



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
April 25, 2016, 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 Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC held on 03/28/16.

- 2.2. Permit Application for the Hooked on Fishing Not On Drugs Fishing Derby at Horseshoe Lake (5/21/16)

Applicant (Pete Giampaoli) requests a permit to host a free fishing derby (Hooked On Fishing not On Drugs), for children ages 4-1 years old, held in Middle Park at Horseshoe Lake. This event will also need the approval to stock Horseshoe Lake with approximately 8,000 pounds of catfish. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

- 2.3. Permit Application for the Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground (6/27/16 – 7/1/16)

Applicant (Christie Harrington, Bidwell Presbyterian Church), requests a permit to hold their 11th Annual Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground. This program is for 5 consecutive days at Children's Playground. The Applicant has requested to use the lawn areas for the event and anticipates 150 attendees daily. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4.1. Consider Street Tree Options for Hyde Park Subdivision

Staff proposes options to address tree issues in the Grafton Park development. Even though the trees are only about 25 years old, the area has received extensive attention from the Street Tree Division. Rather than react to those issues in the future, staff wanted to set up a phased approach that allows for greater citizen input, reduced hazards and costs, and minimizes impacts to aesthetics. **Recommendation:** *review and approve the proposed approach to 1) remove and replant the most problematic trees, 2) phase in any future removals and replanting, and 3) cap the total number trees.*

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Commission cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

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. Parks and Street Trees Division Report - Dan Eiseff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on 5/23/16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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Minutes of
March 28, 2016 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Mary Brentwood
Alberto Hernandez
Jim Moravec
Valerie Reddemann
Janine Rood
Marisa Stoller
Drew Traulsen

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Dan Efseaff (Park and Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM)) and Nancy Kelly (Administrative Analyst).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC Held on February 29, 2016

2.2. Permit for Half Marathon Trail Run (10/9/16) in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park

Applicant (Chico Running Club) requested a permit for a 7-mile and half marathon trail run from Hooker Oak Recreation Area to the end of Upper Park Road and returning on the Yahi Trail.

Recommendation: *Conditional approval.*

2.3. Permit for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk (10/15/16) in Lower Bidwell Park

Applicant (American Cancer Society, Inc.) requested to host a 5K walk fundraiser. The applicant requested setting up the night before at Sycamore Field, on 10/14/16, making it necessary to have security stay overnight. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

Commissioner Hernandez pulled item 2.2 for further discussion.

MOTION: Approve items 2.1 and 2.3 of the Consent Agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Reddeman.
SECOND: Traulsen. **AYES:** 7 (Brentwood, Hernandez, Moravec, Reddemann, Rood, Stoller and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2.2 Permit for Half Marathon Trail Run (10/9/16) in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park

Commissioner Hernandez was seeking clarification on the return leg of the course on Yahi Trail.

Efseaff stated the purpose was to have one-way trail traffic for the entire run.

MOTION: Approve items 2.2 of the Consent Agenda as submitted. **MADE BY:** Hernandez. **SECOND:** Stoller. **AYES:** 7 (Brentwood, Hernandez, Moravec, Reddemann, Rood, Stoller and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. CARD Lifeguards

In 2015, the City and the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) explored a one year agreement for CARD to provide lifeguard services and additional programming at Bidwell Park's Sycamore Pool. CARD and the City proposed to extend the arrangement for three years through an addendum to the 2009 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). **Recommendation:** *Direct staff to complete and recommend Council approval of an agreement with CARD to provide 1) lifeguard services and 2) additional programs at the Sycamore Pool.*

P&NRM Efseaff provided an overview of the item. The relationship between the City and CARD is very cooperative. CARD had upgraded their lifeguard requirements to match the City's standards. Many former City lifeguards are now with CARD, which made for a smooth transition as they were familiar with Sycamore Pool.

In regards to costs and the budget, staff has been directed to implement a status quo for the budget this year. Costs needed to be less than or equal to the prior year. In order to do this, lifeguard hours at the pool would need to be shortened. This will change the start time from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The pool will close at 7:00 pm, covering the peak hours of visitors.

The 2009 MOU provides a mechanism for this agreement for the City and CARD to work together and share resources to provide services in regards to recreational facilities. This would be an update to that lease, extending it to a three year term. While last year's MOU had set rates, this MOU update would reflect CARD's rates. Changes to minimum wage rates have caused costs to rise.

Commissioner Rood asked about the costs savings of last year. Efseaff responded that while CARD had estimated \$6,000, it turned out to be a wash. That is the reason the City initially entered into a one year agreement. There is a cost savings for the City on recruitment and other Human Resources costs such as training.

Commissioner Brentwood expressed her concern of reduction in hours as it relates to safety. She asked if hours needed to be increased, thereby increasing the budget, if an addendum to the agreement would be appropriate. Efseaff clarified that the agreement would have a rate built into it, rather than a cap on the dollar amount.

Ann Williman, General Manager (CARD), was in attendance of the meeting and stated that CARD is set up to run the lifeguard program and they are happy to partner with the City and provide the service.

MOTION: Direct staff to complete and recommend Council approval of an agreement with CARD to provide 1) lifeguard services, and; 2) additional programs at Sycamore Pool. **MADE BY:** Rood. **SECOND:** Stoller. **AYES:** 7 (Brentwood, Hernandez, Moravec, Reddemann, Rood, Stoller and Traulsen). **NOES:** 0

4.2. **Consider Chico Area Recreation District's (CARD) Request to Waive Basic Park Fees for 2016 Events**

Applicant (CARD) requested the waiver of basic park use fees for the following events: 53rd annual Spring Jamboree (3/26/16); and Movies in the Park (6/11/16 and 7/16/16). Under the Chico Municipal Code (CMC 12R.08.250), the BPPC may authorize the waiver of basic park fees. The City has waived fees in the past. **Recommendation:** *Staff recommends no waiver of reservation and vendor fees.*

Efseaff provided an overview of this item. He stated that the City does have a great working relationship with CARD; however, with the City's budget the way it currently is, the City is cautious about waiving fees for anything. While staff is recommending no fee waiver, the Commission can certainly rule otherwise. Currently, fees are tied to staff time only.

Staff recommended that fee waiving requests be received earlier next year so that they can be folded into their sponsorship.

Commissioner Reddemann felt that CARD is providing a service to the Chico community and the City should assist them by waiving fees. She felt that since CARD partners with the City, the City should partner with CARD to help with their costs.

Commissioner Hernandez felt that because the City is having a financial hardship, they should not waive the fees, in an effort to help with the General Fund.

Commissioner Stoller asked if there were already exchanges going on where the City is requesting waiver of fees to use their facilities.

Chair Moravec was concerned that there are many who are located outside of Chico that are using and benefiting from the park.

Ann Williman, General Manager (CARD) encouraged the Commission to look at the big picture and how these two agencies work together to provide services to the Chico community.

No Public Comments on this item.

MOTION: To deny the fee waiver for CARD for 2016. **MADE BY:** Hernandez.

The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: To approve the fee waiver for CARD for 2016 events as briefed and to try to ensure that the City does receive sponsorship acknowledgement at the events. **MADE BY:** Rood. **SECOND:** Stoller. **AYES:** 6 (Brentwood, Moravec, Reddemann, Rood, Stoller and Traulsen). **NOES:** 1 (Hernandez)

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Charles Withuhn – Chico Tree Advocates – addressed the Commission about meeting with Councilmembers on tree needs, the need for an ad hoc committee, improvement of the street tree list, and tree plantings at 8th and Salem.

Chair Moravec encouraged everyone to visit Bidwell Park. After all the rain, it is really a beautiful time of the year.

Commissioner Brentwood inquired about placing work plan items on upcoming agendas.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Parks and Street Trees Division Report – Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager

Efseaff reported the following:

- The RFP for Urban Forest Consulting services resulted in one bid that wasn't responsive to all the requirements. The next step is to have the Public Works Director make a recommendation to Council to hire for that position.
- Horseshoe Lake Monitoring – measures in place to minimize the lead contamination on-site. The review was very positive.
- Rangers have been reaching out to mopeds in the park. Staff has been doing some education with shops in town in an effort to minimize damage.
- *Bidwell Park Pulse* was provided which includes a summary of the Annual Report.
- Hourly workers will continue to be used for tree work.
- Arbor Day tree planting with Chico State students will be rescheduled to April due to rain.
- Alliance For Workforce Development is doing some clearing in the area of Caper Acres.
- Training with annual volunteers will take place on Thursday, March 31st in the Council Chamber building.
- Synergism, "Women Together for Beauty" – a choral program at the First Baptist Church, will be held April 29th in which a portion of the donations collected will benefit the Caper Acres Renovation Project.
- Chico Rod and Gun Club has submitted plans for roof repairs.
- Hyde Park tree and sidewalk issues will be addressed at the next meeting.
- 98 trees have been planted in 1.5 weeks.
- Encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for struggling trees that appear to cause a concern for safety.
- Peregrine Point – the next monitoring report will cover a five year period.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting on April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

Date Approved: / /

Prepared By:

Nancy Kelly, Administrative Analyst

Date

Distribution: BPPC

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BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date 4/25/2016

DATE: 3/23/2016
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
 FROM: Theresa Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant
 SUBJECT: Hooked On Fishing not On Drugs at Horseshoe Lake (5/21/16)

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Applicant (Pete Giampaoli) requests a permit to host a free fishing derby (Hooked On Fishing not On Drugs), for children ages 4-12 years old, held in Middle Park at Horseshoe Lake. This event will also need the approval to stock Horseshoe Lake with approximately 8,000 pounds of catfish. **Recommendation:** Conditional approval.

Event Details

Date of Application	3/2/2016
Date of Event	5/21/2016
Time of Event	7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Event Name	Fishing derby
Applicant Name	Pete Giampaoli
Location	Middle Park, Horseshoe Lake
Description	Fishing derby for children 4 – 12 years old
New Event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Years? 25
# Participants	1000+
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Not an intensive use area.
BPMMP	Fishing is considered a non-intensive use, however, the large number of participants is considered an intensive use and require BPPC approval.

