		1	16	17	6	9	2	17

Table Notes:

1. 400 E. Park Ave – Healthy trees, appropriate site. Tree is not likely to grow to a height to block billboard.
2. 1045 Park Ave – Low vigor tree, long term prognosis poor. Replace with appropriate tree.
3. 1944 Park Ave – Landowner support removal. Damaged but vigorous tree. Prune (thin and shape but not more than 30%) and monitor.
4. 2404 Park Ave – Remove and replace low vigor, high maintenance crab apple that conflict with infrastructure. In fact, *Staff recommends BPPC authorization for additional removals of 3 crab apple trees on street side for similar reasons and maintenance (litter on bike path)*. The ones east of the bike path pose less infrastructure conflicts and screen the fence and industrial. Staff can support the removal of two of the applicant's requested pistache trees, because of its poor structure (co-dominant branches) and ability to fruit (female trees can pose an invasive potential). The every other spacing will retain the character of the planting, allow for improved visibility, remove less desirable trees, and provide more room for the pistache to grow as they will be subject to future utility pruning (the combination of elevation and topping will provide for an unsustainable structure).
5. 2502 Park Ave – Staff can support the removal (minor defects and small planter size) of one pistache. The other may be elevated to improve visibility.

The trees are deciduous and pose minimal visibility issues during winter. While City staff is not averse to pruning up trees to allow better visibility of signs for businesses, and we have worked to improve the visibility of some billboards, we do not condone removing excessive amounts of foliage from maturing trees, or removing healthy trees. In summary, staff supports the applicant's removal of 9 trees (and replacement, at the rate above, the ratio is 29 trees), and rejection of 7 removals.

The applicant suggested Crepe Myrtle as a choice for replanted trees. This is a good choice for the location (handles heat well, is somewhat drought tolerant, and was used in the previous CBS permit). However, staff would like to have the flexibility to identify other appropriate planting sites and species. All replanting would occur along the Park Avenue corridor. For example, there may be other areas along Park Avenue where a large tree would be appropriate and desirable.

Attachments:

1. Stott Advertising Tree Permit Applications, with associated correspondence.



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APPLICATION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLANT, REMOVE, ALTER OR DISTURB PUBLIC TREES

Property Owner: CITY Representative: JAKE MORLEY, STOTT OUTDOOR
Owner's Address: 400 E. PARK AVE Representative's Address: P.O. BOX 7209 CHICO CA
Owner's Phone Number: Representative's Phone Number: 717-2705 - OFFICE
Contact Email: JMORLEY@STOTTOUTDOOR.COM 762-9355 -CELL

REQUEST TO: 2 Plant 2 Remove Alter Disturb

Number of tree(s): 2

Location of tree(s): IN FRONT OF 400 E. PARK AVE (CHICO ER)
(Address)

Diameter of tree(s): Species of tree(s):
1 DBH UNKNOWN
1 DBH UNKNOWN

Reason for request: (Enclose a map showing the exact location of the tree(s) and any proposed improvements along with any other documents which will help explain your request)

REPLACE WITH SMALLER PROFILE TREE SO THAT FUTURE VISIBILITY IS NOT COMPROMISED FOR SIGN STRUCTURE

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TO:

DATE:

Your application requesting permission to plant, remove, alter or disturb public trees at

400 E. PARK AVE

has been:

_____ Approved subject to the condition(s) listed below.

- Grind out the stump and replace grindings with vna loam soil.
- Replant a new 15-gallon tree according to City Standards.
- Pruning to be in accordance with ANSI Standards.

_____ Denied for the reason(s) listed below.

- Tree is not dead, dying, or dangerous.

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I hereby acknowledge that I both understand and agree to comply with the conditions of the permit as listed above.

(Date)

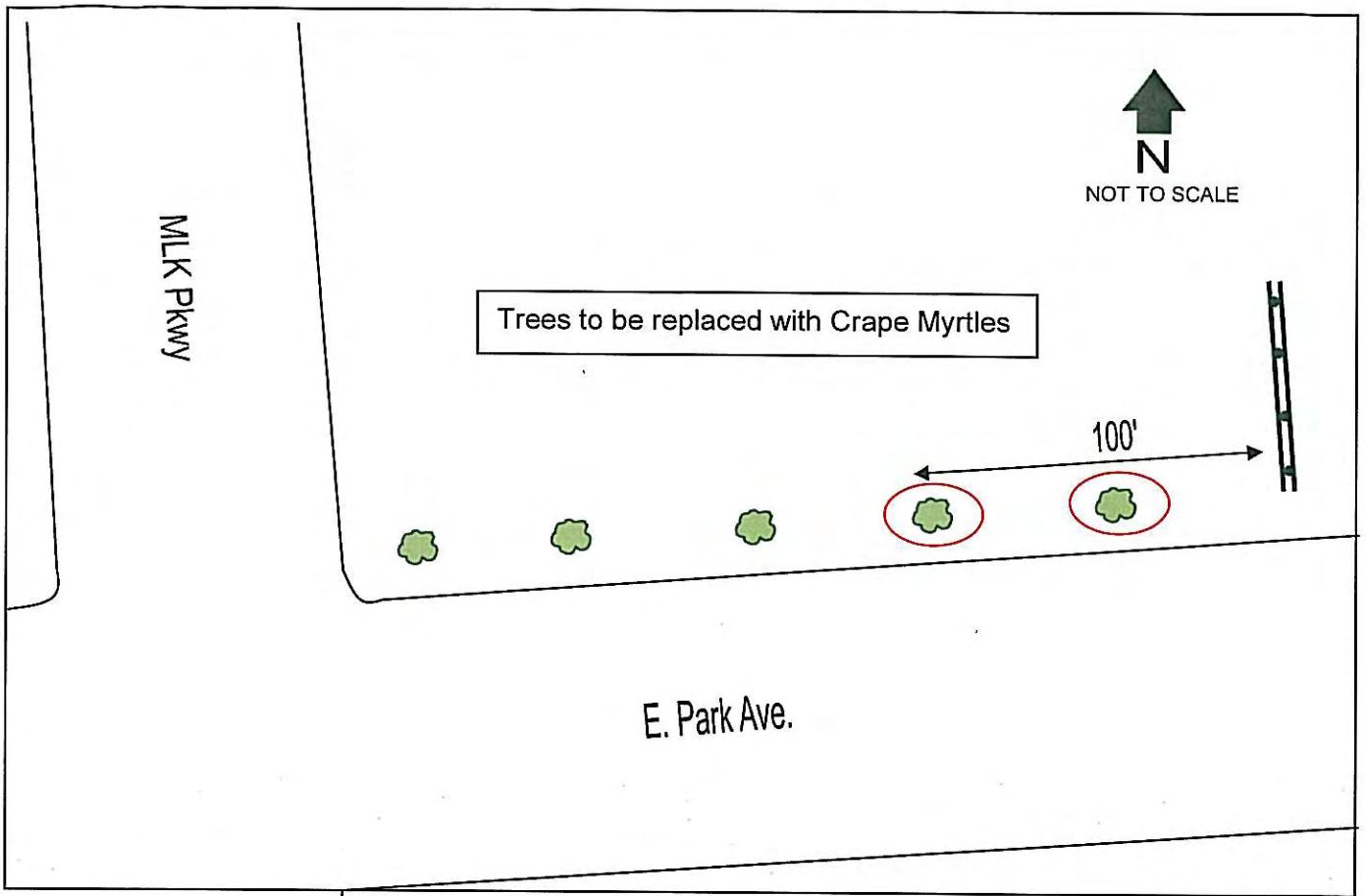
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APPLICATION REQUESTING PERMISSION
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Owner's Address: 1045 PARK AVE Representative's Address: P.O. BOX 7209 CHICO, CA
Owner's Phone Number: Representative's Phone Number: 717-2705 - OFFICE
Contact Email: JMORLEY@STOTTOUTDOOR.COM 762-9355 - CELL

REQUEST TO: Plant Remove Alter Disturb

Number of tree(s): 2

Location of tree(s): 1045 PARK AVE (Address)

Diameter of tree(s): Species of tree(s):
9DBH CHINESE PISTACHE (TRIM)
7DBH MAPLE (REMOVE AND REPLACE)

Reason for request: (Enclose a map showing the exact location of the tree(s) and any proposed improvements along with any other documents which will help explain your request)

IMPROVE VISABILITY OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENT TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

SIDE TRIM 9DBH TO ISA STANDARDS.

REMOVE 7DBH AND REPLANT WITH SMALLER TREE IN SAME LOCATION. SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS AND TEXT.
SIGNS INSTALLED IN 1972

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TO:

DATE:

Your application requesting permission to plant, remove, alter or disturb public trees at

1045 PARK AVE

has been:

Approved subject to the condition(s) listed below.

- Grind out the stump and replace grindings with vira loam soil.
Replant a new 15-gallon tree according to City Standards.
Pruning to be in accordance with ANSI Standards.

Denied for the reason(s) listed below.

- Tree is not dead, dying, or dangerous.

