



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda

June 24, 2019, **6:00 pm**

City Council Chambers - 421 Main Street

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 5/20/19.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE CHICO NOON ROTARY CLUB TO BUILD AN AMPHITHEATER IN THE CEDAR GROVE MEADOW

The Commission will consider a proposal and draft concept plan from Chico Noon Rotary Club to build an amphitheater in the meadow in the Cedar Grove Picnic Area. The amphitheater is being proposed as part of the Club's 100th Anniversary in 2020.

Recommendation: The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) is requested to provide direction to Staff and the Noon Rotary Club on whether to continue the next step in the development process for this project, which will include public outreach and finalizing the design to be considered by the BPPC at a future meeting.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT TO HOLD A SHAKESPEAREAN PERFORMANCE IN CEDAR GROVE MEADOW FROM 10/3/19 to 11/3/19.

Erin Hurst from Legacy Stage (applicant), requests to hold a Shakespearean performance in the Cedar Grove Meadow four evenings a week on Thursday through Sunday, starting on October 3, 2019 to November 3, 2019. The reservation request is from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night, with the actual performances being held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 or 10: p.m.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

5.3. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 6/19/19 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 6/19/19 meeting, the Natural Resource Committee (NRC) discussed the following agenda items:

5.3.1. Consideration of Survey of The Vegetation in The Nature Center Area

The Natural Resource Committee (NRC) considered a baseline survey of the vegetation in the Nature Center area performed by Dempsey Vegetation Management and recommended actions for this area.

Recommendation: That the Committee recommend BPPC approval of the immediate treatment of the nonnative invasive weeds in the Nature Center Area until a restoration plan is developed.

5.3.2. Consideration of A 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan

The Committee considered a draft 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways. The Work Plan lists the types of nonnative and invasive plants and trees targeted at each location and the proposed control methods that may be used over the year.

Recommendation: None at this time, the Committee requested more information and continued this item to their next meeting.

6. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

7. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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7.1. Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager.

7.2. Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager.

7.3. Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), if applicable

8. **COMMISSION REQUESTS**

Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the commission will be needed in order to agendize these items for discussion at a future meeting. If agendized, public comment will be taken at that meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted for these items.

8.1 Commissioner Glatz requests to agendize discussion regarding urgent needs in City Parks and the public survey conducted by the Chico Area Recreation District.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **7/29/19 at 6:00 p.m. (please note new meeting time)** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.



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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Called to order by Chair McReynolds at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anna Moore
Garrett Liles
Scott Grist
Elaina McReynolds
Aaron Haar
Lise Smith Peters

Commissioner not present:

Jeffrey Glatz

Staff Present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), Shane Romain (Park Services Coordinator) Angie Irmer (Administrative Assistant)

1.3 Special Recognition – Klean Kanteen

Steve Drew present on behalf of Klean Kanteen and addressed the Commission

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 5/20/19

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF TEICHERT PONDS UPDATE AND PEACE PARK PROPOSAL

At the 2/25/19 BPPC meeting, Dick Cory gave a brief presentation during Business from the Floor about designating Teichert Ponds as a "Peace Park" and making improvements to the pond based on the Teichert Ponds Restoration Habitat Development Plan that was approved in 2008.

At Staff's request, the Commission agreed to move this item to later in the meeting since Mr. Cory had not yet arrived at the meeting.

5.2 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED 2019-20 PARK AND STREET TREE DIVISION BUDGETS

At its 3/25/19 meeting, Staff provided the BPPC draft 2019-20 proposed budgets for the Park and Street Tree Divisions based on the Council adopted 2018-2019 budgets for these Divisions. Staff will update the Commission on the City Manager Recommended 2019-20 budgets that will be considered by the City Council on 5/21/19.

Recommendation: None, this is an informational item only.

Park & Natural Resource Manager and the Urban Forest Manager presented the 2019-20 proposed Park and Street Tree Division Budgets.

Woody Elliot addressed the Commission

Commissioner McReynolds made a motion that the Commission formulate a statement that reflects the support of the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission in that monies be allocated so that there is adequate staff to maintain the park and that the Commission is committed to generating revenue for the park and working as a Commission to that end. Seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Commissioner Moore volunteered to draft and make the statement before the City Council at its meeting on 6/21/19. Commission members agreed and tabled the motion to allow Commissioner Moore to formulate the statement for the Commission's review and approval later in tonight's meeting.

Mr. Cory arrived, and the Commission moved to back to item 5.1 of the agenda,

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Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to provide direction to Staff on future Teichert Ponds projects and consider Mr. Cory's proposal for Teichert Ponds to be recognized and promoted as a City of Chico Peace Park designation.

Park Services Coordinator Romain made a presentation regarding the history and the work that has been done at Teichert Ponds.

Dick Cory made a presentation as to his request for consideration of his Teichert Ponds Peace Park proposal.