Conditions

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Motorized vehicles, except for the fish delivery vehicle, are restricted to designated roadways and parking areas.
- Applicant to consider stocking Horseshoe Lake with less fish so the issue of dead fish post event does not become problematic for the maintenance department.
- Applicant will review the event with rangers (including the route for the fish delivery vehicle (approved by Director).
- The permittee should continue to promote and use a shuttle system to bring people in from satellite parking areas to minimize impacts to roads and parking lots near Horseshoe Lake. Monitors shall organize parking and maximize available parking spaces.
- Install “No Parking” signs along Upper Park Road to prevent hazards associated with illegal parking.
- Applicant shall rope off areas not used during the event.
- Applicant shall provide a minimum of five (5) portable toilets with a minimum of two (2) ADA toilets.
- Signs shall not be affixed to trees in any fashion.
- Styrofoam bait containers and lead sinkers are prohibited.
- Sponsor signs and advertisements must comply with all park rules.
- Applicant shall clean shoreline and accessible vegetation of Horseshoe Lake four times (4) during the two weeks following the event, including the fishing line waste containers.
- Recommend, at applicant’s expense, presence of EMS on site.
- The applicant submit the application for next year 6 months in advance (end of the year), so that staff may adequately process the request.

Attachments: Application and Permit for Park Use

Distribution: Pete Giampaoli



City of Chico

APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR PARK USE

Public Works Department - Park Division

Type of Event:

PUBLIC PRIVATE

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

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

PLEASE PRINT:

Pete Giampoli
Name of Applicant/Contact Person

Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs
Organization Name (if applicable)

[Redacted]

Contact Phone #

Alternate Phone #

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

Saturday May 21 2016
Day and Date of Event:

From: 1am To: 4pm
Total Time Needed for Set-up, Event, and Clean-up

From: 1am To: 1pm 1000+

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
 - 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: _____ Mon - Fri 8:00 - 3:30
 - Water (public events only)
 - 100 amp Electrical Service
- City Plaza (Additional fees may apply)
 - Electricity (15 amp)
 - Event Restrooms
 - Fountain - On
 - Meter Bags # _____
 - 100 amp Electrical Service
 - Water (public events only)
 - 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
 - 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
- Oak Grove B
- Depot Park
 - Electricity (15 amp)
- Lower Bidwell Park (public events only): _____
- Upper Bidwell Park (public events only): Horseshoe Lake
- Other (specify) (public events only): _____
- Early Entrance Needed (public events only) Yes No

Additional Description of the Event: Annual Fishing Derby for Children 4-12

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 \$ 301 (\$11.00 minimum, please call for quote)
- Insurance Fee \$ 40 (\$40.00 to process outside insurance)
- Vendor Fee # _____ \$ _____ (\$6.00 per vendor)
- Damage Deposit \$ 100.00 (\$100.00 refundable)
- Early Entrance Fee \$ _____ (\$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

Park Fee Total: \$ 460.00

Convenience Fee: \$ _____

Total Fee Required: \$ 460.00

Credit Card and ATM payment as credit will be assessed a \$2.00 convenience fee.

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

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. CR406005 Payment Method: CK1149 Date: 3/2/16 Received By: TR

Office	Permit File (original)	Park Ranger 1	Senior Park Ranger	Applicant	Cleaning Service	Park Services Coordinator
Distribution:	Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 2	Landscape Inspector	920 Fund	Risk Management (e-mail)	DCBA

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. <i>Dogs are not allowed in Caper Acres, One-Mile or Five-Mile swimming areas, or designated swimming holes in Upper Park.</i>
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 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.
Park Closures	Lower Park is closed from 12:00 am (midnight) until 5:00 am every day, unless directly and actively proceeding to a destination outside of the park. Upper Park is closed between the hours of 11:00 pm and 60 minutes before sunrise every day, unless posted otherwise.
Signs/Defacing	Defacing of trees, benches, tables, any park fixtures, open ground, or paved roads/paths with markings, staples, tacks, or signs is prohibited. No pinatas, or accessories shall be affixed to trees. Only barricades, cones, or self standing devices may be used for these purposes.
Smoking	Smoking is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
Swimming	While in the 1-Mile swim area compliance with lifeguards is required for public safety. Pool is open and lifeguards are on duty from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
Vegetation	No taking, cutting or injury of any vegetation in the Park is allowed.
Vehicle Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• While gates are closed, limited use of vehicles to set up for event is permitted. Vehicles must be in compliance with the one-way designation of the roadway, must yield to all other activities (walking, jogging, bicycling, and horseback riding), must travel with flashers on and may not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.• Permittee shall provide adequate signs and supervision to avoid conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, equestrians, and general public.• Only emergency vehicles will be allowed access through the area of South Park Drive which has been closed to motor vehicles.• No vehicles are permitted to travel or park on grass areas.

***I have read and agree to conform to the above rules and conditions:**

Signed: _____

SECTION 4 – INSURANCE

(to be determined by Park Office)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE TO:

Insurance Required

Not Required

- (1) All Public Events per Title 12R.08.240, and/or
- (2) All Events Public or Private where:
 - (a) Amplified sound is used, or
 - (b) The number of people participating amount to 100 or more.

For Insurance questions for your event, please contact the Risk Management office at 530-879-7910, by fax at 530-895-4733, or email at risk-management@chicoca.gov

If insurance is required, Certificate of Insurance, meeting City standards must be received by: May 7, 2016
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:

- (2) The City of Chico, its officers, boards and commissions, and members thereof, its employees and agents are covered as additional insureds as respects to any liability arising out of the activities of the named insured.
- (3) The insurance coverages afforded by this policy shall be primary insurance as respects to the City of Chico, its officers, employees, or agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City of Chico, its officers, employees, or agents shall be in excess of the insurance afforded to the named insured by this policy and shall not contribute to it.
- (4) An unqualified statement that "The insurer will provide the City at least ten (10) days prior notice of cancellation or material change in coverage", standard Certificate of Insurance cancellation language is not acceptable

Please Note: Your reservation may be cancelled if the insurance is not approved at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event

SECTION 5 - ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS

In signing this Permit, I agree to indemnify and hold the City of Chico and/or the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission free and clear of all claims of damage for injury to persons or property occurring in, upon or about Bidwell Park, and arising from my use of the park as noted above, and to defend any action against the City of Chico resulting from any such claim, without cost to the City.

*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 _____
Signature of Applicant

X 2/10/16
Date

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

City of Chico - Park Division
411 Main St., 3rd Floor
Chico, CA 95928

FAX 530-895-4825 or email to Parkinfo@chicoca.gov

THIS RESERVATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE PARK DIVISION.
A copy of the approved application will be returned to you.

SECTION 6 – GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I have carefully reviewed this application pursuant to Title 12 and 12R of the Chico Municipal Code and hereby recommend that this permit be:

- Approved.
- Approved subject to listed additional condition(s) _____
- Denied by the General Services Director. Reason: _____
- Application fee waived (12R.08.100 CMC). Reason: _____
- Reservation fee waived (12R.08.250 CMC). Reason: _____
- Vendor fee waived (12R.08.250 CMC). Reason: _____
- Insurance fee waived (12R.08.240 CMC). Reason: _____
- Damage deposit fee waived (12R.08.260 CMC). Reason: _____
- Application approved by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission. Date: _____
- Application denied by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission. Reason: _____

Signature of Park and Natural Resources Manager

Date

EVENT INFORMATION

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>25</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Is there a patron admission, entry, or participant fee(s) required for your event?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Will there be amplified sound/music at event? (Please see 'Conditions For Park Use') Specify type (microphone, band, radio, PA system etc): _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
When will amplified sound/music be heard? Time from: _____ until: _____ amps needed (15 or 100) _____ <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: _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Name of Operator: _____		
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: _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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.</small> (Subject to approval by the General Services Department Director and/or Senior Park Ranger.) If "yes" please state which gate(s): _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Time of closure from: _____ until: _____		
Will there be early entrance into the Park for setup? If "yes" when will monitors be at their position(s)? Time from: <u>7am</u> until: <u>4pm</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>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> 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?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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>Jahnmer</u> Phone Number <u>8935689</u> Location of portable restrooms <u>Parking lot</u> <small>Note: Restrooms shall be removed within 24 hrs after conclusion of event.</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> 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: _____ <small>Note: All signs and banners shall be free standing and not affixed to Park property.</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> 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>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
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BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date: 4/25/2016

DATE: 3/22/2016
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
 FROM: Theresa Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant
 SUBJECT: Bidwell Presbyterian Church - Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground (6/27/16 – 7/1/16)

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Applicant (Christie Harrington, Bidwell Presbyterian Church), requests a permit to hold their 11th Annual Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground. This program is for 5 consecutive days at Children's Playground. The Applicant has requested to use the lawn areas for the event and anticipates 150 attendees daily. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

Event Details

Date of Application	3/22/2016
Date of Event	6/27/16 – 7/1/16
Time of Event	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. daily
Event Name	Vacation Bible Experience
Applicant Name	Christi Harrington
Location	Children's Playground
Description	Vacation Bible Experience
New Event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Years? 11 years
# Participants	150
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Exceeds 10 hours in length or is for multiple days.

Conditions

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Continued adherence to all park rules.
- 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 permitted (no water features or water slide).
- Park may not be closed to the general public.

Attachments: Application and Permit For Park Use

Distribution: Christi Harrington



City of Chico

APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR PARK USE

Public Works Department - Park Division

Type of Event:

PUBLIC PRIVATE

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Must be 18 or older • No glass 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

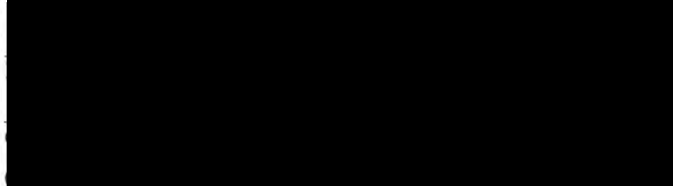
VBX 2016
Description of Event: (family BBQ, walk/run, describe below if needed)

Bidwell Presbyterian Church

Monday 6/27/16 - Friday 7/1/16

Organization Name (if applicable)

Day and Date of Event:



From: 8:00 AM To: 12:00 PM

Total Time Needed for Set-up, Event, and Clean-up

From: 9:00 AM To: 12:00 PM 150

Time of Event Only Number of people

E-mail address

Contact Phone # Alternate Phone #

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: 6/24 Mon - Fri 8:00 - 3:30
 - Water (public events only)
 - 100 amp Electrical Service
- City Plaza (Additional fees may apply)
 - Electricity (15 amp)
 - Event Restrooms
 - Fountain - On
 - Meter Bags #
 - 100 amp Electrical Service
 - Water (public events only)
 - 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
 - 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
- Oak Grove B
- 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: Vacation Bible Experience for kids 1st - 6th grade

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 \$ 180.50 (\$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)
- Early Entrance Fee \$ (\$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

Park Fee Total: \$ 339.50

Credit Card and ATM payment as credit will be assessed a \$2.00 convenience fee.