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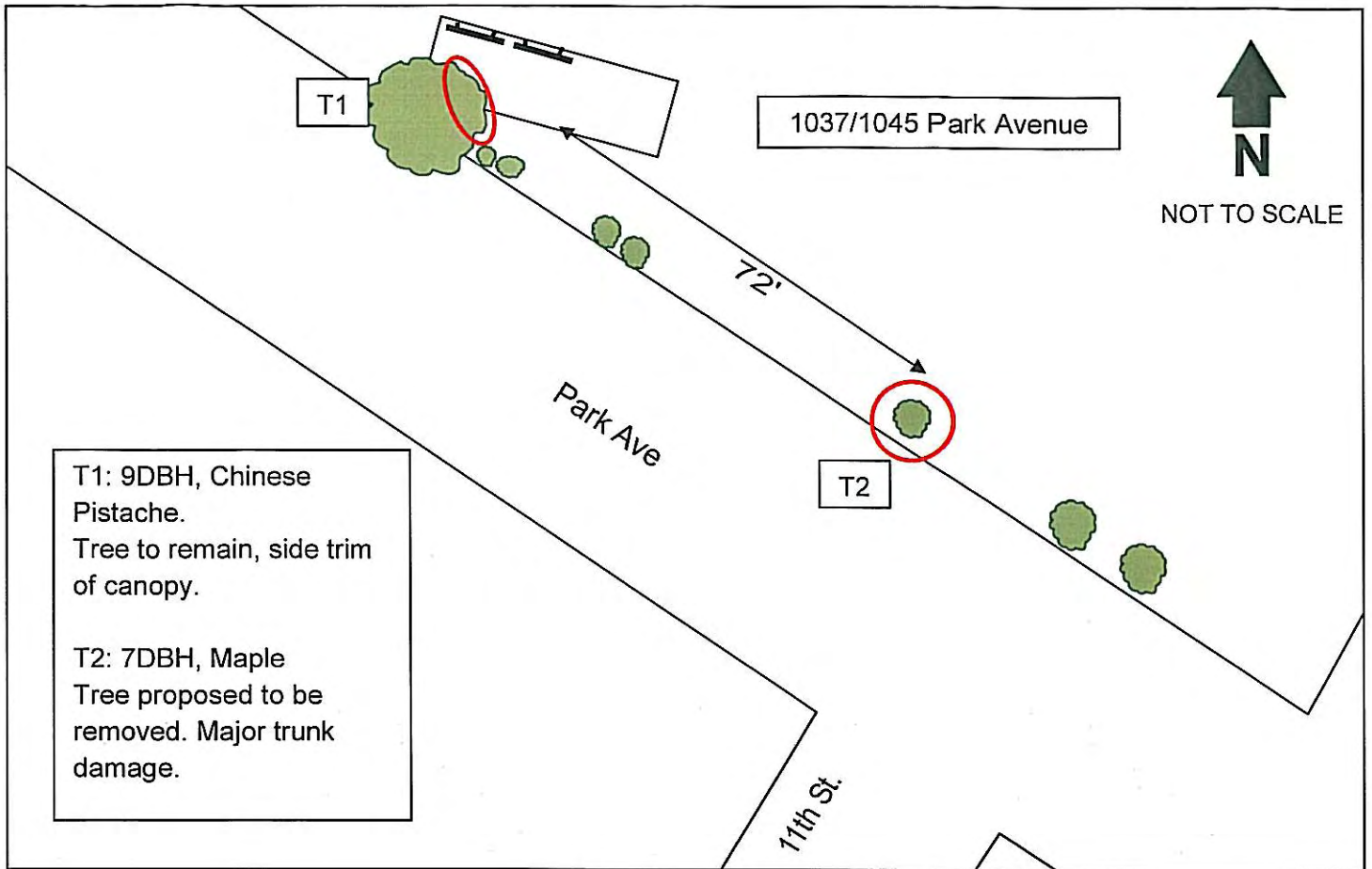
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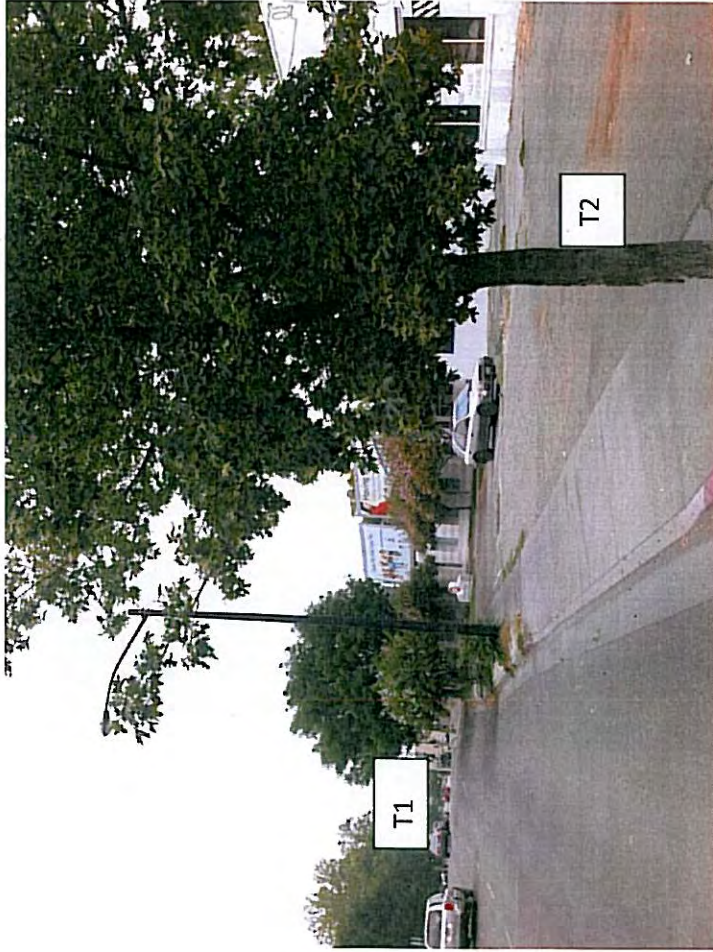
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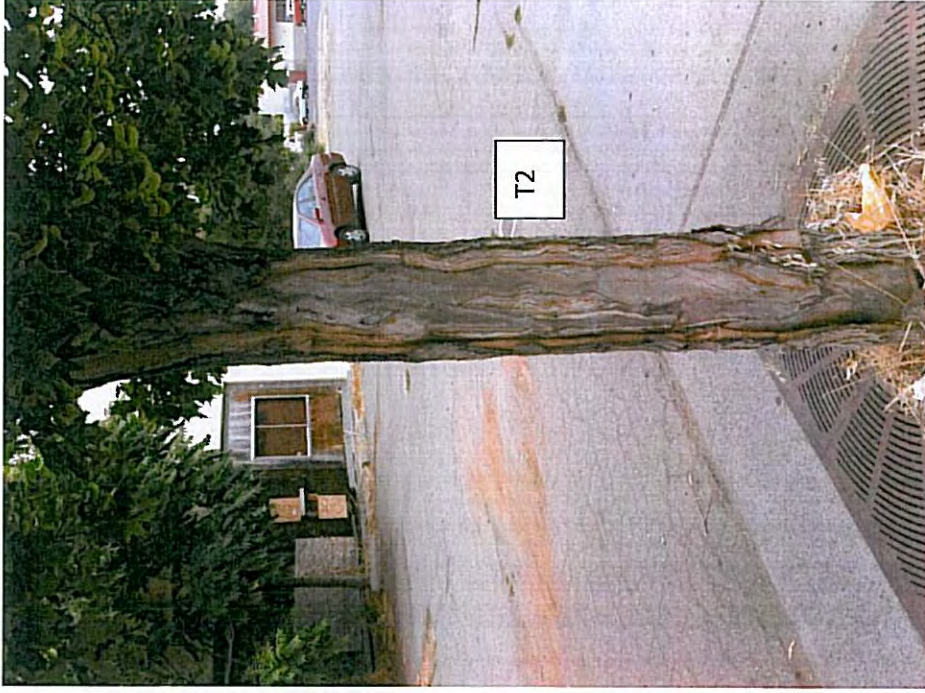
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T1: Trim side canopy to ISA standards. Minor die back in canopy where cuts are proposed



T2: Removal of Maple tree. Existing trunk damage which extends from root crown to bottom of canopy. Proposal is to remove tree, and replant back Crepe Myrtle in same location. Tree Committee proposal would require a total of 3 trees to be replanted. Specific locations and species of 2 other trees, to be determined by City.



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Property Owner: CITY Representative: JAKE MORLEY, STUTT OUTDOOR
Owner's Address: 1944 PARK AVE Representative's Address: PO BOX 7209 CHICO, CA
Owner's Phone Number: Representative's Phone Number: 717-2705-OFFICE
Contact Email: JMORLEY@STUTTOUTDOOR.COM 762-9355-CELL

REQUEST TO: Plant 1 Remove Alter Disturb

Number of tree(s): 1

Location of tree(s): IN FRONT OF 1944 PARK AVE. (Address)

Diameter of tree(s): 11 DBH Species of tree(s): PEAR

Reason for request: (Enclose a map showing the exact location of the tree(s) and any proposed improvements along with any other documents which will help explain your request)

REMOVE PEAR TREE WHICH HAS TRUNK DAMAGES AND OVERGROWN CANOPY WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE NEVER BEEN TRIMMED. REPLACE WITH SMALLER PROFILE TREE.

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DATE:

Your application requesting permission to plant, remove, alter or disturb public trees at

1944 PARK AVE

has been:

Approved subject to the condition(s) listed below.

- Grind out the stump and replace grindings with vna loam soil.
Replant a new 15-gallon tree according to City Standards.
Pruning to be in accordance with ANSI Standards.

Denied for the reason(s) listed below.

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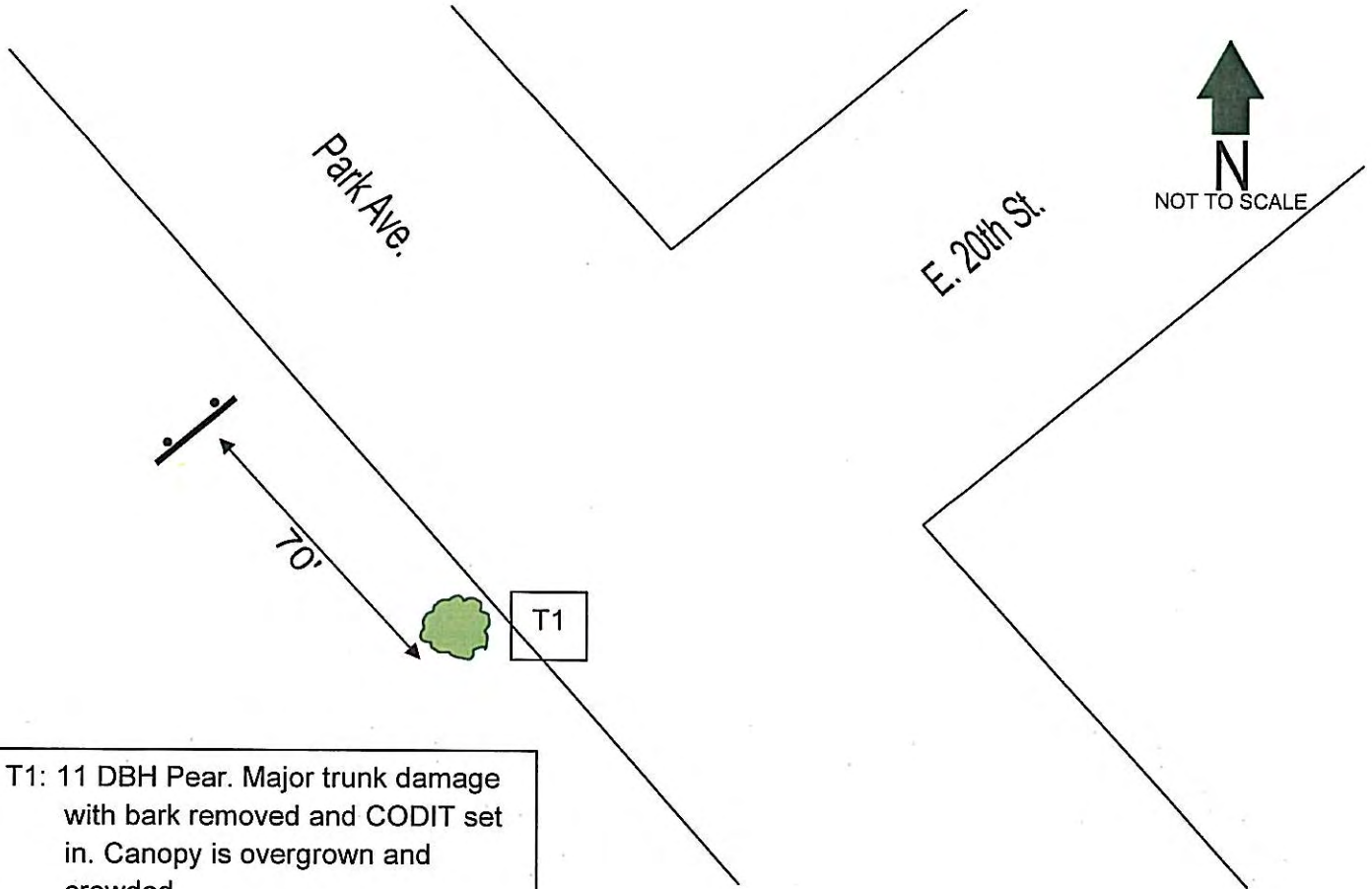
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T1: 11 DBH Pear. Major trunk damage with bark removed and CODIT set in. Canopy is overgrown and crowded.





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APPLICATION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLANT, REMOVE, ALTER OR DISTURB PUBLIC TREES

Property Owner: CITY Representative: JAKE MORLEY, STOTT OUTDOOR
Owner's Address: 2502 PARK AVE Representative's Address: PO BOX 7209 CHICO, CA
Owner's Phone Number: Representative's Phone Number: 717-2705 - OFFICE
Contact Email: JMORLEY@STOTTOUTDOOR 762-9355 - CELL

REQUEST TO: Plant [checked] Remove Alter Disturb

Number of tree(s): 2

Location of tree(s): IN FRONT OF 2502 PARK AVE (Address)

Diameter of tree(s): Species of tree(s):
5 DBH CHINESE PISTACHE
7 DBH CHINESE PISTACHE

Reason for request: (Enclose a map showing the exact location of the tree(s) and any proposed improvements along with any other documents which will help explain your request)

REMOVE TREES TO ALLOW OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENT TO BE SEEN
FROM R.O.W. SIGN INSTALLED IN 1966, TREES PLANTED SOMETIME
AFTER 1998. NEW TREES (LOW PROFILE) PROPOSED TO BE INSTALLED
IN SAME LOCATION OR NEAR SITE.

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PERMIT TO PLANT, REMOVE, ALTER OR DISTURB PUBLIC TREES

TO:

DATE:

Your application requesting permission to plant, remove, alter or disturb public trees at

2502 PARK AVE

has been:

Approved subject to the condition(s) listed below.

Grind out the stump and replace grindings with vna loam soil.

Replant a new 15-gallon tree according to City Standards.

Pruning to be in accordance with ANSI Standards.

Denied for the reason(s) listed below.

Tree is not dead, dying, or dangerous.

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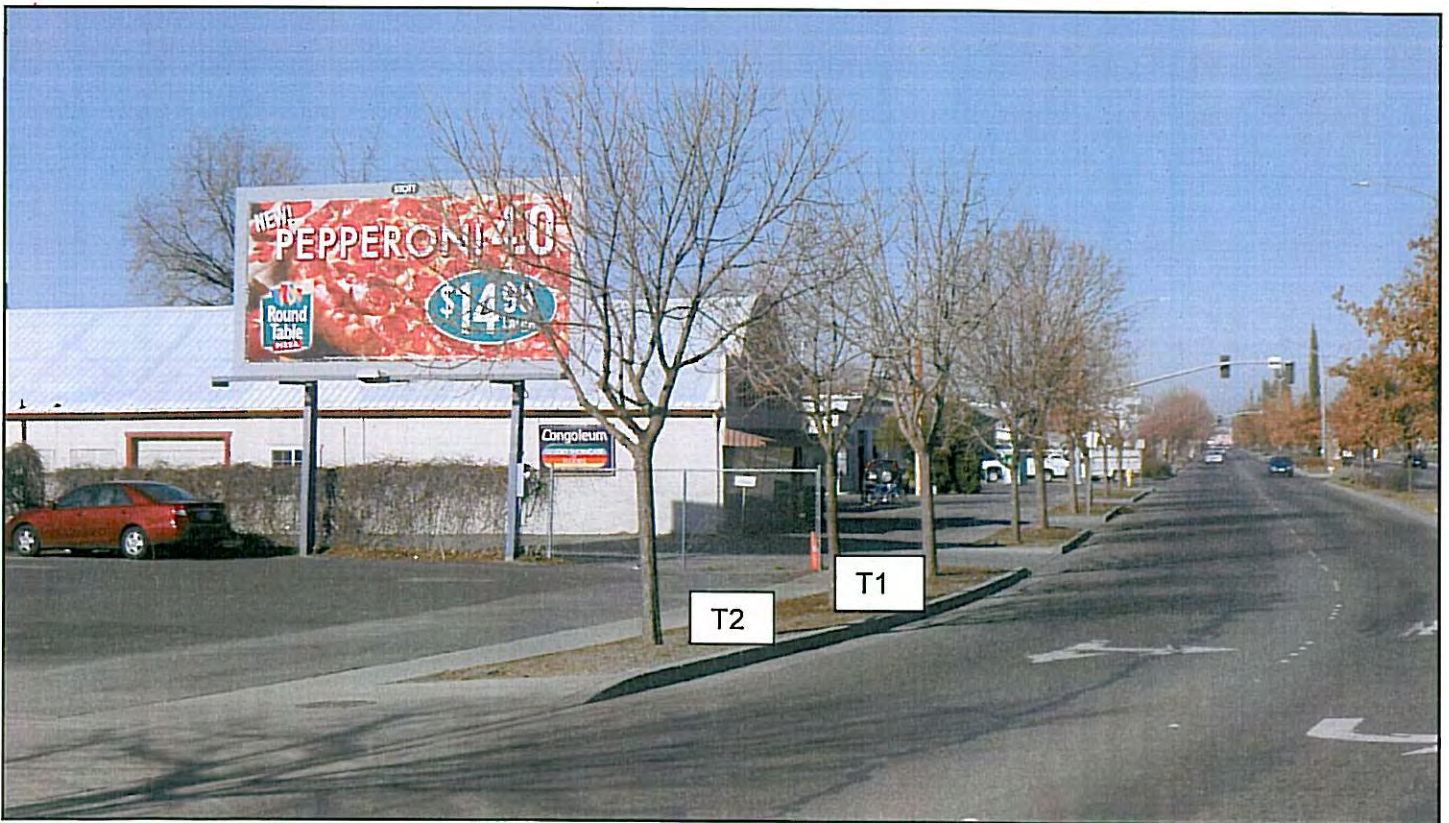
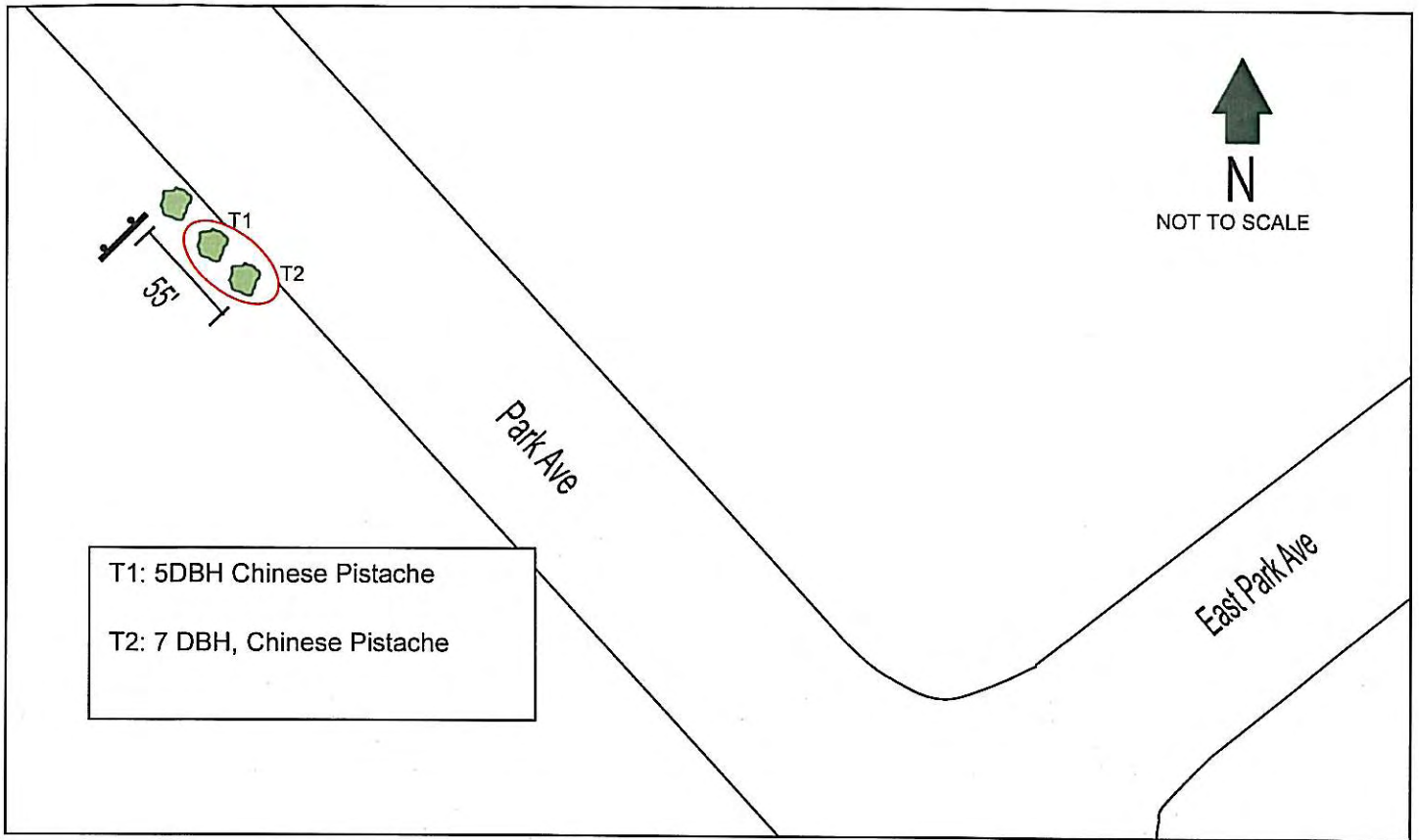
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Owner's Address: 2404 PARK AVE Representative's Address: P.O. BOX 7209, CHICO, CA
Owner's Phone Number: Representative's Phone Number: 717-2705 - OFFICE
Contact Email: JMORLEY@STOTTOUTDOOR.COM 762-9355 - CELL

REQUEST TO: [checked] Plant [checked] Remove [] Alter [] Disturb

Number of tree(s): 10

Location of tree(s): PARK AVE, ACROSS FROM 2404 PARK AVENUE (Address)

Diameter of tree(s): Species of tree(s):

SEE ATTACHED MAP/KEY

Reason for request: (Enclose a map showing the exact location of the tree(s) and any proposed improvements along with any other documents which will help explain your request)

IMPROVE USABILITY TO SIGN STRUCTURES TO DRIVERS ON PARK AVE. TREE WILL BE REPLAZED WITH SMALLER PROFILE TREES.

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DATE:

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2404 PARK AVE

has been:

Approved subject to the condition(s) listed below.

- Grind out the stump and replace grindings with vira loam soil.
Replant a new 15-gallon tree according to City Standards.
Pruning to be in accordance with ANSI Standards.

Denied for the reason(s) listed below.