Convenience Fee: \$

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

Total Fee Required: \$ 339.50

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. CR 406551 Payment Method: CK32728 Date: 3/22/16 Received By: TR

Reservation: \$60.50 Day 1, \$30.00 Day 2-5 (each)

Office	Permit File (original)	Park Ranger 1	Senior Park Ranger	Applicant	Cleaning Service	Park Services Coordinator
Distribution:	Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 2	Landscape Inspector	920 Fund	Risk Management (e-mail)	DCBA

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. <i>Dogs are not allowed in Caper Acres, One-Mile or Five-Mile swimming areas, or designated swimming holes in Upper Park.</i>
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 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.
Park Closures	Lower Park is closed from 12:00 am (midnight) until 5:00 am every day, unless directly and actively proceeding to a destination outside of the park. Upper Park is closed between the hours of 11:00 pm and 60 minutes before sunrise every day, unless posted otherwise.
Signs/Defacing	Defacing of trees, benches, tables, any park fixtures, open ground, or paved roads/paths with markings, staples, tacks, or signs is prohibited. No pinatas, or accessories shall be affixed to trees. Only barricades, cones, or self standing devices may be used for these purposes.
Smoking	Smoking is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
Swimming	While in the 1-Mile swim area compliance with lifeguards is required for public safety. Pool is open and lifeguards are on duty from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
Vegetation	No taking, cutting or injury of any vegetation in the Park is allowed.
Vehicle Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• While gates are closed, limited use of vehicles to set up for event is permitted. Vehicles must be in compliance with the one-way designation of the roadway, must yield to all other activities (walking, jogging, bicycling, and horseback riding), must travel with flashers on and may not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.• Permittee shall provide adequate signs and supervision to avoid conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, equestrians, and general public.• Only emergency vehicles will be allowed access through the area of South Park Drive which has been closed to motor vehicles.• No vehicles are permitted to travel or park on grass areas.

***I have read and agree to conform to the above rules and conditions:**

Signed: Christi Harrington

SECTION 4 – INSURANCE

(to be determined by Park Office)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE TO:

Insurance Required Not Required

- (1) All Public Events per Title 12R.08.240, and/or
- (2) All Events Public or Private where:
 - (a) Amplified sound is used, or
 - (b) The number of people participating amount to 100 or more.

For Insurance questions for your event, please contact the Risk Management office at 530-879-7910, by fax at 530-895-4733, or email at risk-management@chicoca.gov

If insurance is required, Certificate of Insurance, meeting City standards must be received by: June 13, 2016

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:

- (2) The City of Chico, its officers, boards and commissions, and members thereof, its employees and agents are covered as additional insureds as respects to any liability arising out of the activities of the named insured.
- (3) The insurance coverages afforded by this policy shall be primary insurance as respects to the City of Chico, its officers, employees, or agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City of Chico, its officers, employees, or agents shall be in excess of the insurance afforded to the named insured by this policy and shall not contribute to it.
- (4) An unqualified statement that "The insurer will provide the City at least ten (10) days prior notice of cancellation or material change in coverage", standard Certificate of Insurance cancellation language is not acceptable

Please Note: Your reservation may be cancelled if the insurance is not approved at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event

SECTION 5 - ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS

In signing this Permit, I agree to indemnify and hold the City of Chico and/or the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission free and clear of all claims of damage for injury to persons or property occurring in, upon or about Bidwell Park, and arising from my use of the park as noted above, and to defend any action against the City of Chico resulting from any such claim, without cost to the City.

**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 Christi Harrington
Signature of Applicant

X 3/14/16
Date

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

City of Chico - Park Division
411 Main St., 3rd Floor
Chico, CA 95928

FAX 530-895-4825 or email to Parkinfo@chicoca.gov

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

A copy of the approved application will be returned to you.

SECTION 6 – GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I have carefully reviewed this application pursuant to Title 12 and 12R of the Chico Municipal Code and hereby recommend that this permit be:

- Approved.
- Approved subject to listed additional condition(s) _____
- Denied by the General Services Director. Reason: _____
- Application fee waived (12R.08.100 CMC). Reason: _____
- Reservation fee waived (12R.08.250 CMC). Reason: _____
- Vendor fee waived (12R.08.250 CMC). Reason: _____
- Insurance fee waived (12R.08.240 CMC). Reason: _____
- Damage deposit fee waived (12R.08.260 CMC). Reason: _____
- Application approved by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission. Date: _____
- Application denied by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission. Reason: _____

Signature of Park and Natural Resources Manager

Date

EVENT INFORMATION

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>11</u>	x	Yes	No
Is there a patron admission, entry, or participant fee(s) required for your event?	x	Yes	No
Will there be amplified sound/music at event? (Please see 'Conditions For Park Use') Specify type (microphone, band, radio, PA system etc): _____	Yes	No	X
When will amplified sound/music be heard? Time from: _____ until: _____ amps needed (15 or 100) _____ <i>Note: 100 amp electrical service requires a certified electrician to operate.</i>			
Will there be any entertainment apparatus? (Operator to provide proof of insurance) [] Bounce house [] Climbing wall [] Ropes Course [] Other: <u>Bounce House & Inflatables 1 day (operator not yet determined)</u> Name of Operator: _____	Yes	No	X
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: _____	Yes	No	X
Will event require that any part of the Park remain closed beyond the normal time of opening? <i>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.</i> (Subject to approval by the General Services Department Director and/or Senior Park Ranger.) If "yes" please state which gate(s): _____ Time of closure from: _____ until: _____	Yes	No	X
Will there be early entrance into the Park for setup? If "yes" when will monitors be at their position(s)? Time from: <u>8:30 AM</u> until: _____ <i>Note: Gate Monitors are required at the entrances and exits for early Park entrance. An additional fee may be charged for early entrance</i>	Yes	No	X
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BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date 4/25/14

DATE: 3/30/16
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Street Tree Options for Hyde Park Subdivision

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Staff proposes options to address tree issues in the Grafton Park development. Even though the trees are only about 25 years old, the area has received extensive attention from the Street Tree Division. Rather than react to those issues in the future, staff wanted to set up a phased approach that allows for greater citizen input, reduced hazards and costs, and minimizes impacts to aesthetics.

Recommendation: review and approve the proposed approach to 1) remove and replant the most problematic trees, 2) phase in any future removals and replanting, and 3) cap the total number trees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to prune these trees in late 2015 was \$8,650, which does not include the service requests or routine clean-ups. Annual estimates for other associated work for service requests amounts to approximately \$10,500 (12 visits x 3.5 hours x \$250/hour (crew, plus boom truck and chipper). These activities are charged to general Street Tree funding. Total tree care expenses in 2015 were about \$19K, or roughly \$530/tree. The City's average annual expenditure per Street Tree is about \$20. A Chico Municipal District (CMD) supports neighborhood infrastructure but does not pay for tree maintenance and planting. We do not have an estimate for repairs to sidewalk and other infrastructure.

BACKGROUND:

Many of the street trees planted in the Hyde Park subdivision, built in the mid-1990s, are Yarwood sycamores. The fast growing tree has produced a tall canopy with stately trunks that line the well shaded street between the sidewalk and curb. Street trees are a valuable asset to the community and beyond the aesthetic benefits, they improve air and water quality, provide shade, increase property value, and contribute to the safety and livability of the neighborhood.

However, the experience with Yarwood sycamore in the Chico area has been that it grows exceedingly fast with heavy canopies and weak attachments. Even with regular pruning, branches break on a regular basis, and staff visit this area on a regular basis to clean debris and prune broken branches. This variety of tree also has a reputation of an invasive root system. Issues with the trees became apparent within a decade of their planting. At the 8/8/07 BPPC Tree/Finance Committee the General Services Director and Urban Forester recommend removing every other tree as requested to address resident concerns and damage (Attachment A). Staff understands that the plan was later dropped because of the limited budget was applied to more immediate priority trees.

On 8/28/12, Urban Forest Manager Britton convened a meeting of landowners on 9/25/12 to discuss issues and plans to address issues in the development (Attachment B). The meeting stemmed from a request from some Hyde Park property owners to remove and replace the Sycamore trees currently used as street trees on Grafton Park and Cromwell Drives. After discussion, the Committee agreed with those in attendance that the neighbors could benefit by further discussion and therefore no action was taken. The report noted that the item may return at future time if there is need for Commission consideration. Budget cuts in 2013, disrupted further action on a long-term solution on the issue.

Over the past 5 years, the trees have received 114 service requests (one of the more active areas of town), which is above the expectations of 25 year old trees. The number of requests is also masked by the number of regular crew visits to the area for frequent branch pick up and pruning.

DISCUSSION:

In response to ongoing complaints and observations, staff noted that several trees appeared to be candidates for removal, based on 1) sidewalk and irrigation system damage, 2) regular falling branches (near a mailbox), and 3) repeated conflict with utilities. The reasons for the request align with the recently adopted "Programmatic Tree Removal Permit". However, given the interest that neighbors have expressed, the City wanted to follow a systematic approach with public comment to consider solutions for the trees and neighborhood. To address these issues, staff developed the following approach:

1. Solicit citizen input through a letter to residents and landowners.
2. Complete an inventory and ranking of trees in the development.
3. Develop options to address short and long-term issues and review with the BPPC.

a. Citizen Input

Staff sent out approximately 38 letters (Attachment C) in early March requesting citizen input in order to develop a sensible plan to address safety, costs, and the integrity of the neighborhood. The City received over a dozen responses in return and staff appreciated the time and thoughtful comments that neighbors provided (Attachment D). A few themes that arose in the letters, such as:

- The work of staff to call outs and regular clearing of down branches and debris.
- The beauty of the trees and their benefits: enhance the neighborhood and property value, provide shade, reduce cooling costs, and other benefits. The tree lined streets were often cited as a leading reason that attracted residents to the development.
- The safety (dropping branches and litter, raised and cracked sidewalks), and costs (irrigation systems and water mains, damage to property, related to the trees. Some residents noted some health related issues from the dust and allergies and injuries sustained from uneven surfaces.
- The need for additional funding to prune and maintain the safety of the trees.
- Conflict that the issues related to the trees have created in the neighborhood. Some past proposed solutions had become a polarizing issue. Some residents noted their mixed emotions on the issues and difficulty with developing an agreeable solution that meets all objectives. Several proposed moderate approaches (partial replacement, or over time, or evaluate trees on a case by case basis).
- Concern over potential replacements (species, size, time to maturity), and landowner compliance with replanting requirements associated with removal permits.