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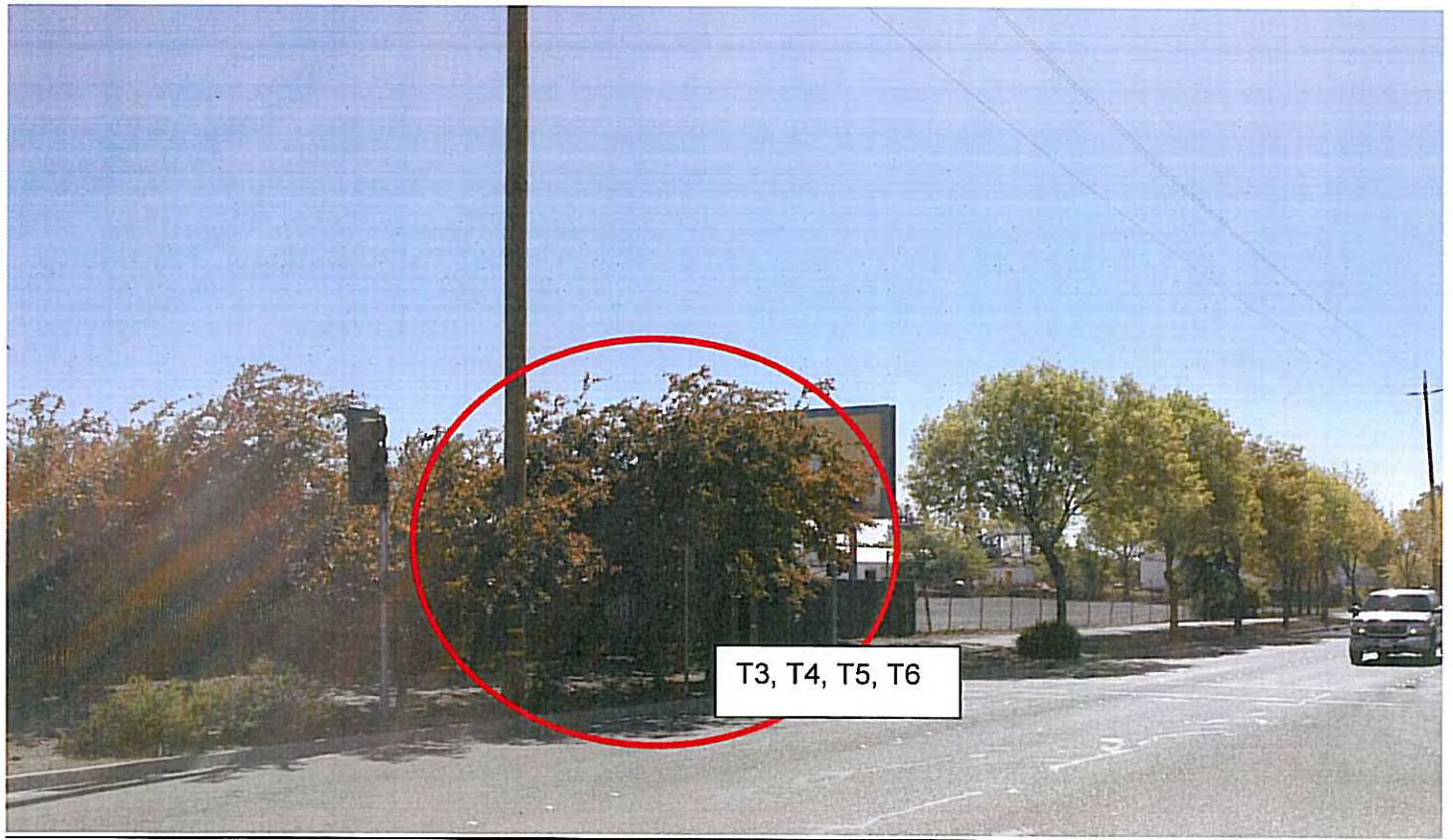
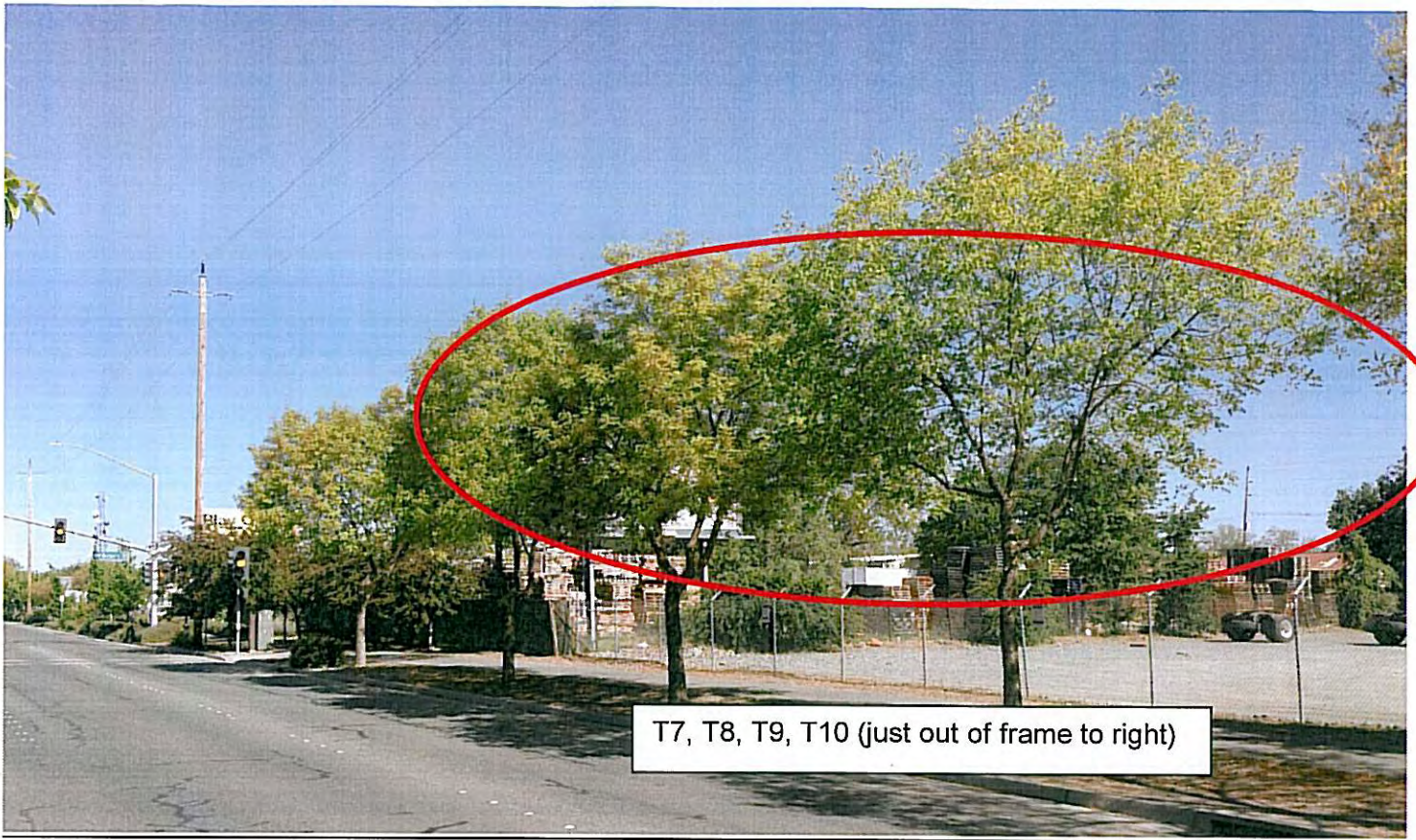
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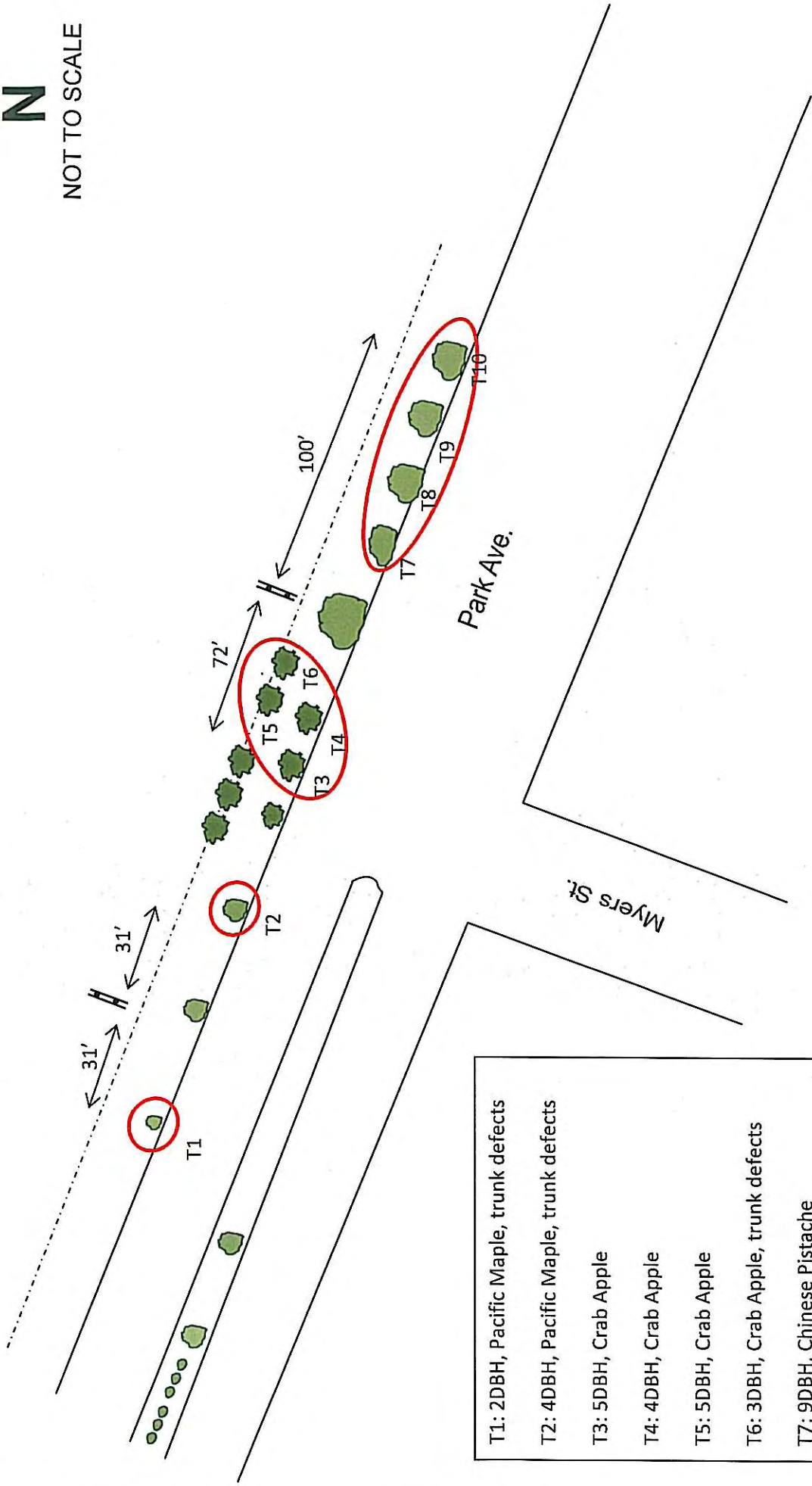
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NOT TO SCALE



- T1: 2DBH, Pacific Maple, trunk defects
- T2: 4DBH, Pacific Maple, trunk defects
- T3: 5DBH, Crab Apple
- T4: 4DBH, Crab Apple
- T5: 5DBH, Crab Apple
- T6: 3DBH, Crab Apple, trunk defects
- T7: 9DBH, Chinese Pistache
- T8: 9DBH, Chinese Pistache
- T9: 9DBH, Chinese Pistache
- T10: 9DBH, Chinese Pistache

BACKGROUND

In August 2012, CBS Outdoor applied for several tree removal permits on Park Avenue. At that time, the Urban Forest Manager denied the permits, which were subsequently appealed to the October 29, 2012 Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC).

At the October 29, 2012 BPPC the commission discussed the proposed request, including if the signs were constructed first, types of existing trees and species of replacement trees. The item was tabled for the November 12, 2012 BPPC meeting so that staff and CBS Outdoor can make a proposal to the BPPC. However, as the record indicates, the item never returned to the BPPC for approval or denial. Subsequently, the Urban Forest Manager and CBS Outdoor were able to reach an agreement which involved replanting new trees in the locations of removed one (See Before and After photos, Attachment A) as indicated in the December 17, 2012 presentation that the Urban Forest Manager gave to the BPPC (See Powerpoint Printout, Attachment B).

In May of 2013 Stott Outdoor, following CBS Outdoors successful application, requested several locations to be approved for tree removal. At that time, the Urban Forest Manager decided that the conflict between street trees and commercial business signage needed further conversation. Therefore, Stott Outdoors request was forwarded to the Tree Committee, a sub-committee of the BPPC. At the June 6, 2013 of the Tree Committee, standards for tree removal were discussed and agreed upon and a summary staff report was present to the BPPC at the July 12, 2013 meeting (Attachment C).

Based on guidelines discussed by the Urban Forest Manager and the Tree Committee, Stott Outdoor is requesting a modified trimming and tree removal approval (new permits attached) so that the requested items can be approved by city staff with no additional delays.

REQUEST

1045 Park Avenue

1 tree trim, 1 tree removal (7" DBH)

Replant one Crepe Myrtle on site, with 2 additional replacement trees locations TBD. *OK*

1944 Park Avenue

1 Tree removal (11" DBH)

Replant one Crepe Myrtle on site, with 4 additional replacement trees locations TBD. *OK*

2404 Park Avenue

10 tree removals (2" DBH to 9" DBH in sizes)

Replant 10 Crepe Myrtle on site, with 13 additional replacement trees locations TBD. *OK*

2502 Park Avenue

2 tree removal (5" DBH and 7" DBH)

Replant 2 Crepe Myrtles on site, with 3 additional replacement trees locations TBD. *OK*

400 E. Park Avenue

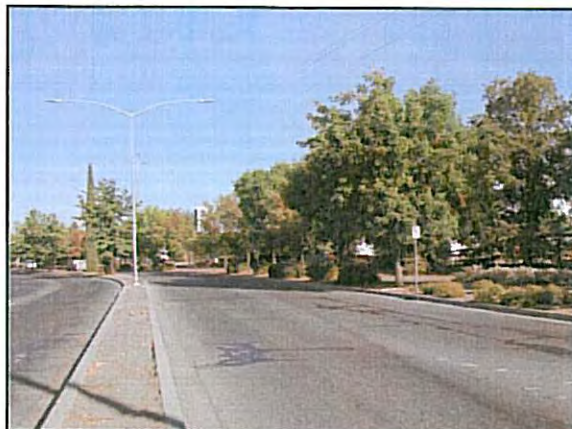
2 tree removal (1" DBH each) *strawberry trees ~ mature heights*
Replant 2 Crepe Myrtles on site. No additional replacement trees due to DBH size.

AFTER PHOTOS OF CBS OUTDOOR TRIMMING ON PARK AVENUE



CBS Pruning Permit

- PARK AVENUE SITE
- Prune Chinese pistache trees to elevate the foliage up to a height of approximately 15 to 18', using pruning cuts no larger than 2"
- Re-prune the sprouts from the pruning cuts to keep the foliage cleared as needed for view to the billboards.
- Replace redbud trees and one Chinese pistache tree at each grouping, closest to the billboard.



EAST PARK AVENUE SITE

- Remove 3 12" trees and one 4" tree west of the sign.
- Replace with Crape Myrtle trees that mature at a lower height. Keep trees pruned to a height below the billboard.
- Prune 4 trees adjacent to the billboard to allow better viewing, using small diameter cuts.
- Keep crape myrtles pruned to a height below the billboard, and shape other trees as needed.



DATE: July 2, 2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: DENICE F. BRITTON, URBAN FOREST MANAGER, 896-7802
RE: Tree Committee Meeting of 6/12/13

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 pm

ATTENDING: Commissioner Rich Ober, Chair; Commissioner Janine Rood, Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manger; Karen Laslo, Arelia Gonzalez, Woody Elliot, Dave Blau.

AGENDA Item 2.1 – Consideration of Noticing Requirement for Tree Removals

After significant discussion, the general consensus of the Tree Committee at this Meeting included the following items

For future applications for Pruning or Removal of Street Trees blocking advertising signs (pre-existing billboards only), the following protocol should be followed:

1. Whenever possible trees should be pruned rather than removed. Pruning should not, however, be so severe as to significantly disfigure or compromise the health of the tree.
2. Removal or pruning should allow for reasonable viewing of billboards up to 100' away.
3. When removal is necessary, trees should be replaced with shorter growing vegetation at their original location, plus additional trees shall be planted at a ratio of 115 gallon tree per 2" of tree diameter removed.
4. Replacement trees should be in another appropriate location as near as possible to the site in question.
4. Replacement species should favor native trees, while allowing for species appropriate to the growing conditions of the site.
5. Any application which refers to significant trees or a significant number of trees shall be considered by the BPPC, and not approved administratively.

Once approved by the BPPC, the above policy should be included in the future revisions of CMC 14.40.

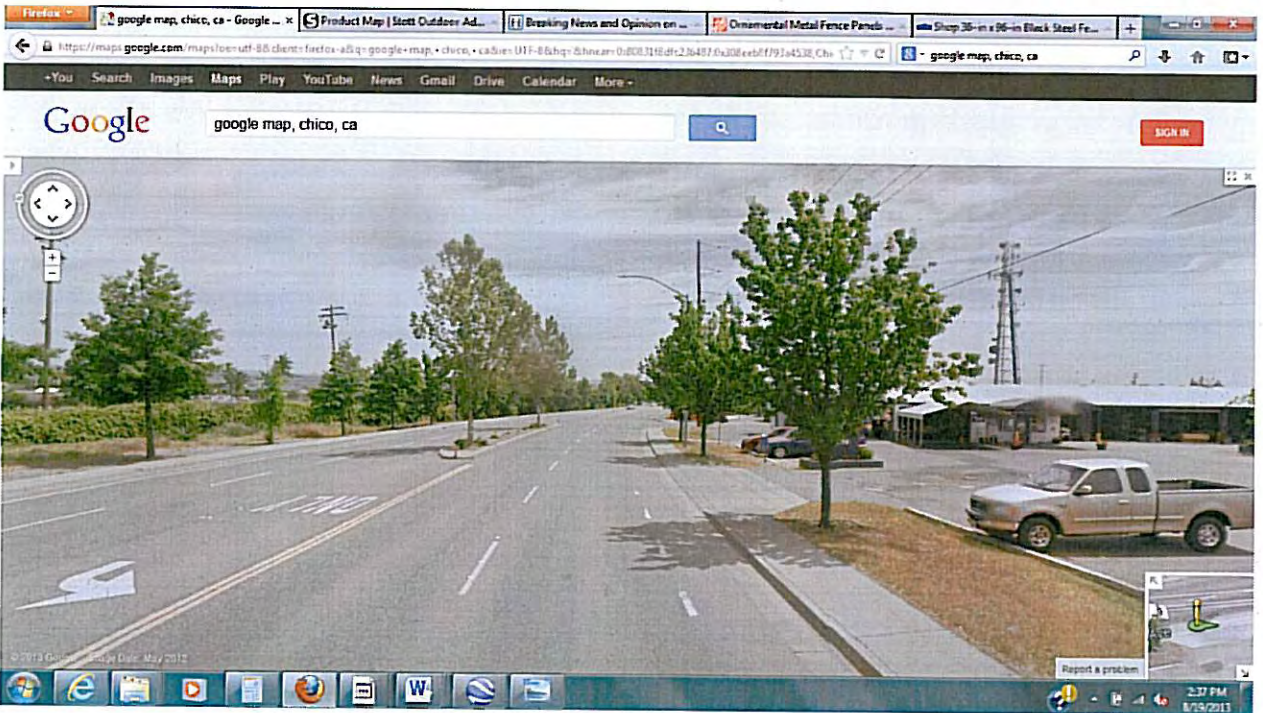
Note: In regard to a question raised at the meeting, City Code contains no guidelines as to viewing distance for billboard, or other commercial, signs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

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ATTACHMENT C

BEFORE TRIMMING OF STREET TREES BY CBS OUTDOOR – Google Street View



ATTACHMENT A.1



DATE: November 15, 2013
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Tree Removal Permit Applications: 1212 Downing and 668 Cromwell

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the BPPC approve the Tree Removal Permit for the removal of 1) 4 trees at 1212 Downing Street and 2) 1 tree at 668 Cromwell Street; and 3) direct Staff to work with the Tree Committee to develop a Programmatic Permit to help expedite requests for undesirable trees. The removals and replanting will be completed at the applicants cost.

Report in Brief

Under City of Chico Municipal Code (CMC Section 14.40.120 Permits – Required) No trees or shrubs shall be planted in or removed from any planting area in the city unless the commission or the city council authorizes and the director issues a permit; or such planting or removal is required by order of the commission or the city council. The CMC states that the director shall bring all applications for permits to the attention of the commission and shall issue such written permit when and as directed by the commission or the city council.

The CMC also provides for 1) the director to impose additional reasonable conditions, such as the replanting of a tree or shrub in place of that removed. (CMC 14.40.150 Permit - Conditions upon issuance); and 2) that the cost of removal of trees that are not dead or dying or pose a dangerous condition upon public property, the removal shall be deemed to be for the convenience of the property owner (CMC 14.40.170) and the cost shall be at the property owner's expense. (CMC 14.40.180).

The City has received 2 tree permits regarding the removal of sycamore trees (Yarwood variety) in the City Right of Way (Attachments 1-4):

1. 1212 Downing Ave – Applicant would like to remove 4 sycamores because of repeated and potential damage to infrastructure (water mains, sidewalks, and a gas main).
2. 668 Cromwell Street – Applicant would like to remove 1 sycamore because of multiple broken limbs during the growing season (hazard to people and property) and lifting of sidewalk and driveway.

Both applicants will replace the trees at appropriate locations with trees that are appropriate for the planter size. While these trees do pose serious (especially the potential for disrupting the gas main) long-term hazards, these hazards are not immediate and staff judge these to be best considered by the BPPC. If at any future point, these trees are determined by the director to be an immediate hazard, they may be removed for public safety.

Both trees are Yarwood sycamores. This variety is favorable in some areas of the country because it is relatively fast growing, but with Chico's good climate and if planted in areas with good soil; the tree can grow so fast that branches become weak and fail on a regular basis. While some of the effects can be reduced with regular pruning, these trees are among the costliest in Chico to maintain. The roots can also be invasive and damage sidewalks and water pipes. The tree is undesirable for Chico and should be replaced. Note that we are describing one variety of sycamore and other varieties do not share these traits.

There are other examples of trees that the City should expedite the permit process for landowners that may wish to remove undesirable trees and replace with appropriate ones. These trees include ones that are expensive to maintain (i.e. the City spends approximately \$16,000 on pesticide application for 1,200 non-native trees for aphid control), non-native invasive trees (i.e. tree of heaven), or trees that are known to cause infrastructure problems or hazards (i.e. the Yarwood sycamore above). Therefore, City staff requests that the BPPC Tree Committee consider a protocol for setting up a programmatic permit process to help landowners to securing a permit to remove targeted trees. The process would identify the conditions that are appropriate for such a program and ones where the full Commission should consider it.

Attachments:

1. Tree Permit Application, 1212 Downing Avenue.
2. D. Bettencourt. Memo on Permit Request 1212 Downing Avenue.
3. Tree Permit Application, 668 Cromwell Street.
4. D. Bettencourt. Memo on Permit Request 668 Cromwell Street.

Document2
11/20/2013



CITY OF CHICO MEMORANDUM

TO: Dan Efseaff, Park And Natural Resource Manager DATE: 11-6-13
FROM: David Bettencourt, Field Supervisor, Street Trees, 896-7821 FILE: REPORTS
Dbettenc@Ci.Chico.Ca
SUBJECT: Removal Permit Request: 1212 Downing Ave

Removal Permit Request for 1212 Downing Ave

Landowner and Address	Jack Thorpe, property owner 1212 Downing Ave
Date Received	10-14-13
Number and Type of Tree(s)	4- Sycamores
Description of request	Submitted a permit to remove 4 -24" diameter sycamore trees growing with in the City ROW.
Reason for Request	<p>The reason for wanting to remove the trees is because of the invasive root system these sycamore trees have. The roots broke the water meter, they are lifting the concrete fence, they are lifting the sidewalk that was replaced once before, and they are encroaching on the foundation of the houses. Jack feels that the trees are outgrowing their planter space and the problem will only get worse over time. There is a water main that is 12 inches away from the trunk of one tree and a gas line that is 3 feet away from another tree. In addition these trees are along a main route to an elementary school that is a half block away.</p> <p>Jack is willing to pay a contractor to remove the 4 trees and replace with 4 new trees that are better suited for the planter size at no cost to the City of Chico.</p>
Staff Observations and Recommendations	These trees are high maintenance and have a reputation of an invasive root system. I feel that we should consider approving this permit as long as the property owner is willing to pay a contractor to remove the problem sycamore tree and replace it with a tree better suited for the planter size at no cost to the City of Chico.

The following photos will help describe the situation.



This sycamore tree in the F:1 position is within 12 inches of the water main that supplies water to the 12 units and the residents.



This sycamore tree in the F:2 position was planted 3 feet away from a PG&E gas line that is only 24 inches below ground.



This sycamore in the F:3 position displays invasive roots that are starting to raise the sidewalk that has been replaced once before.