A few questions arose as well. One noted that more aggressive pruning may help (the City requires that ANSI 300 standards are followed, often aggressive pruning of fast growing trees means weak attachments or overall decline of the tree). Another was concerned about the liability the current trees may have for landowners (the trees are a shared responsibility with the City taking the majority of the burden; however, that changes if there responsibility tied in with negligence (not following standards, actions that harm the tree (failing to water that results in a limb failure, etc)). One asked about the process for sidewalk repair (the Right of Way division takes the lead, and will often patch or create ramps, if the sidewalk is replaced, they will consult with Street Trees on any root pruning or additions of material. If the necessary pruning is severe, we will recommend removal and replacement of the tree). Another question came up on tree removal permits and replanting (replanting is a condition of the permit, if landowners are unable or unwilling to replant, the City is authorized to charge the property owner for cost of replanting, and will plant an appropriate tree).

b. Inventory

The neighborhood consists of an even aged stand exclusively planted to Yarwood sycamore. Staff reviewed 36 trees in the area and provided a simple Priority Rating (1-High, 2-Medium, 3-Low) to compare trees on the following variables: structure (High – unbalanced crowns, crossed or overweighed branches or hangers, co-dominant stems, Low – balanced, branches with upright angles, single stem), sidewalk (High - > 2 inches or with multiple cracks), trip hazard, targets (high – middle of block or near mail box; low – end of street), utilities (high- demonstrated conflicts; low – no evidence of conflicts or no utilities at site), and limb drop (high – frequent, repeated issues). The address, species, height and diameter at breast height (DBH) were also noted. Note that these are relative rankings and provides a comparison between trees (low total scores mean poorer conditions than high scores). But it does help with some strategies for example, trees on the bottom quartile (total score of 15 and above) are not likely candidates for removal, while trees on the first quartile (12 or less) will be monitored closely. The scores of the trees help group and prioritize the trees (Attachment E).

As the trees have grown, the roots lift the sidewalk, creating trip hazards (not compliant for ADA standards) and regular repairs. Twenty eight (28) trees have compromised the sidewalk, with either cracks or raising the sidewalk 1” or more creating trip hazards. Four trees were identified for removal because of multiple issues or repeated damage to infrastructure (the tree’s roots at 672 Cromwell have broken the water main twice).

c. Update and Recommended Actions

Based on the review of the trees and the priority list, staff developed the following immediate actions:

1. Prune all trees in the neighborhood to reduce issues (completed March 2016).
2. Seek input from Citizens.
3. For removal and replanting permits, verify planting and send a reminder letter and follow-up actions (the BPPC approved 5 removal permits for Cromwell Drive, 2 property owners have replanted and 3 have not).

While recent hazards have certainly been reduced with the recent pruning, similar hazards will arise in the future. Rather than react to those issues in the future, staff wanted to set up a phased approach that allows for greater citizen input, reduced hazards, costs, and impacts to aesthetics. Staff also wanted a more unified, predictable approach that may reduce some of the past conflicts. To address these issues, staff developed the following actions and requests BPPC and public input on a 5 year approach.

1. Plan for the removal and replanting of 4 trees in 2016. Cap total number of trees removed and replanted to 12 trees total by 2021 and phase in with no more than 4 removed annually. Non-discretionary trees (dead, dying, or dangerous trees) are exempt.
2. Replant all removed trees with an appropriate tree, unless the planting space cannot accommodate a tree, in which case an alternative location will be found.
3. Continue to review and process landowner permits (pruning, removal, and planting) through the regular procedures.
4. Periodically evaluate high priority trees, update the priority list, and report removals to the BPPC. Evaluate approach within 5 years (2021) and recommend whether to continue or modify the approach.

Staff acknowledges this is a modest approach. Alternatives to this approach would be to review individual non-discretionary trees on a case by case basis as they arise; or develop fees for annual pruning and cleanup. Staff proposes the approach as a starting point, with the understanding that input may likely refine it.

PUBLIC CONTACT:

A letter was sent to landowners and residents in early March. The proposed plan will be reviewed at a publically noticed meeting of the BPPC.

Attachments:

- A) 8/8/07. General Services Director and Urban Forester BPPC Tree/Finance Committee Report.
- B) 8/28/12. Urban Forest Manager meeting.
- C) City Letters to Neighbors
- D) Compilation of Hyde Park neighbor comments.
- E) City of Chico Tree Maintenance Evaluation - Hyde Park

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BPPC Agenda Staff Report

Meeting Date: 8/09/07

DATE: August 3, 2007
TO: BPPC TREE/FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
RE: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM HYDE PARK PROPERTY OWNERS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE SYCAMORE STREET TREES

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Services Director and Urban Forester recommend removing every other tree as requested to address resident concerns and damage.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the development of the Hyde Park subdivision, Sycamore trees were planted as the designated City street trees on Grafton Park and Cromwell Drives. Residents within this neighborhood are citing problems with these trees ranging from lifted sidewalks to dead limbs falling from the trees, even in light winds.

DISCUSSION:

A survey was conducted by several of the neighbors asking property owners to vote on three possible scenarios to address this problem. A copy of the memo to homeowners is attached as Attachment "A." The solutions suggested in the survey included:

1. Replacing the Sycamore trees as they die with a different variety of shade tree.
2. Remove every other Sycamore tree, healthy or unhealthy, now and replace with a different tree variety.
3. Replace dead or damaged Sycamores with new Sycamore trees.

With 77% of the residents responding, the poll resulted in the vote to request the removal of every other Sycamore on Grafton Park and Cromwell Drives at the present time. A copy of the results of the vote, along with some comments and questions from the neighbors, is attached as Attachment "B." Staff is requesting that the Committee consider this request.

ATTACHMENTS:

Memo to Hyde Park homeowners dated 6/25/07
Letter from Julia Jenkins dated 7/16/07 with poll results.

DISTRIBUTION:

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Julia Jenkins
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08/28/2012

TO: Hyde Park Property Owners

The Street Tree Division of the City of Chico is keenly aware of growing issues involving the sycamore trees planted as the official street tree in your small development. We understand there are sidewalk problems as well as limb drop issues that cannot be prevented by pruning. As such, we would like to have a meeting with the property owners to discuss some options on moving forward with these issues.

As you know, the City has funding limitations, so complete tree removal and replacement is not a viable option, nor is it desirable from the standpoint of removing shading and disrupting the environment in which you live. We had a meeting about 5 years ago about removing and replacing the trees that were beginning to cause respiratory issues for some and several homeowners were not receptive to the solution of replacement at that time. We believe this may have changed since limb breakage and sidewalk issues are increasing.

There are several options that we would like to discuss, including:

1. A phased replacement paid for jointly by the City and adjacent homeowners.
2. Replacement paid for through the maintenance district – phased or all at once.
3. Some combination of the above.

We invite you to attend a meeting at the Council Chambers, Conference Room 1, on September 25, 2012 at 6PM. If you cannot make this meeting for any reason, please feel free to communicate with me at dbritton@ci.chico.ca.us

Your comments will be brought to the meeting. You will be kept informed as the discussion progresses of any plans for moving forward. Our intent is not to force the removal and replacement of any tree, but instead to allow for the progressive replacement of these trees within the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting in September.

Denice F. Britton
Urban Forest Manager

cc: Ruben Martinez, General Service Director
Jessica Henry, Risk Manager
Dave Burkland, City Manager



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March 3, 2016

(MERGE ADDRESSES)

Subject: Request for Citizen Input on Hyde Park Street Tree Issues

Dear Hyde Park Property Owner:

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The City has considered various solutions since approximately 2007. Since that time limb breakage and sidewalk issues have continued. Citizens in the neighborhood have submitted numerous service requests related to sidewalk problems as well as limb drop and safety issues. Other citizens have expressed concerns about any removals in the area.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Efsseff
Park and Natural Resource Manager



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March 10, 2016

(MERGE ADDRESSES)

Subject: Update on Request for Citizen Input on Hyde Park Street Tree Issues

Dear Hyde Park Property Owner:

I just wanted to provide a quick update on my letter of March 3, 2016. We have already received several thoughtful comments and appreciate those that have taken the time to email or mail them to us.

We reach out to you to help us develop a creative approach that gets past an all or nothing dichotomy. Your input is critical to help us formulate a sensible long-term plan that addresses safety, costs, and the integrity of the neighborhood.

After we receive your comments, we will develop a proposed plan present it (along with your comments) to the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC). The BPPC duties includes developing policy on the City's 35,000+ Street Trees. We plan to present our plan at 6:30 pm at the April 25th, 2016 BPPC meeting at the Council Chambers.

Please send written comments to the address above or to parkinfo@chicoca.gov, by March 30, 2016. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Erseaff
Park and Natural Resource Manager

Response_email_675_Grafton_Park_Dr_Ray and Betty Ballock
From: sweetpearay@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Park Infomation
Subject: Hyde Park tree issue

Dear Mr. Efseaff,

Thank you for your request for Citizen input on Hyde Park street issues.

We have very mixed emotions about the trees in our neighborhood. When we purchased our home, the trees helped us make a decision to purchase as they shaded the neighborhood and looked so beautiful in this hot valley heat. I think they enhanced the value of our property. We still love the shaded feeling and we love trees. When we have visitors to our area they always comment on how wonderful the neighborhood appears.

The trees certainly have been a problem with the roots tearing up the sidewalks and also tearing up the undergoing sprinkling system (we have spent \$2,000 repairing our sprinkling system two years ago.) We have also called the city numerous times requesting a pick up of branches in front of our property that have fallen on to the street. At this time there are two trees marked for removal at our curb. We would appreciate choice about the trees that would be replaced.

When and if the trees are replaced in our neighborhood we feel that the new trees should be of a more mature look and not just a young tree that will take fifteen years to grow into any beauty. I also feel that the residents should have a choice in the selection of the trees and it should be done in a very thoughtful manner.

I think it will take much thought and vision to decide the proper outcome of this problem.

It is very difficult to give an up or down vote on removing the trees. Hopefully this first approach to question the residents of Hyde Park will help us put our heads together with the city and the neighbors and come up with something that will be beautiful for all of us.

Sincerely,

Ray and Betty Ballock
675 Grafton Park Drive
Chico, Ca.
95926

Theresa Rodriguez

From: Alexandra Shand [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2016 8:48 AM
To: Park Information
Subject: Hyde Park Street Trees

I am writing in response to your letter of March 10th. I apologize for the lateness. After looking for a house for more than a year, we bought our house at [REDACTED] Drive a year and a half ago. The main reason we did not buy in any of the newer subdivisions was because of their lack of established trees. Frankly, we do not have enough years remaining to wait for new large trees to grow. We were unaware of the tree issues in the neighborhood.

I would like anything that can be done to preserve the character of our neighborhood to be done. From the looks of the "pruning" job that was done at the end of last year, an effort to kill the trees is already underway. If their existence is really not tenable, I would wish them to be replaced gradually, maybe every 3rd tree at a time, with fast growing large shade trees. Please do not remove all of them at once.