CITY OF CHICO MEMORANDUM

TO: Dan Efseaff, Park And Natural Resource Manager
 DATE: 11-6-13

FROM: David Bettencourt, Field Supervisor, Street Trees, 896-7821
 FILE: REPORTS
Dbettenc@Ci.Chico.Ca

SUBJECT: Removal Permit Request: 668 Cromwell Dr

Removal Permit Request for 668 Cromwell Dr

Landowner and Address	Meda-Lou Padden 668 Cromwell Dr
Date Received	10-25-13
Number and Type of Tree(s)	1- Sycamore
Description of request	Submitted a permit to remove 1 -18" diameter sycamore tree growing with in the City ROW.
Reason for Request	<p>The reasons for removing the tree are based on multiple broken limbs that occur throughout the 6 month growing period that are a public hazard to anyone parking along the street or walking down the sidewalk. Also the invasive root system that is lifting the sidewalk, driveway, and creating an environment that is not compliant for ADA standards. The tree and roots are simply too large for the planter space. This has been an ongoing public safety concern with the entire neighborhood.</p> <p>Mrs. Padden is willing to pay a contractor to remove the sycamore tree and replace with a tree better suited for the planter size at no cost to the City of Chico.</p>
Staff Observations and Recommendations	These trees are high maintenance and have a reputation of an invasive root system. I feel that we should consider approving this permit as long as the property owner is willing to pay a contractor to remove the problem sycamore tree and replace it with a tree better suited for the planter size at no cost to the City of Chico.

The following photos will help describe the root problems with sycamore trees within this neighborhood.













DATE: 11/20/13
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Natural Resources Committee/Park Division Staff
SUBJECT: Staff Report from Natural Resources 11/14/13 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brentwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm at Caper Acres.

Attendees: Commissioners present: Mary Brentwood, and Janine Rood. Commissioners absent: Jim Moravec. Staff present: Dan Efseaff, Lise Smith-Peters, Jimi Logsdon, and Eric Willsaden. Design Team: Melton Design Group. Public: Bob Jones, Drew Traulsen (Commissioner), Susan Mason, Shane Whipple, Barbara Hoagland, Christa Melton, Makenzi Allen, Cassidy Melton, Quinn Melton, Scott Hayes, Carol Melton, and Elyana Croninger.

2. REGULAR AGENDA

2.1. Tour and Discussion of the Caper Acres Renovation and Master Plan

Due to aging infrastructure and the need for renovation, the BPPC included the renovation of Caper Acres in its 2013-2014 Work Plan. Parks and Natural Resources Manager Dan Efseaff gave a brief background as to the process of taking input. Park staff will send out a letter to teachers to obtain their students' ideas on the renovation of Caper Acres. He then led a tour of the Caper Acres facility. Jimi Logsdon, Park Field Supervisor, described the current conditions of the infrastructure of the Caper Acres playground and some of the issues that take up a lot of staff maintenance time. Several structures have been identified as having major issues. The Nico Memorial project play area has a fall material that is issues with wearing out and where staff has tried to patch; the restroom building has dry rot; the roof leaks and the porcelain plumbing fixtures are difficult to clean. The tunnels have to be cleaned daily with lots of trash removed; they fill up with water during the rainy season, and the dirt has to be packed in regularly so that it is a safer running area. The Crooked House also has limited visibility and cleaning it is very time consuming. The sandbox also has to be sifted daily and cleaned out prior to being open.

Consultant on the project, Greg Melton reviewed discussions of ideas for Caper Acres generated at the meeting on 10/10/13. He then led a discussion with those present about ideas for the play area, noting that all ideas were welcome and that in general people seemed to want to keep natural park and storybook themes in the design.

This meeting was the second in a series of public meetings that will allow opportunities for public input and provides an overview of the facility and layout the planning process. The next public meeting will take place in Conference Room 1 in the City Council Chambers in January 2014.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Attachments: None

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DATE: 11/14/13
TO: BPPC
FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Park and Natural Resource Manager's Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Sheriff Work Alternative Program (SWAP) – SWAP participants have been instrumental in helping with Park Rangers monthly City Park, greenway and creek clean ups of homeless encampments. The SWAP is an alternative to confinement where supervised participants perform eight to ten hours of work in-lieu of one day of confinement in jail. The programs intent is to provide the qualified, low risk offenders an alternative to paying large fines or incarceration. The sentence may not be over 30 days and the participants are not confined but live in their own homes.
- b. Sheriff's Alternative Custody Supervision (ACS) – Another Butte County Sheriff's program, inmates in the ACS program are low-risk offenders who are helping with tasks around Caper Acres and the One Mile Area. The participants in this supervised program were convicted of non-violent, non-serious and non-sexual crimes and are monitored with GPS ankle bracelets while serving their sentences at home.
- c. Trash and lots of it – With the rainy season just around the corner, the Park Division has focused efforts on cleaning up homeless encampments and trash from throughout the City's greenways and creeks. The total amount of debris removed by Park Rangers, Maintenance and SWAP from Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Comanche Creek and Lindo Channel from mid-October to early November was equal to 150 yards or 13 tons! Volunteers have also been instrumental in cleaning up camps and removing trash from the watershed. Volunteers removed about 43 bags of trash and recycling weighing close to 645 lbs.

2. Administrative and Visitor Services

- a. Wells Fargo Photo Shoot Permit – The subject of a Special Meeting on 10/23/13, the applicant for the photo-shoot was billed an additional \$625.17 for staff charges associated with support.
- b. One Mile Concession Stand Annual Report – The Dog House submitted a Year End report for 2013. The facility was open for a total of 123 days, and gross sales came in at just over \$40 K (a reduction from previous years). A total of 6 people worked at the stand. The operator remains optimistic about next year and we look forward to working with them. (Report attached).

3. Planning/Monitoring

- a. Caper Acres – Input efforts continue in the development of a Master Plan, with a kickoff meeting on 10/10/13 and a field tour on 11/14/13. Both meetings were part of Natural Resource Committee meetings and were attended by over a dozen at each meeting.
- b. Peregrine Point Monitoring – Staff completed photo monitoring and some observations in October. Staff and the ORAI president also met on-site to review potential work plan options. In addition, we anticipate that the consultant will have the botanical and oak monitoring reports completed shortly.

4. Maintenance Program

a. Monthly Highlights

Staff continues daily cleaning and safety inspections of all recreation areas including: grounds, playgrounds, picnic sites, roads and paths, coupled with daily cleaning and re-supplying of all park restrooms. Maintenance and repair of park fixtures, daily opening of gates, posting reservations, unauthorized camp clean up and the constant removal of graffiti from all park infrastructure.

b. Project Updates

- i. **Lower Park:** One Mile Concession stand had an attempted break in, resulting in damage to the rollup door locks. Maintenance personnel replaced the damaged hardware, cleaned up and secured the site. Park staff supported the Make A Difference Day program held at North One Mile.
- ii. **Middle Park:** Herbicide application program is in full swing to get invasive sprouts early in newly worked areas after the first rains, crews are also revisiting previously worked sites to monitor and treat as necessary. Staff has been sweeping the north and south Lower Park roads on Thursdays in preparation for all the weekend runs and activities that take place this time of the year.
- iii. **Upper Park:** Staff in conjunction with the California Conservation Corps have been working to complete the ADA section of the Middle Trail Grant, which connects parking lot E to the Observatory parking lot for a total distance of 1,724 feet of hardened trail bed.

- c. Upcoming Projects: Grading of all parking lots, Planting of Middle Park burn areas, next phase of Monkey Face rehabilitation, and plant out native plant sites.

5. Ranger and Lifeguard Programs

a. Monthly Highlights

- i. Park Watch - Park Rangers hosted the 16th annual Park Watch appreciation BBQ on October 26th. Tasty offerings were enjoyed by all. Park Watch volunteer efforts over the last year were reflected upon and plans for the coming year were discussed. Long-time members were recognized with certificates and patches for 5, 10 and 15 years of service! New members were also welcomed with certificates of completion for their training earlier in the spring.
- ii. Homeless Encampments - Park Rangers, with the help of park maintenance, volunteers and SWAP have been able to close out over 60 service requests that have been pending since late spring.

- b. Significant Incidents – None noted by Rangers.

6. Natural Resource Management

- a. Manzanita Corridor – The Planning Department notified us that the consultant will replant some of the plants associated with a mitigation planting near the Manzanita Bridge and Lindo Channel in mid-November.
- b. Native Plantings – Staff will be seeding areas of Middle Park that were burned earlier in the Fall with native grass seed and also areas of the park near developed areas will be planted with woody species.

7. Outreach and Education

- a. October News Releases – Seasonal Park Hours Change; Training Burn in Middle Park; Horseshoe Lake Accessible Trail Work; and Make a Difference Day in Bidwell Park and Comanche Creek.
- b. Native Plant Talk and Walk– Retired CSUC Botanist Wes Dempsey led BP crew leaders and Community Action Volunteers in Education students on a walk to show and discuss the plants native to Bidwell Park. Always interesting, Wes showed samples of plants and how the Indians made musical instruments, tools, food and medicine from them.
- c. Bidwell Park Pulse – The fall newsletter of the Division is attached.

8. Street Trees and Landscapes

a. Monthly Highlights

Staff met with DCBA and M & S Wesley Tree Service at the Downtown City Plaza to discuss the procedures for decorating the Community Christmas Tree. Marc and Shuree Wesley have agreed to take on the decorating task this year. On October 24th staff helped with a major unauthorized camp clean up day in the area of Little Chico Creek.

b. Projects Completed:

1. 21-Service Requests- a detailed list is available upon request.

2. Down Limbs and Hangers- 35 hours at numerous locations.
3. Safety Meetings- 1 hour.
4. Prep Time and DOT Inspections- 18 hours
5. Irrigation- 125 hours.
6. Call Outs for Clean up- 2 hours.
7. GIS Tree Inventory- 36 hours.
8. Emergency Contract Work- Petersen Tree Care 2 hours.
9. Unauthorized Camp Clean Up- 5 hours.
10. There were 2 call outs for the month of October that required follow up pruning and clean up.

c. Summary of Recent Tree Work –

- i. Clean up daily downed limbs and hangers throughout the month.
- ii. Finished up the tree watering season.
- iii. Started updating the “Merit” list (pesticide) of 1200 hackberry trees and 50 other species for aphid control.
- iv. 2 permits and 2 tree inspections for October.

9. Volunteer and Donor Program

Monthly Highlights

- a. Annie B’s Community Fund Drive– The Park Division participated for its 7th year in the North Valley Community Foundation’s Annie B’s Community Fund Drive. Sixty-four donors gave a total of \$6,960.00 (\$2,000 over last year!). These funds will support: 1) repair of the Park’s infrastructure (including Caper Acres); 2) improvements to trails and signage; and 3) a Park Division Intern scholarship (interns do specialized park projects and help with the volunteer weekly work program).
- b. Jake Early Monkey Face Print T-shirts – The Park Division has raised \$1,820 in T-shirt donation sales.
- c. Park Donations

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Name/Organization	Amount	Purpose
John Lynch	\$80	Council Ring maintenance
ServPro	\$TBD	Donation of cleaning services
PG&E Employee Bowlathon	\$275	Caper Acres maintenance
Friends of Bidwell Park	Up to \$1,600	Herbicide treatment of Catalpa (trial); ailanthus, privets, more.
Butte County Supervisors Steve Lambert and Maureen Kirk	\$750	Roller bins for Comanche Creek and Lindo Channel Cleanups

- d. Make a Difference Day in Bidwell Park and Comanche Creek – This annual event took place on October 26 from 10 am to 1 pm with over 350 volunteers participating. Volunteers logged over 1,120 hours. Tasks undertaken were trash cleanups at Comanche Creek, along Big Chico Creek and in Bidwell Park and along the City’s bikepaths. Volunteers also painted picnic tables and benches, planted native plants and weeded in the One Mile Area. Event sponsors provided inkind donations: CA Conservation Corps – sent a crew to help with logistical support; Costco provided breakfast foods; Home Depot supplied trashbags, gloves, tarps, and reachers; Recology provided a 40 yard greenwast bin; Starbucks fueled two worksites with coffee; and Waste Management provided a 40 yard waste bin. We had individual volunteers as well as members of the following organizations participate: Shasta 4-H Club; Park Division Crew Leader Program; Chico Jr. High School; Paradise Intermediate Jr. High School; Community Action Volunteers in Education; Assoc. Student’s Sustainability Group; InterFraternal Council (8 Fraternities); CSU Sigma Chi; Butte College Connections; CSUC Adventure Outings; CSUC Parks & Recreation Field School; Soroptimists International of Chico; Adopt-A-Park Students; Azad’s Martial Arts; Chico High School CA Scholarship Federation; CA Native Plant Society, Mt. Lassen Chapter; and Park Watch. Many thanks to our Park Crew Leaders who helped guide all of the volunteers!
- e. Native Plantings – Blue Oak Elementary students planted native Santa Barbara sedge, mugwort, and deergrass at their adopted site #6.

10. Upcoming Issues/Miscellaneous

- a. Annual Reports - Staff and partners are preparing annual reports for the BPPC.
- b. Review of Park & Street Tree Division Priorities - In the wake of the budget cuts this past summer, Park staff was asked to review tasks of what is needed in the care of the City's Parks and Urban Forest. Attached is a Memorandum that outlines the functions of these two divisions, showing what we would like to get done, what we can get done and what we foresee as not being able to accomplish.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Vandalism damages Lower Bidwell Park Tree (photo from park visitor).



Friends of Bidwell Park Volunteers clean up trash from encampment in Lower Bidwell Park. 36 bags of trash removed. Same area where tree vandalism occurred.



Above: Wes Dempsey guides students and other volunteers on a native plant walk and talk in Middle Park.



Above: Unauthorized camp clean up in Little Chico Creek on October 24th 2013.

Below: Make a Difference Day in Bidwell Park and Comanche Creek Greenways! Volunteers helped with painting, weeding, trash removal, planting native plants and much more!



MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1. Monthly Public and Private Permits

Table 1. Monthly Public Permits				
Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
10/05/2013	City Plaza	Chico Toy Museum	National Y-Yo Contest	1000
10/06/2013	Upper Park	Chico Running Club	Trail Run	150
10/7 - 10/11/13	Children's Playground	Catalyst Domestic Violence Services	Public Art Display	100
10/12/2013	1 Mile	Alzheimer's Association	Walk To End Alzheimers	1200
10/13/2013	1 Mile	Chico Nursery Schoold	5K run/walk & Fall Festival	200
10/19/2013	1 Mile	American Cancer Society Inc.	making Strides Against Breast Cancer	1700
10/19/2013	City Plaza	Results Radio	17th Annual Pumpkinhead Contest	500
10/24/2013	City Plaza	American Civil Liberties Union	Rally	20
10/26/2013	1 Mile	Jesse Kohen Foundation	Fun Run	150
10/26/2013	Upper Park Levee	Chico State Cross Country	CCAA Cross country Championships	180
10/26/2013	City Plaza	Thrill The World Chico	Community Dance Event	200
Totals			10	5400

Table 2. Monthly Private Permits

October Monthly Private Events		
Type	# Permits	# Participants
Private	13	910
Caper Acres	36	752
Totals	49	1,662

Table 3. Monthly Maintenance Hours.

Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	2013 Trend
1. Safety	152	22.9%	83.0%	
2. Infrastructure Maintenance	306	46.1%	157.9%	
3. Vegetation Maintenance	77	11.6%	46.1%	
4. Admin Time/Other	129	19.4%	113.2%	
Monthly Totals	663	100%	100.9%	

Table 4. Monthly Incidents - Incident report for October is incomplete due to Police Calls for Service records unavailable for the period of October 6 – 27.

Ranger Report- Incidents 2013













Date	Location	Incident	Disposition
10/2/2013	City Plaza	Vandalism	Arrest
10/2/2013	City Plaza	Resist Ranger	Arrest/Citation
10/4/2013	Lower Park	Minor Fire	Extinguished
10/5/2013	Upper Park	Vehicle Burglary	Report Filed
10/15/2013	City Plaza	Stabbing	Transported by medics,UTL suspect
10/20/2013	Lower Park	Bike Accident/Injury	Transported by medics
10/25/2013	Lower Park	Stabbing	Transported by medics,UTL suspect

Table 5. Monthly Citations and Warnings

Ranger Report - Citations 2013

Violation	Monthly			Annual			2013 Trend
	Total Citations	%	Rank	Total Citations	%	Rank	
Alcohol	22	24%	2	181	22%	2	
Animal Control Violations	2	2%	6	56	7%	6	
Bicycle Violation	0	0%	11	3	0%	11	
Glass	9	10%	5	70	9%	5	
Illegal Camping	26	29%	1	80	10%	4	
Injury/Destruction City Property	1	1%	7	5	1%	9	
Littering	1	1%	7	5	1%	9	
Other Violations	1	1%	7	23	3%	7	
Parking Violations	10	11%	4	243	30%	1	
Resist/Delay Park Ranger	1	1%	7	8	1%	8	
Smoking	17	19%	3	139	17%	3	
Totals	90	100%		813	100%		

Ranger Report - Warnings 2013

Violation	Monthly			Annual			2013 Trend
	Total Warnings	%	Rank	Total Warnings	%	Rank	
Alcohol	30	10%	4	266	9%	4	
Animal Control Violations	49	16%	3	501	17%	3	
Bicycle Violation	75	24%	2	846	29%	1	
Glass	9	3%	8	142	5%	6	
Illegal Camping	18	6%	5	116	4%	8	
Injury/Destruction City Property	4	1%	10	19	1%	11	
Littering	7	2%	9	46	2%	9	
Other Violations	10	3%	6	189	6%	5	
Parking Violations	4	1%	10	132	4%	7	
Resist/Delay Park Ranger	10	3%	6	26	1%	10	
Smoking	92	30%	1	656	22%	2	
Totals	308	100%		2939	100%		

Attachments:

1. Dog House. 2013. 1 Mile Concession Year-End Report, 2013, 4th Year (Actual 3rd Full Season).
2. Memorandum of Park and Street Tree Functions.
3. Bidwell Park Pulse.



THE DOG HOUSE

1 Mile Concession Year End Report, 2013 4th Year (Actual 3rd Full Season)

2013 completes the 3rd year of the concession open at 1 Mile for a full peak season. This year we opened again on the weekend of Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) and remained open seven days/week through Labor day weekend, rain days excluded. Following Labor Day, we remained open on weekends only thru the end of September.

Overall we were pleased with this year's operation even though sales were down -- staff managed the concession well, park-goers seemed pleased as usual and vandalism was way down. To prepare for this year, new staff were hired back in February and began immediate training at Dog House East. By May, three (3) new employees and three (3) existing staff were ready to open the concession.

Some of the slow down may be contributed to park closures in July and a general public misunderstanding, believing the park was actually closed. Comparing some numbers to last year for example: May was down by (17%) \$1,435 (\$6,825 in 2013, \$8,260 in 2012). June was fairly consistent with only a slight (2%) deviation of \$268 (\$12,537 in 2013, \$12,805 in 2012). In July, however, sales began to drop off, falling \$3,116 (20%) off last year's mark (\$11,869 in 2013, \$14,985 in 2012). In August sales continued to slump with a difference of \$2,251 (23%) from last year (\$7,317 in 2013, \$9,568 in 2012). And by September (open weekends only) sales were off by quite a margin, down \$1,807 (44%) from last year (\$2,282 in 2013, \$4,089 in 2012) – some foul weekend weather definitely played a role in this.

-- Annual Comparison Numbers --

<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>	
Peak Days Open	88	Peak Days Open	91	Peak Days Open	88
Off Peak Days	35	Off Peak Days	36	Off Peak Days	60
Total Days Open	123	Total Days Open	127	Total Days Open	148
Gross Sales	40,833.04	Gross Sales	49,709.33	Gross Sales	56,967.52
Gross Rent	6124.96	Gross Rent	7456.40	Gross Rent	6836.11
Average Sales/Mo (4.33 mo's)	9430.267	Average Sales/Mo (4.5 mo's)	11,046.51	Average Sales/Mo (5 mo's)	11,393.50
Average Rent/Mo (4.33 mo's)	1414.54	Average Rent/Mo (4.5 mo's)	1656.97	Average Rent/Mo (5 mo's)	1367.22
Average Rent/Sq Foot	5.52	Average Rent/Sq Foot	6.47	Average Rent/Sq Foot	5.34



CITY OF CHICO MEMORANDUM

TO: RUBEN MARTINEZ DATE: 8/1/13

FROM: DAN EFSEAFF FILE:

SUBJECT: ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON WANTS, NEEDS, AND WHAT WILL NOT GET DONE

Parks Division

What do we want to do?

1. Examine other options and resources to complete discrete tasks (such as landscape maintenance, restroom cleaning, and street sweeping). For example, we have recruited outside enforcement help (wardens and state parks rangers to aide with encampment surveys, and SWAP participants in clean-ups). This could include contracting and volunteers.
2. Reopen facilities associated with budget cuts (gates and rest rooms and low funding.
3. Replace aging features at Caper Acres to reduce maintenance and inspection time.
4. Maintain vegetation (sightlines, elevation, encampment "pockets") along roadways, signs, public areas, for safety and security (this will be reduced).
5. Address the decades long backlog of basic green infrastructure needs in the Park and greenways: vegetation management, removal of noxious invasive plants, erosion, etc.
6. Continue with the inventory of park infrastructure and needs and visitor counts.
7. Expand use of technology for visitor and customer service. Implement online reservation system. Explore the use of automating our phone system.
8. Complete the Bidwell Ranch project.
9. Develop a management plan for greenways.

What do we need to do?

1. Support the BPPC and share information with the public.
2. Complete basic housekeeping, health, and safety tasks for the Park.
3. Develop mechanisms to provide adequate coverage to respond to emergencies or urgent safety issues.
4. Charge all requests that involve staff time or costs associated with permits to the applicant. Revise fee structure and develop a Special Use Permit.
5. Promote and expand community fundraising efforts.
6. Complete a master plan (assess needs and prioritize renovation projects) for Caper Acres that will reduce the long-term maintenance costs and improve safety. Develop funds to support implementation.
7. Clean the Sycamore Pool on a regular basis during the swimming season.
8. Examine the options and implications to temporarily mothball or abandon facilities or maintained areas.

9. Examine additional protection options for rangers and staff.
10. Examine ways to expand the volunteer and Park Watch programs, in the face of more limited support of these programs.
11. Notify the public of our diminished resources and limited ability to respond to service or ranger calls.
12. Monitoring and reporting required by permit, CEQA, and other regulations.
13. Continue implementation of the Master Management Plan (complete Trails Plan, Update the Trails Manual, c) Update the Natural Resources Management Plan).

What will not get done?

1. Conduct homeless encampments in greenways and other parks in a timely and frequent fashion (parks crew aided the effort and the rangers participated in over 15 assessments a year).
2. Gate and restroom openings on the previous schedule.
3. Regular ranger patrols during peak hours and sufficient staff to provide backup for safety and event coverage. As we have gaps in the schedule, there may be increased response time for search and rescue operations, as EMS personnel often rely on ranger's park knowledge to locate individuals and access points for operations and staging.
4. Non-urgent park tasks (i.e. we will only be able to respond to the most offensive graffiti).
5. Repair work on Upper Park Road, which will keep the gate closed past the Diversion Dam.
6. Prompt responses to new invasive plant occurrences.
7. Support for other divisions.
8. At least after this fall, a limited capacity to complete new trail routes.
9. Cessation of reservations on Monday thru Thursday.
10. Adequate support for the volunteer program, staff prepare, clean-up, oversee, train, treat, and sometimes repair, projects from volunteers. The follow-up allows the volunteer efforts to succeed.

Street Trees and Landscaping Division

Some of these may be attenuated with the resolution on the Urban Forest Manager position.