I am still unclear as to how this situation occurred. We planted a Bloodgood sycamore in our yard on Tom Polk Avenue 23 years ago. It continues to thrive and has never dropped so much as a twig. Last month we were on a section of Fair Oaks Blvd in Sacramento on the windiest day of the year. It was lined with sycamores older than the Hyde Park ones in a 10 foot wide median bordered by concrete curbs on both sides. There were no limbs down, no buckled curbs and no surface roots. They are a beautiful asset to the area.

Until this situation is resolved, I think that local realtors should be required to disclose the tree issues to prospective buyers. Speaking for myself, I would probably not have bought a house in this neighborhood had I known there was a possibility that the trees would be removed. Thanks for your time, Alexandra Shand

Theresa Rodriguez

From: John Chamberlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 11:15 AM
To: Park Infomation
Subject: Hyde Park street tree issues

March 18, 2016

City of Chico
Public Works Department -- Park Division
411 Main Street
PO Box 3420
Chico, CA 95927

RE: Request for Input on Hyde Park Street Tree Issues

Dear Sirs:

We own, and reside at [REDACTED], in the Hyde Park subdivision. You recently requested our views on what was described as the continuing issues related to the sycamore trees that (mostly) line our streets.

We love the trees, and would hate to see them removed. Clearly they do cause issues: cracking and rising sidewalks, falling branches during storms, and (we have been told) some invasion into water lines. However, those trees add a beauty and charm to the neighborhood that seems to dwarf the issues. It wouldn't be the same without them.

We do understand that others disagree with this tradeoff. If you do decide to remove them, we strongly urge that it be done over an extended period of time (perhaps 10 years or more), and give any replacement trees a chance to grow large enough to at least partially mitigate the loss of the sycamores. And, we would also urge you to alternate removal and replacement, so we don't have large bare stretches of the streets.

But, our first choice would be for you to leave them as they are, and repair, replace or bridge the sidewalks as necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

John and Joanne Chamberlin
[REDACTED]
Chico, CA 95926

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 9:12 AM
To: parkinfo@chicoca.gov.
Subject: Hyde Park Development

Dear Mr. Efseaff,

This is in you regard to your letter dated March 3, 2016 regarding the tree situation in Hyde Park.

I moved into this development 6 1/2 years ago. I chose my home because it fit my needs, priced fairly, and the character of the neighborhood was absolutely charming. I knew Chico was known as the City of Trees, but I never thought I would live on a street with such beauty. I have never had a visitor at my home that has not complimented the neighborhood and mentioned the beauty of the trees. During the summer, it provides a canopy of shade that keeps us cooler with the hot Chico summers. In the fall, it is one of the prettiest streets in the city. Since I have moved to this neighborhood, I think 14 new families have moved in and all of them have remarked that the beauty of the neighborhood was very much a deciding factor in their final decision.

However, during the course of these last six years it has become a topic of daily discussion, has pitted neighbor against neighbor and with the removal of so many trees on Cromwell Dr. it has actually changed the charm of our development. At this point, it is almost like we have two different sections of Hyde Park. It has lost its beauty, as well as continuity in the overall look.

Since I am fairly new to Chico, I am unfamiliar with the initial plan when this was in the planning stages many years ago. I know very little about trees but I would have thought the city would have realized that sycamore trees had a root system that would eventually cause harm to the small plot of land the city owns from our sidewalk to the curb. To the best of my knowledge, the city actually owns that piece of property as well as the trees. However, as a homeowner it is my responsibility to care and water the lawn and take care of the trees. Two years ago, I had my trees trimmed at my expense of \$1600. The tree company felt they had never been trimmed in all the years they had been growing or at the very least, not properly trimmed. I have called the city on various occasions to pick up large limbs that have fallen. I have had to change my satellite company due to poor reception because of the trees.

However, in spite of the problems with these trees, I at this point am not in favor of removing them until there is an actual and definite plan from the city in writing. I feel if the trees are removed, the homeowners who have already had them removed or homeowners who have paid to have them trimmed professionally should be reimbursed. I would want new trees planted that add the same kind of character and shade that we have and I would want all the sidewalks to be repaired, not just a band aid. Actually, the city tried to "repair" the sidewalks and have actually made them more dangerous.

I thank you for contacting us and look forward to hearing from you regarding this problem..

Sincerely, Jacqueline Brewer

From: Paul Godwin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:39 AM
To: Park Information
Subject: Hyde Park Development tree issue

Dear Mr. Efseaff:

Thank you for your letter and interest in our tree problem. I am one of the unfortunates whose two Yarrow Sycamore trees have inflicted considerable damage to my sidewalk, driveway and irrigation system. I have lived here for some 17 years and have contacted the city arborist on these issues several times over the past decade. So far no solution has been proposed. I do understand why some Hyde Park residents do not want the trees removed for now mature they provide not only shade in the summer but also a beautiful canopy gracing the neighborhood. That said, and as I have requested in the past, I would much prefer that my two Sycamores be removed and replaced with a variety of tree that does not produce the huge, expansive and destructive root structure grown by my Sycamores.

Sincerely,

Paul H.B. Godwin
[REDACTED]

Theresa Rodriguez

From: Dan Effeaff
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Theresa Rodriguez
Subject: FW: Hyde Park Street Tree Issues - Citizen Input

Please use the revised email below in the BPPC packet.

From: Susan Harrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 11:07 PM
To: Park Information; Dan Effeaff
Subject: Re: Hyde Park Street Tree Issues - Citizen Input

Please disregard our comments about the sidewalks on Mission Ranch. I see that the sidewalks have now been replaced.

Thanks again for taking our opinions into consideration.

On Tue, Mar 29, 2016 at 2:20 PM, Susan Harrison [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for soliciting comments and input from Hyde Park residents regarding the street trees. My husband and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to have our opinions heard.

As one of the few, original Hyde Park homeowners, we have been living with the sycamore trees for 18 years and are well-versed in the history of the neighborhood trees. We know these sycamore trees provide issues for some residents --- but certainly not all residents. **We are in favor of keeping them in in our neighborhood.**

Our neighborhood trees provide a beautiful and beneficial shade canopy over Grafton Park Drive. Not only are they aesthetically pleasing, they add to our property values, they reduce our PG&E costs, and provide much-needed shade during the hot Chico days from May through October. We would hate to see our neighborhood drastically changed with the removal of the sycamore trees. **Unfortunately, we lost two of our three sycamores to disease over 15 years ago. They were replaced with maple trees, which are not without their own problems. After 15 years of growth, these replacement maple trees still do not look mature, nor do they provide much shade. We are truly concerned that the removal of our sycamore street trees will dramatically**

affect the neighborhood appearance and eliminate the benefits these large, mature tree provide for decades to come.

We have consulted with three real estate agents familiar with our neighborhood. There was a group consensus that the removal of our city shade trees would be “detrimental to the property values” of the Hyde Park homes. According to recent research, trees can increase property values by 15% or more. The mature shade trees are part of the charm of our neighborhood. In fact, many of our residents have said the reason they chose to purchase a home in our development was because of our lovely, tree-lined streets. Without the mature street trees, Hyde Park would just be another aging tract home development and a self-contained "heat island" that will be about 12 degrees hotter.

We are not oblivious to the fact that these trees have their issues. However, we strongly feel their benefits outweigh their problems. As you are likely aware, there are numerous studies about the benefits of city trees including reduced energy costs from shade and windbreaks, increased property values, and cleaner air. There is an article in Time magazine stating how important is it for a city to have larger shade trees, like our neighborhood sycamores. These larger trees reduce 70% more pollutants than smaller shade trees. There is even research that living near city street trees improves one's health. You can read it here:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/07/09/scientists-have-discovered-that-living-near-trees-is-good-for-your-health/>

We are upset that a vocal few in our development have been leading the charge for tree removal. This happened many years ago, and once all the residents were informed the sycamores might be removed, the majority of the homeowners wanted to keep the trees. Once again, there are a few residents who are obsessed with having the trees removed and they have been lobbying hard to swing neighborhood opinion their way. They have been continually frightening residents with claims that the homeowners will be liable for future lawsuits due to falling limbs or

uneven sidewalks. We have been told by the "anti-tree contingent" that simply being on record as a supporter of the city-owned sycamore trees is enough to make us liable for any potential lawsuits related to the trees limbs or roots. The majority of our Hyde Park residents are retired and on fixed incomes. Certainly, these inflammatory statements about pending lawsuits are alarming to them and they may wish to see the trees removed to avoid this highly unlikely scenario. Fear is a great motivator.

We believe those who want the sycamore trees removed will also be expecting to have any affected sidewalks replaced with new sidewalks. One only needs to look at nearby Mission Ranch Blvd. to see that while the trees have been removed, the uneven sidewalks remain. Certainly, removing Hyde Park's street trees does not mean our sidewalks will be replaced. Many of our residents expect our financially-challenged city to pay for everything, no matter how unrealistic. It certainly seems more cost effective to prune the trees on a regular basis than to remove and replace all of these trees and the sidewalks. During our 18 years in this neighborhood, we have observed that there are fewer problems with sudden limb drop if the sycamore trees are pruned every other year or every year. We have had several major wind storms since our sycamores were pruned last fall and they have weathered the high winds extremely well. No major limbs fell. Everything and everyone was safe.

We have noticed that the residents on Grafton Park Drive like the trees more than the residents of Cromwell Drive. There are a few residents on Cromwell who have paid to have their trees removed and are complacent about the lack of any replacement tree, despite the detrimental impact it has on the appearance of their street. When it comes to a plan or a solution, we would hope that this could be addressed on a street-by-street basis if necessary to protect the charm and trees on Grafton Park. We would hate to

lose all the trees on the street we love because of the differing opinions of neighbors who live on another street.

Whatever the city's decision about the Hyde Park city trees is, we truly hope there will be a clear and honest dialogue with the residents about what their liability is regarding the current trees and what will happen with the neighborhood sidewalks and replacement trees. We will be in attendance at the BPPC meeting on April 25, 2016.

Thank you again for this opportunity to voice our opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan and Greg Harrison

From: Dan Efseaff
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 7:32 AM
To: Theresa Rodriguez
Subject: FW: Hyde Park Street Trees
Attachments: 670 Grafton Park Dr, Chico, CA 95926 _ Zillow.pdf; 665 Cromwell Dr, Chico, CA 95926 _ MLS #CH15134756 _ Zillow.pdf; 685 Cromwell Dr, Chico, CA 95926 _ Zillow.pdf; 655 Grafton Park Dr, Chico, CA 95926 _ Zillow.pdf

Theresa,

Please add to the Hyde Park comments from citizens. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Dan Efseaff |Park and Natural Resource Manager
530.896.7801 | dan.efseaff@Chicoca.gov

From: Dan Efseaff
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 7:31 AM
To: 'Andy Keller'
Subject: RE: Hyde Park Street Trees

Mr. Keller,

Thanks, for taking the time to share your comments. We will include this in the next BPPC packet and will consider them in developing a strategy for the street.