What do we want to do?

1. Conduct regular pruning for the health of trees (ideally this would be on a 7 year average) and to reduce long-term emergency responses and claims.
2. Pick up brush piles and debris that has been removed from the roadway and sidewalks.
3. Educate landowners on their responsibilities of caring for Street Trees, and the public on specific removals.
4. Review new City projects to insure that long term maintenance costs and approaches are reasonable, and that additional funding sources have been considered.

5. Examine operations and contract costs for changes in scope and potential savings.
6. Develop streamlined protocols to build capacity to handle claims over time.

What do we need to do?

1. Emergency response to hazard trees.
2. Remove limbs and trees from the Right of Way.
3. Coordinate with PG&E on tree issues.
4. Use the Street Tree database to provide a basic model to assess tree needs, costs, possibly predict claims, and consequences over the next few years.
5. Maintain landscapes with Maintenance District Contracts.
6. Finalize Urban Forest Management Plan.

What will not get done?

1. Plan checks of new development projects.
2. Routine coordination and oversight of landscape contractors.
3. Timely processing of permits.
4. Documentation of hazard tree removal.

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Bidwell Park Pulse

Quarterly Newsletter of the City of Chico's Park Division

Fundraising for Chico's Crown Jewel

In light of current budget challenges, Park staff has donned our fundraising hats. While many of these efforts are just starting, we hope to encourage the community to support the Park.

We kicked off the inaugural Bidwell Park Birthday Bash, which raised about \$2,000 in July. The Park Division raised about \$7,000 participating in the North Valley Community Foundation's Annie B's Community Drive. This marked the 7th year that the Park Division participated. Funds raised will help: 1) repair Park infrastructure (including Caper Acres); 2) improve trails and signage; and 3) support a Park Division Intern scholarship (interns complete special park projects and guide volunteer efforts). The NVCF matches all donations made (8% last year). If you would like to be reminded next year of the Annie B's Community Fund Drive, please email your address to lise.smith-peters@chicoca.gov

In addition, you can wear your support of the Park. Local artist and Bidwell Park enthusiast Jake Early designed T-shirts for sale with proceeds going to Bidwell Park. Jake developed a new design based on the Centennial Monkey Face print and put a new circular spin on it, adding the message "Enjoy Support Protect."

T-shirts may be purchased at the Park Division office at 965 Fir Street (Monday through Fridays, 7 am to 4 pm) and at the Chico Creek Nature Center.

Many people do not realize that public purpose donations made to the Park Division are tax deductible (IRS Publica-

tion 526 (2012) p. 2).

The Park Division also kicked off a planning effort at the October Natural Resource Committee meeting to renovate Caper Acres.

The area has been subject to recent closures, because of the staffing levels required to clean, inspect and repair the aging infrastructure of this popular Chico icon. Public input will guide priorities for improvements. The effort will bring the play area up to safety codes, and reduce the time consuming tasks of continual repairs and maintenance. Following the list of priorities, we will kick off a capital campaign. Keep your eyes out for the announcement of the Caper Acres Capital Campaign, which will be a community-wide effort to raise the funds for this landmark. To get involved, call Dan at 896-7801 or Lise at 896-7831.

~Lise Smith, Park Services Coordinator



Work Starts on ADA Trail at Horseshoe Lake

Park staff has begun work on the established trail south of Horseshoe Lake. The work will make the trail accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act and link Parking Lots C & E that have accessible parking spaces, porta potties and an accessible fishing pier.

The improvement project is part of a \$175,802 CA Dept. of Parks & Recreation grant that the Division received in 2010. For more information on the project, contact the Park Division at 530-896-7800.

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The Bidwell Park Pulse

The Bidwell Park Pulse is a quarterly newsletter of the City of Chico's Parks, Open Spaces, Greenways, and Preserves Division. The Parks Division is part of the Public Works Department, and is responsible for maintaining and operating City parks, open space, and recreation areas including Bidwell Park, Children's Playground, Depot Park, City Plaza, Lindo Channel, Little Chico Creek Greenway, Teichert Ponds, and other preserves. Parks Division programs include: Maintenance, Ranger, Lifeguard, and Volunteer Programs. Printed on 100% recycled paper.

**City of Chico Mission**

To protect and enhance our community's quality of life for present and future generations.

Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)

The BPPC is vested with the supervision, control and management of many public parks and playgrounds within the City. **Commissioners:** Mary Brentwood, Lisa Emmerich (Chair), Mark Herrera, Jim Moravec, Richard Ober, Janine Rood, and Drew Traulsen. **Staff Liaison:** Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator.

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About the Banner Photograph

Chico Parks and Chico Fire conduct a prescribed on October 14, 2013.

Staff Spotlight:**Dave Bettencourt**

Six questions and answers with Street Tree Field Supervisor of the Park and Street Tree Division

How many years have you been with the City of Chico?

Dave Bettencourt started as a senior tree worker in December 2008 and became Field Supervisor of the Street Tree Division in 2009 and worked directly with Urban Forest Manager Denice Britton. Dave has been a certified tree worker and arborist since 1995 (ISA) as well as Tree Climber Specialist and Ground Operations Specialist (TCIA). He worked with brother Tom of North Valley Tree Service for 16 years before joining the City.

What do you enjoy most about working in the Urban Forest?

Dave enjoys the Heritage trees, the vegetation and wildlife. One of his hobbies is Tree identification and sharing this with his children. He also enjoys talking with citizens about tree care and concerns.

What do you see as a big challenge facing the Park/Street Tree Division?

The budget and adjusting to staff shortages; and perhaps the biggest challenge is not being able to offer the same level of service to the public as in the past.

Where are you from originally and what about your family?

Dave was born in Corning, CA and raised in Capay. He made Chico his home in 1991. He had 12 siblings (6 sisters and 5 brothers!) and the family lived on a working dairy farm. Dave is married to Julie and has two children, son Kyle 13 and daughter Kiara 10.

**Park Postcard:**

What is your favorite type of tree?

Dave hesitates but answers Redwoods.

What hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

Dave enjoys spending time with his family. He is and has been a volunteer coach for Little League Baseball for 9 years and Little League Softball for 3 years. Dave has also coached CARD boys basketball for 4 years and 1 year for the girls team. He enjoys being outdoors with his kids in the Park, camping, fishing, and hiking.

Dave still climbs trees but now only for friends and family!

Park Watch Volunteers provide information during the July 4th celebration at One Mile Recreation Area. THANK YOU Park Watch members!

Street Trees

Removing Hazardous Trees

Chico loves its trees and the shade and greenery they provide. Besides their aesthetic value, they produce a huge benefit to the community in the form of energy reduction from shade, pollution absorption and carbon sequestration.

Chico's Street Trees Program cares for and manages the City's urban forest of street and park trees. The City's street trees and Park and greenway trees, plus the privately owned trees throughout town also are part of the Urban Forest. The City is responsible for approximately 34,211 street tree sites of which 30,667 contain street trees (thus, approximately 3,544 open planting sites). The City also has 1,439 trees that are scheduled for eventual replacement, due mostly to aging, structural problems, or lack of establishment of young trees.

Park staffs' decision to remove public trees is not taken lightly. Dictated by Chico Municipal Code (CMC), the process to evaluate and then act on street trees is:

- 1) First a tree is determined by its location as to whether it is in the Right of Way (Street Tree), on City property or whether it is a privately owned tree on private property. Calls are then prioritized for review depending on condition and as to whether another review process is in progress, such as in the case of a Capital Project.
- 2) Staff performs an inspection to determine the urgency of a full inspection or more immediate action.
- 3) If staff finds a City tree is dangerous to public health and safety but it is not on the removal list, then the Director and City Manager have authority to remove a tree/shrub, without the authorization or direction of either the BPPC or the City Council (immediate removal is necessary for public safety -CMC Section 14.40.270).
- 4) If a private party calls in for a removal of a City tree and if the "...tree or shrub is not dead or dying and its continued existence does not create a dangerous or defective condition upon public property, in which case its removal is deemed to be for the convenience of the property owner...", staff recommends the owner begin the permit process for removal. In which case, the owner will be responsible for all removal costs. The City keeps a list of tree service companies on the Parks & Street webpage for citizens to use.
- 5) Trees may come to the public attention as part of a Capital Project or through a development process. These discretionary trees typically go through a review process at the BPPC, Planning or Council meeting. For more information, call the Park Division at 896-7800.

~by Dan Efsseff, Parks & Natural Resources Mgr

Invasive Plant Profile: **Catalpa**

Common names: Western Catalpa, Northern Catalpa, Hardy Catalpa, Cigar Tree, Indian bean tree

Common names: Western Catalpa, Northern Catalpa, Hardy Catalpa, Cigar Tree, Indian bean tree

Scientific name: *Catalpa speciosa*

Family: *Bignoniaceae*

Native To: Southern Illinois to Arkansas

Means of Introduction: Ornamental flowering tree for gardens

Current CA Distribution: all USDA zones

Status/Weed Rating:

Statewide impact: not listed (CAL-IPC)

CDFR Noxious Weed List: not listed [CDFR Weeds 2010]

What does it look like?

General: Fast growing deciduous tree, wood can be brittle; form is open with an oval crown. Bark; light brown and smooth on younger trees developing into ridged and furrowed grayish brown in older larger specimens.

Leaves: Opposite, Large heart shaped and medium green to bright green. 6 to 12" long 3 to 8" wide.

Flowers: Terminal clusters, Attractive, upright, white, some-

what bell shaped with wavy margins 2" long and as wide. Blooms in mid summer.

Fruit: Long bean-shaped seed pod, 6 to 20" long and 1/2" to 3/4" wide. Pods develop in late summer and persist into winter.

Reproduction and Dispersal:

Seeds will readily germinate in most soil conditions in the Chico area especially moist creek side locations; it also sprouts from the root and base of trunk (especially if roots or trunk are damaged).

Where is it invading? From Five Mile Recreation Area west throughout Lower Bidwell Park. Long seed pods float easily down Big Chico Creek.

Why Worry? Spreads easily and grows fast, quickly squeezing out desirable native trees.

What is being done in Bidwell Park? Friends of Bidwell Park in partnership with the Park Division will soon start a pilot project with a certified herbicide applicator, who will test a variety of herbicides and application measures on catalpa trees away from Big Chico Creek. The Volunteer Program will continue to remove smaller catalpa manually.

Where do I go for more information?

<http://ces.ncsu.edu/dept/hort/>

<http://ucanr.org>





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Donate to Chico's Park & Greenways!

Yes, I would like to help Bidwell Park & City Greenways!

My donation selection and method of support is checked below. I understand that my contribution is tax deductible (IRS Publication 526 (2012) p. 2).

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Park Celebrates Make a Difference Day!



The Park Division celebrated Make a Difference Day in Bidwell Park and Greenways on Oct. 26th! Close to 400 volunteers came out to work in Bidwell

Park, Comanche Creek Greenway and along the City's Bike Paths. Projects included painting picnic tables, weeding, watering and planting native plants, trash cleanup and bike path cleanup. Some of the groups represented:

4-H Club ~ Chico Jr. High School ~ Paradise Intermediate Jr. High School ~ Community Action Volunteers in Education ~ Assoc. Students' Sustainability Group ~ Inter-Fraternal Council (8 Fraternities) ~ CSU Sigma Chi ~ Butte College Connections ~ CSUC Adventure Outings ~ CSUC Parks & Recreation Field School ~ Soroptimists International of Chico ~ Adopt-A-Park Students ~ Azad's Martial Arts ~ Chico High School CA Scholarship Federation ~ CA Native Plant Society, Mt. Lassen Chapter ~ Park Watch! ~ CA Conservation Corps (CCC).

Many thanks to our Volunteers, Crew Leaders, CCC, and sponsors: Costco, Home Depot, Starbucks, Recology Zero Waste, and Waste Management!

~Lise Smith-Peters, Park Services Coordinator