Sincerely,

Dan Efseaff |Park and Natural Resource Manager
530.896.7801 | dan.efseaff@Chicoca.gov

From: Andy Keller [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:18 PM
To: Dan Efseaff
Subject: Hyde Park Street Trees

Dear City of Chico Public Works Department,

I live in the Hyde Park Subdivision since 2012. I moved here because I used to live on Losse Way and would walk this neighborhood with my dogs and fell in love with the tree lined streets. I know these trees provide quite a bit of value to not only the land-owners of this neighborhood, but also to the surrounding residents of Chico. Living in Hyde Park, I notice many people who live nearby routinely walking through this neighborhood, especially in the heat of the summer because of the Sycamore tree canopy.

In regard to increased property value, many real estate listings specifically mention the trees. One of the attached listings says it this way: "This charming home is located in popular Hyde Park; a neighborhood that reflects a story book setting. A beautiful tree-

lined street close to schools and shopping yet feels secluded." The USDA research shows healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value. Also, the USDA estimates trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent and can save 20–50 percent in energy used for heating.

I realize this story-book setting has some issues. There are many varieties of Sycamores and many are very suitable for urban environments. However, I understand that we have a variety called "Yarwood" Sycamore and that these are now considered a nuisance by the city. They are raising the sidewalks, dropping seeds, dropping thousands of large leaves, and worst of all - were dropping large limbs before the city pruned the trees last month. We have had two good wind storms since the trimming and I did not notice any limbs falling. I know that many neighbors, especially our older neighbors are very upset about these trees. Raking leaves and cleaning out rain gutters is difficult for many people. I also know that the uneven sidewalks and falling limbs is concerning to many.

I have been very sad to see so many Yarwood Sycamore trees removed on Cromwell Drive. The removal of so many trees, totally changed the look and feel of the street (it is much hotter). Even worst, many homeowners have not replanted and only will if the city forces them to do so. One neighbor said that if forced to replant, she will plant a crape myrtle, which many don't even consider a tree. The main issue here is that many homeowners are acting the their self-interest in regard to a community asset. Each request to remove a tree was approved without consideration of or adequate input from the rest of the neighbors.

The long-term approach the city should pursue, in order to maintain home values and quality of life for the homeowners and surrounding neighbors, it to maintain the integrity of the shady, tree-lined streets in this neighborhood and throughout Chico.

Here is a plan of action of consider:

1. First estimate the economic benefit provided to the city for the remaining Yarwood Sycamore trees. According to the USDA, a healthy mature tree typically delivers \$5,000 in economic value to a community and as mentioned can contribute 10% to home values.
2. Perform periodic trimming of the trees as was done recently to reduce falling limbs.
3. Removal requests need to be posted on the tree to allow for adequate input from residents who receive benefit from the tree.
4. Defend the remaining large trees and deny a removal request even for Yarwood Sycamores when the cost to modify or fix sidewalks, irrigation, water lines, or other infrastructure is less than the economic benefit provided to the city by the tree.
5. Consider root trimming and impervious concrete as ways to improve the trees coexistence with hard-scapes.
6. If a Sycamore is removed, it must be replaced with an alternate urban-friendly variety of Sycamore within 60 days in order to maintain the integrity of the shade canopy.
7. Increase penalties for not replanting within 60 days to \$1,500 in order to ensure compliance.

Sincerely,

Andy Keller


Theresa Rodriguez

From: David Kitayama [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 2:08 PM
To: Park Infomation
Subject: Hyde Park Development - Trees

The sycamore trees are part of the beauty of Hyde Park. The summer shade is an attractive part of living in the development. Granted the leaf fall, bark fall, limb drop, and seed pods and fluff are a nuisance, but manageable with the City's leaf pick up and street trees programs.

If there is a suitable replacement tree of comparable size, a phased replacement would seem appropriate. The tree would have to be large enough to provide the shade the sycamores provide. The replacement ash and maple trees in Hyde Park are too short to even come close to replacing the sycamore's shade cover. The ideal replacement tree would match the existing summer shade and eliminate the bark and seed related problems as well as the limb drop. An evergreen is not really acceptable because of moss issues in shady areas during the winter.

David Kitayama
[REDACTED]

From: Bette Lawler [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 7:35 PM
To: Park Information
Cc: beth Hagewood
Subject: Hyde Park Street Tree Issue

I'm the new owner of house at [REDACTED] Cromwell Drive (purchased from my daughter Beth Hagewood) and want to respond to letter regarding street trees in Hyde Park Development.

I and the prior owner would like to city to consider removing the current Sycamore trees and replace them with more appropriate trees. May want to consider having the city remove every other tree and plant replacement trees. Then a few years later have the city remove the remaining Sycamore trees and plant other replacement trees.

Bette Lawler
[REDACTED]

Beth Hagewood
(prior owner until 11/9/16)

Theresa Rodriguez

From: Robert Radcliffe [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 1:40 PM
To: Park Information
Subject: Hyde Park Street Tree Issues

Dear Mr. Efseaff:

First of all, thank you for requesting our input!

The issue of the Hyde Park Street Tree Issue starts with whether those trees are a safety issue and whether they should be removed.

After all the years of this issue being discussed, we believe that the trees are a safety issue as well as a serious maintenance issue (i.e., falling limbs and invasive roots that cause serious damage to the sidewalks and waterlines.)

Having concluded that the trees are a hazard, we don't believe that each tree is the same and the removal could be made over time, allowing new trees to be planted and to start growing while the less dangerous trees remain to allow shade and a tree canopy.

It should be pointed out that some trees have been removed by certain property owner and those trees have not be replaced. We feel that this should not be permitted.

Chico has been called the "City of Trees," and we hope this character will continue in the Hyde Park subdivision.

We hope this is helpful and we are available to answer any questions you may have in the future.

Rob and Heidi Radcliffe

Mr. Efseaff,

Thank you for your request for input on the Hyde Park Street tree issues.

We moved to this neighborhood in the Fall of 2014. While we were remodeling our house, and before we moved in, two very large branches fell from the sycamore tree in front. I had so much to do and was annoyed that this added to my chores but while cleaning the mess up, a thoughtful new neighbor told me to call the city and they would take care of it, as they were aware of the problem. When I called, I was told that another neighbor had already reported it. Within a day, the city came, picked up the branches, blew in front of my house and cleaned up the sidewalk. Coming from New York City, I can't tell you how appreciative I was. Calling for the same problem in New York, I probably would have been laughed at.

Since then, I have spoken to numerous neighbors and they do cover the spectrum on what they think should be done. The dilemma of course is that the trees are beautiful and really add to the neighborhood but the dropping branches are dangerous. So far, we've been lucky no one has been injured and I don't believe there's been any property damage. The cracking and raised sidewalks caused by the sycamore roots are also troublesome and hazardous.

There is no perfect solution and no matter what is done, or isn't done, someone will be dissatisfied. Maybe we can replace a few at a time, targeting those who are most bothered by them. I don't know what trees would be appropriate to replace them with but a tree that was already a few years old and a nice size might be preferable. And of course, one that was a faster grower with deeper roots, and maybe didn't drop dust, as the sycamores do, would be better too.

Once again, thank you for your consideration.

Chuck Samuels





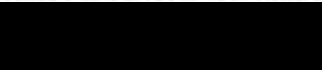
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March 3, 2016

CATHERINE SHANKS



Subject: Request for Citizen Input on Hyde Park Street Tree Issues

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I paid to take 2 trees out because the branches dented cars & roots were rocking the sidewalk - my neighbor sprained her ankle - These trees are dangerous and should come down -
Catherine Shanks

Daniel Efseaff
Park and Natural Resource Manager

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March 27, 2016

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Attn: Daniel Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager

Dear Mr. Efseaff,

I received your letter regarding the Sycamore trees in the Hyde Park Development where I live. I purchased my home new and have watched the trees grow and transform the street into the park- like environment loved by many of us.

The benefits of the trees are many: They create the ambience of an established neighborhood, they add value to the properties by attracting home buyers eager to purchase in the neighborhood for this reason, they provide much needed shade to protect from the summer sun and heat and reduce the home cooling costs significantly, and other quality of life reasons.

The proposed removal of the trees would economically impact all homeowners in the development significantly. A real estate broker advised me that individual loss of home value was expected. This reduction could be \$50,000 per home due to losing the unique character of the neighborhood provided by the established trees. Tree removal would reduce the attractiveness to a buyer. Many homeowners paid a premium to purchase their home specifically in Hyde Park and it remains a highly desirable neighborhood for buyers thus supporting the housing values. For many at retirement age, the home value is a critical factor in their financial plan.

Chico is a city of trees, unique to itself. I have walked the older neighborhoods and see the typical issues trees create: debris, irregular sidewalks from roots, and occasional loss of branches. Our trees and their problems are no different and no worse than on other streets. If a specific tree is an excessive problem then removal could be necessary. Under no circumstance however would I support the gross removal of the trees on our street. The neighbors I have talked to also agree. For many of us older homeowners, we do not have the years to wait for young trees to grow.

Corrective actions to mediate the problems could be:

1. Repair sidewalks

2. Allow more aggressive pruning of trees to reduce the heavier branches.

Note that many of us paid privately to have North Valley Tree Service prune the trees last year. When I voiced my concern with the conservative results and remaining long heavy branches, I was told by the business owner he was prevented by city code from any aggressive branch removal.

3. Removal of only specific trees limited to those excessively damaged/ diseased, or where sidewalks cannot be repaired. Review and approval of the removal decision by a forester and citizen committee including the affected homeowner would be required.

Questions that need to be addressed are: If a tree were removed, what species of tree would replace it? Would it grow to a size to provide the same benefits and neighborhood character as the prior tree? Would it produce litter, drop staining debris, have similar problems as the original tree? Would the homeowners be allowed to be involved in the selection process? Would the replacement be worse than the original tree?

We know what we have now and the trees are an overall benefit to the neighborhood. I would recommend the most conservative approach to preserve these benefits.

Sincerely,

Fred Tilden, DDS

Theresa Rodriguez

From: Peggy Valpey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 10:10 AM
To: Park Information
Subject: Hyde Park

I am a resident on Grafton Park Drive, Chico. I would like to keep our tree lined street. The trees are a big reason we bought in this neighborhood, and I think contributes to resale value. I do appreciate them being pruned periodically. The pruning keeps them manageable. So, my vote is to keep the trees.

Thank you.

John and Marguerite Valpey

Theresa Rodriguez

From: jacob [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:44 PM
To: Park Infomation; Rioux, Andrea
Subject: Hyde Park trees

Hello I am writing in regards to the recent letter we received regarding Hyde Park Street Tree Issues. I fear that there are two very differing opinions on the subject, and I hope that a sensible middle ground can be achieved for a long term solution.

First, my wife and I were initially attracted to the neighborhood because of the large, beautiful trees that lined the street. These trees offer relief from the heat, reducing cooling bills and amount of water used. Thus, allowing for plants and animals to thrive, that would otherwise be burnt by the summer sun.

Second, the relief from the sun allows the neighborhood to be a sanctuary in Chico, in summer the trees form a tunnel of shade, in fall the entire neighborhood is transformed into a wonderland of leaves. The neighborhood is brought outside being able to bask in the shade or labor with raking pile after pile of leaves.

As a home owner, I know all too well the headaches that accompany the trees, I rake and rake and rake! Only to turn my back and have to rake some more. I also have to deal with branches falling throughout the year. When I go for a walk, I have to avoid the cracked and raised sidewalks.

I hope that the city is sensible in it's decision regarding a plan for street trees. Without them, we would be at a huge social and economic loss. I am well aware that the trees have both positive and negative impacts, but I think that the positives outweigh the negatives.

I understand that there also comes a time that trees need to be replaced, I hope this is done judiciously with new trees being planted before the old ones are removed. In this manner, the neighborhood will never be without the charm that is the reason we live there.

Chico Tree Maintenance Evaluation - Hyde Park

12/15/2015

Address	Location	Species	Height	DBH	Priority Rating (1-High, 2-Medium, 3-Low)							Rank	Notes	
					Structure	Sidewalk	Trip hazard	Targets	Utilities	Limb drop	Total Score			
Hyde Park Subdivision														
675	Grafton Park Dr	S:1	Sycamore	70	18	2	1	1	1	3	1	9	1	sidewalk ramped, next to mailbox
675	Grafton Park Dr	S:2	Sycamore	65	18	2	1	2	1	3	1	10	2	sidewalk raised next to mailbox
676	Cromwell Dr	S:1	Sycamore	74	17	3	1	1	1	3	1	10	2	sidewalk ramped, next to mailbox
690	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	77	23	3	1	1	3	1	1	10	2	Sewer line.
670	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	75	26	2	1	1	3	2	2	11	5	
672	Cromwell Dr	F:2	Sycamore	75	21	3	1	1	3	1	2	11	5	Demonstrated problem with utilities: roots broke water line twice.
654	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	70	23	3	1	1	3	3	1	12	7	
659	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	75	22	3	1	1	3	1	3	12	7	Sewer, water lines
674	Grafton Park Dr	F:3	Sycamore	62	22	2	2	1	3	1	3	12	7	Planted on top of storm drain, leans
677	Cromwell Dr	F:1	Sycamore	75	23	1	1	2	3	2	3	12	7	
690	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	77	23	3	2	2	3	1	1	12	7	Street light
694	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	80	24	3	2	2	3	1	1	12	7	Sewer line, sidewalk repair
650	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	70	22	3	1	2	3	1	3	13	13	Water line
672	Cromwell Dr	F:1	Sycamore	80	22	3	1	1	3	2	3	13	13	Water line
676	Cromwell Dr	F:1	Sycamore	80	26	3	1	2	3	1	3	13	13	Sewer line
681	Cromwell Dr	F:1	Sycamore	85	24	2	1	2	3	2	3	13	13	
658	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	75	25	3	3	3	3	1	1	14	17	Sewer line
658	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	75	25	3	3	3	3	1	1	14	17	Power, gas, phone, lines
659	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	75	22	3	2	2	3	1	3	14	17	Sewer line
663	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	70	24	3	1	1	3	3	3	14	17	
674	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	75	20	3	2	2	3	1	3	14	17	Sewer, sidewalk repaired
675	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	66	15	2	2	2	3	2	3	14	17	
678	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	72	23	3	2	1	3	2	3	14	17	Water meter
685	Cromwell Dr	F:1	Sycamore	68	25	2	2	2	3	2	3	14	17	
655	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	70	18	3	2	3	3	1	3	15	25	Water line
662	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	65	21	3	2	3	3	1	3	15	25	Sewer line
666	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	65	21	3	2	2	3	2	3	15	25	Roots
671	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	70	23	3	1	2	3	3	3	15	25	
673	Cromwell Dr	F:1	Sycamore	80	25	2	2	2	3	3	3	15	25	
655	Grafton Park Dr	F:2	Sycamore	70	18	3	2	2	3	3	3	16	30	
667	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	64	25	1	3	3	3	3	3	16	30	
651	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	65	16	3	3	2	3	3	3	17	32	
674	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	72	23	2	3	3	3	3	3	17	32	
650	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	40	11	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	34	
666	Grafton Park Dr	F:1	Sycamore	70	23	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	34	Roots
673	Cromwell Dr	F:2	Sycamore	75	22	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	34	



DATE: 4/19/16
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
 FROM: Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager
 SUBJECT: Parks and Street Trees and Public Landscapes Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Bidwell Park Improvements – Parks staff will be making some major improvements to the One Mile Reservation areas. Some new tables, improved lockable BBQ, and other improvements will replace features that have fallen into disrepair. The improvements should be in place for the summer season, and were made possible with a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget approved by Council last year. Last year was the first year that the City had a CIP for general park facility improvements.
- b. Comanche Creek Construction – The bike bridge and path is proceeding on schedule with Franklin Construction initiating work in March.

Service Request Summary

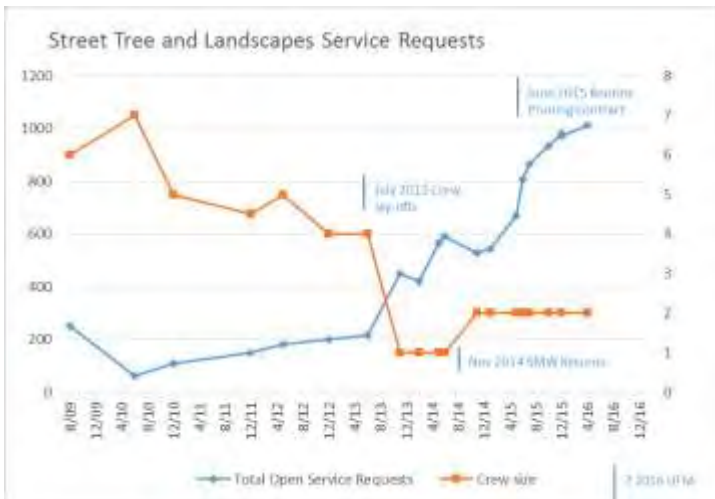
Division	Open	Closed	Total	% O/C
Illegal Encampment	21	5	26	420%
Park Rangers	2	0	2	#DIV/0!
Parks	17	30	47	57%
Trees/Public Landscapes	91	116	207	78%
Total	131	151	282	87%

2. Administrative and Visitor Services

- a. Service Requests – Below are the current (4/6/16) list of service requests for 2016 and total. The following graph indicates that the total number of service requests for street trees. On average for 2016, staff are receiving 2.2 requests (3.18 in 2015) and closing 1.2 per day (1.9 in 2015). These may not reflect latest activities (for example, illegal encampments need to be updated) but gives a snapshot of performance.

2016 Totals	Status			
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Totals in System	Status			
	Open	Closed	Total	% O/C
Illegal Encampment	29	641	670	5%
Park Rangers	3	72	75	4%
Parks	46	1032	1078	4%
Trees/Public Landscapes	1015	6003	7018	17%
Total	1093	7748	8841	14%



3. Planning/Monitoring

- a. Bidwell Ranch – Cattle are currently on the property to provide limit the growth of non-native grasses. The disposition of Bidwell Ranch is connected to the Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (BRHCP). The public review period for the formal public draft BRCP and EIS/EIR documents has been extended until May 16, 2016 (<http://www.buttehcp.com/index.html>).

4. Maintenance Program

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.

- a. Lower Park: Staff spent two weeks to power wash, repair damage and paint the insides of the One mile restroom facilities that has been long in need. Staff has started the high mow of our wild land areas at Anne's Glenn, One mile and Cedar Grove areas this includes the hiking, horse and Par course trails. Staff and the Rangers collaborated to get the first traffic counter puck installed at the entrance to South One Mile. Storm clearing.
- b. Middle Park: Staff started the high mow to the wild land areas of Middle park including horse and hiking trails. Staff in conjunction with the Rangers installed the second traffic counter puck in wildwood way, the entrance to Upper Park. Storm clearing.
- c. Upper Park: Staff has installed habitat restoration signs as a first phase along the Monkey face trail, the second phase will include short sections of split rail fence and Carsonite markers with trail designations to help guild park users to stay on the trail to their destination.
- d. Greenways: Staff completed a temporary repair to the Ceres street bicycle bridge while we wait for adequate funding and direction to remedy this ongoing drain to the park operating budget. Staff has installed new signs at all greenways stating the rules for city property at the bequest of the police and rangers.
- e. Upcoming Projects: upgrade to the One mile reservation with new group BBQs, service tables, ash dump pit, ADA picnic tables, water dispensers to fill jugs etc. clean up of all the cleared down trees throughout the park

5. Ranger and Lifeguard Programs

- a. Greenways - Rangers continue to notice encampments in greenways and work with Sheriff ACS workers to clean and haul away debris. In March, areas of the Little Chico Creek Corridor, Lindo Channel and Big Chico Creek removed 30 yards of trash.
- b. Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) is well into to their hiring campaign for summer lifeguards. Training and in-service will occur prior to the Memorial Day weekend start of the summer swim season. The CARD agreement is on the 4/19/16 Council agenda.
- c. Significant Incidents:
 - i. March, like January, brought significant rain to our area. Localized flooding in the park brought minimal disruption to park activities. Rangers responded to over a dozen tree falls from saturation and wind during the month. Rangers maintained temporary road closures, directed and diverted traffic citywide while emergency crews cleared trees from roadways. A total of 17 mature trees fell in Lower Bidwell Park in March.
 - ii. Rangers continue to work closely with State Fish and Wildlife Wardens in strengthening a pollution of waterways case against a local transient who has accumulated and stored various chemicals and hazardous materials in proximity to Little Chico Creek and Boucher. Rangers and Fire Haz-Mat crews have responded to the area several times in the last few months to test and clear the area of materials. The individual was issued two misdemeanor citations and more charges are pending.

6. Natural Resource Management

- a. Bidwell Ranch – The disposition of Bidwell Ranch is connected to the Butte Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (BRHCP). The public review period for the formal public draft BRCP and EIS/EIR documents has been extended until May 16, 2016 (<http://www.buttehcp.com/index.html>).

7. Street Trees and Landscapes

- a. Arbor Day Celebration Plantings - Because of the wet weather and storm response, the City of Chico rescheduled two separate Arbor Day Plantings. The City will work with CSU Chico students from the Sustainability Program to plant at least 5 trees in parkway strips near campus (on Mansion Ave between Arcadian and Citrus Avenues). This planting will occur on 4/29/16. In addition, CSU Chico student participating in the Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) students helped with the planting of valley oak trees at the One Mile Recreation Area of Lower

Bidwell Park. The planting follows the Chico City Council adoption of a resolution on March 1, 2016 celebrating California's ARBOR DAY. The resolution encourages citizens to support our city's urban forestry program, helping to protect our, trees and woodlands for present and future generations.

8. Volunteer and Donor Program

- a. Spring Volunteer Orientation– Nearly 40 citizens attended this year's spring volunteer orientation. Follow trainings and processing are underway and the new volunteers will be out and about in the park by the beginning of May.
- b. Capers Acres Fantasy Fun Run – May 14th marks a day of fun and fundraising for the Caper Acres renovation project. Interested individuals should contact the Parks Division for more details.
- c. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities –
 - i. Volunteer Opportunities for everyone– From manning the Parks Division information booth at the upcoming Endangered Species Fair to brushing trails in Upper Park with Chico Trailworks to working on the grand opening of the Comanche Creek Greenway to monitoring Big Chico Creek with the Stream team there are a variety of ways people can get involved and volunteer for the betterment of our parks and greenways. A visit to the Parks Division's volunteer calendar outlines the details.

9. Upcoming Issues/Miscellaneous

- a. Capital Projects – Staff have begun initial planning for 3 upcoming projects (5 Mile Recreation irrigation, One Mile Dam/Sycamore Pool Feasibility Study, and Upper Park Road Survey and assessment). The Pool and Road surveys will provide information that will allow for a good estimate of construction costs. Some policy issues regarding the road will be addressed concurrently as part of the Trails Plan discussion at a future Natural Resources Committee. Another project, an inventory of the Bidwell Bowl will likely start in 2016-2017.

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1. Volunteer Hours

Park and Greenway Volunteer Activities, March 2016						
Date	Location	Agency	Tasks	# of Volunteers	Total Hours	Leader
All of March	Various	Park Watch	Park Ambassadors	135	1532	Shane Romain
3/1/2016	City Yard	Mike Harris	Tools inventory	1	1.5	Mike Boyd
3/4/2016	Site #8	CSUC,RECR 240	invasive/weed removal, litter pick up	3	6	Mike Boyd
3/6/2016	Sherwood Restoration	CAVE	invasive/weed removal, litter pick up	15	42	Mike Boyd
3/7/2016	City Yard	Mike Harris	Tools inventory	1	2	Mike Boyd
various dates	CCG	FCCG	invasives removal	1	51.5	Eddie Amizquita
various dates	CCG	FCCG	invasives removal	1	21	Liz Stewart
various dates	CCG	FCCG	hedgerow prep	1	17	Emily Alma
various dates	CCG	FCCG	invasives removal, plant list prep, mow prep	1	46	Susan Mason
various dates	CCG	FCCG	hedgerow irrigation installation	2	82.5	Lau Ackerman
3/7/2016	City Yard	Tyler Depewolf	Tools labeling	1	3	Mike Boyd
3/15/2016	CCG	FCCG	clear south side trail	14	35.5	Susan Mason
3/15/2016	City Yard	Mike Harris	Tools inventory	2	1.5	Mike Boyd
3/15/2016	CCG	FCCG	Phase II on-site meeting	5	5	Parks Div
3/17/2015	South 1 Mile	CAVE & Youth 4 Change	invasive/weed removal, litter pick up	9	27	Mike Boyd
3/19/2016	B Trail	TrailWorks	Brushing	8	32	Thad Walker
3/19/2016	CCG	FCCG	clear south side trail	10	31.5	Susan Mason
3/19/2016	Upper Park- Middle/ B	Velo Trailwoks	trail brushing	8	32	Thad Walker
3/24/2016	City Yard	Kyle & Daniel	Tools labeling	2	2	Mike Boyd
3/24/2016	CCG	FCCG	pull milkthistle	2	7	Susan Mason
3/24/2016	City Municipal Building	FCCG/BNA	grant(s) implementation group meeting	4	4	Parks Div
3/25/2016	B Trail	Parks Div	Work day scouting	1	2.5	Mike Boyd
3/19/2016	B Trail	TrailWorks	Brushing	9	36	Thad Walker
3/26/2016	CCG	FCCG	hedgerow planting	21	87	Emily Alma
3/26/2016	Upper Park- B	Velo Trailwoks	trail brushing	10	40	Thad Walker
3/29/2016	City Yard	Tyler Depewolf	Tools labeling	1	3	Mike Boyd
3/31/2016	Sycamore Restoration	CATS	invasive/weed removal, litter pick up	55	175	Mike Boyd
various dates	CCG	FCCG	invasives removal	1	51.5	Eddie Amizquita
various dates	CCG	FCCG	invasives removal	1	21	Liz Stewart
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			TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	2543.5	

Table 2. Monthly Public and Private Permits

Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
03/05/2016	1 Mile	Bridging The Gap By Giving	Walk 4 Water	300
03/06/2016	1 Mile	Bidwell Classic	5K Run, 1/2 marathon, marathon relay	1,000
03/12/2016	1 Mile	Enloe Medical Center	Heart & Sole: Run for Wellness	500
03/19/2016	1 Mile	Society for Creative Anacronism	Reenactment Tournament	180
03/26/2016	Caper Acres	CARD	Spring Jamboree	1,500
03/27/2016	Parking Lot B/ Cross	Vineyard Church	Sunrise Service	50
Totals			6	3,530

Table 3. Monthly Private Permits

Table Monthly Private Permits		
Type	# Permits	# Participants
Private	12	505
Caper Acres	16	405
Totals	28	910

Table 4. Monthly Maintenance Hours.










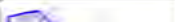
Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	2015 Trend
1. Safety	263	26.0%	106.3%	
2. Infrastructure Maintenance	259	25.6%	180.5%	
3. Vegetation Maintenance	234	23.1%	241.2%	
4. Admin Time/Other	255	25.2%	224.7%	
Monthly Totals	1011	100%	168.1%	

Table 5. Monthly Street Tree Productivity.

Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	Trend
Tree Crew Hours				
1. Safety	81	11.7%	72.3%	
2. Tree Work	356.25	51.4%	71.3%	
3. Special Projects	111	16.0%	1233.3%	
4. Admin Time/Other	144.5	20.9%	380.3%	
Monthly Totals	692.75	100.0%	105.1%	

Item	Values	% Change from Last Month	Trend
5. Productivity			
Calls			
Call Outs	79	254.8%	□□□
Service Requests: Submitted	0	-	
Service Requests: Completed	63	123.5%	□□□
Sub Total	142	173.2%	□□□
Trees			
Planted: Trees	3	3.0%	□□
Pruned	85	139.3%	□□□
Removed: Trees (smaller)	9	150.0%	□□□
Removed: Stumps	0	0.0%	□
Removed: Trees	0	-	
Sub Total	97	53.9%	□□□
Tree Permits (#)			
Submitted	2	-	□
Approved	1	-	□□
Denied	2	-	□□
Total	5	-	□□
6. Contracts			
Expenditures (\$)	\$ -	-	□□□
Trees (#)			
Planted	0	-	
Pruned	18	-	□□□
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	0.0%	
Removed: Stumps	6	-	□
Removed: Trees	0	-	
Routine Maintenance	0	-	
Total	24	-	□□□

Table 6. Monthly Incidents

03/15/2016	Lower Park	Drug Possession	Arrest
03/15/2016	Lower Park	Warrant	Arrest
03/18/2016	Lindo Channel	Petty Theft	Arrest
03/18/2016	City Plaza	Warrant	Arrest
03/23/2016	City Plaza	Drug Paraphernalia	Arrest
03/24/2016	Middle Park	Vehicle 459	Cop Logic Rpt
03/26/2016	Upper Park	Vehicle 459	Cop Logic Rpt
03/29/2016	Lower Park	Assault/Battery	Unable to locate

Table 7. Monthly Citations and Warnings

Ranger Report - Citations 2016							
Violation - Citations	Monthly			Annual			Trend
	Total Citations	%	Rank	Total Citations	%	Rank	
Alcohol	0	0%	6	0	0%	10	
Animal Control Violations	0	0%	6	1	1%	7	
Bicycle Violation	0	0%	6	0	0%	10	
Glass	2	7%	3	3	3%	3	
Illegal Camping	9	30%	2	27	30%	2	
Injury/Destruction City Property	0	0%	6	2	2%	4	
Littering	1	3%	4	1	1%	7	
Other Violations	1	3%	4	2	2%	4	
Parking Violations	17	57%	1	51	57%	1	
Resist/Delay Park Ranger	0	0%	6	2	2%	4	
Smoking	0	0%	6	1	1%	7	
Totals	30	100%		90	100%		

Violation - Warnings	Monthly			Annual			Trend
	Total Warnings	%	Rank	Total Warnings	%	Rank	
Alcohol	0	0%	11	33	6%	7	
Animal Control Violations	27	14%	5	92	16%	3	
Bicycle Violation	48	25%	1	112	20%	1	
Glass	14	7%	6	47	8%	5	
Illegal Camping	30	16%	2	93	16%	2	
Injury/Destruction City Property	7	4%	7	18	3%	9	
Littering	28	15%	4	39	7%	6	
Other Violations	3	2%	8	14	2%	10	
Parking Violations	3	2%	8	22	4%	8	
Resist/Delay Park Ranger	2	1%	10	4	1%	11	
Smoking	29	15%	3	92	16%	3	
Totals	191	100%		566	100%		

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. This large pecan tree located at 544 Olive St uprooted and landed in a private oak tree during a storm on 3-13-16.



Figure 2. This large valley oak tree (3 feet in diameter and 85 feet tall) located at 854 E 5th St uprooted and fell across the street on 3-14-16.



Figure 3. Trailworks volunteers brushing overgrown B Trail



Figure 4. CSUC, Recreation 240 students working on their adopted site 8

Attachments:

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