Commissioner McReynolds made a motion to refer this to the Natural Resource Committee for further discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

Commissioner Moore announced that she had prepared the following statement to make before the City Council regarding the budget Agenda Item 5.2.

“Speaking on behalf of the Parks Commission representing the Parks Commission want you to know we are committed to increasing revenue for our parks. We have begun to form an ad hoc committee whose sole purpose would be fundraising for our parks. In the meantime, we want to support and all efforts on the Council’s part to increase revenue for our parks, especially staffing levels”

Commissioner McReynolds accepted the statement added as a friendly amendment to her motion previously made for Item 5.2, which was again seconded by Commissioner Haar.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

Commissioner Moore volunteered to make the presentation before the City Council. Commission members agreed.

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 5/8/19 POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

As directed by the BPPC on 4/29/19, the Policy Advisory Committee discussed defining the scope of vegetation management projects or activities that should be considered by the BPPC, and what projects or activities should be considered routine maintenance.

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that the BPPC approve the following:

1. Staff to prepare for BPPC consideration an annual work plan outlining vegetation management activities and projects proposed each year.
2. Status updates on the work plan activities and projects to be provided as part of the BPPC Park and Tree Division reports at the monthly BPPC regular meetings.

Woody Elliot and Robin McCollum addressed the Commission

Commissioner Haar made a motion that 5.3 be approved. Seconded by Commission Liles.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 5/15/19 NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At its 5/15/19 meeting, the Natural Resource Committee (NRC) continued discussion of options to renovate the area near the Nature Center, and discussed the development of an overall Vegetation Management Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways.

Recommendation: The Committee recommended (3-0) that the BPPC approve the following:

1. Cordoning off the Nature Center area for now to see what grows in the area and to install signs indicating it is a restoration area.
2. Conducting a survey of the area to develop a baseline vegetation site map.
3. Developing a plan to restore the area as a Valley Oak Woodland demonstration site, with planting to occur in the Fall.
4. Consider planting acorns, seedlings, and 15-gallon trees to determine the effectiveness of the different sized trees.
5. Post signs and notify the Nature Center when spraying herbicides in the area.
6. Once the restoration is complete, developing plant identification signs and other educational components using a portion of the in-lieu tree planting funds.

Robin McCollum addressed the Commission

Commissioner Grist requested that number 2 be amended to add develop a baseline site map and develop workshop for natural resource protection for staff and the public.

Commissioner Haar requested item 7 be added to continuing discussion of ongoing education opportunities programs and partners for the site.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve 5.4 as modified. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

Motion approved 6-1-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Liles, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Haar, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Glatz

NOES: None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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Robin McCollum addressed the Commission

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7.3 Park & Natural Resources Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), if applicable

Woody Elliott addressed the Commission as to 7.1 and 7.2

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 8:56 pm to the next regular meeting on 6/24/19 at **6:00 p.m. (please note new meeting time)** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Angie Irmer, Administrative Assistant

Date



DATE: 6/21/19
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager (P&NRM)
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE CHICO NOON ROTARY CLUB TO BUILD AN AMPHITHEATER IN THE CEDAR GROVE MEADOW

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Staff received a proposal from the Chico Noon Rotary Club to build an amphitheater in the meadow in the Cedar Grove Picnic Area. The amphitheater is being proposed as part of the Club's 100th Anniversary in 2020.

Recommendation: The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) is requested to provide direction to Staff and the Noon Rotary Club on whether to continue the next step in the development process for this project, which will include public outreach and finalizing the design to be considered by the BPPC at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Cedar Grove Area is identified in the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (BPPMP) as an intensive use area and key entrance into Bidwell Park that should be improved. A Concept Plan for this area was developed as Appendix G to the BPPMP, which is attached as Attachment A. The improvements proposed for the area included improving the restrooms, parking and circulation, signage, lighting, and installation of other facilities, such as a playground. The Concept Plan also identified the meadow area next to the group picnic area as a "festival meadow".

DISCUSSION:

Attached as Attachment B is an email from the Chico Noon Rotary Club requesting the Commission to consider their request to donate and build an amphitheater in Cedar Grove meadow as a project to celebrate the Club's 100th anniversary in 2020. The proposal is to construct an open and natural looking amphitheater that will seat 300-500 people to be used for outdoor events, such as plays and the Endangered Species Faire. A concept plan and landscape rendering of the proposed amphitheater are attached as Attachment B.

The rough estimate of the cost to construct the project is between \$100,000 and \$150,000 and the intent is for the Rotary Club to completely build and fund this project. If the concept is approved by the BPPC, the design and costs will be finalized, and public outreach will begin. The final design will be presented to the BPPC for consideration, and if approved, will be forwarded to the City Council. Environmental review of the project will also be prepared as part of the approval process.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Noon Rotary Club Request
- Attachment B: BPPMP Cedar Grove Area Concept Plan
- Attachment C: Amphitheater Conceptual Designs

Linda Herman

Subject: FW: Amphitheater

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Snyder Lando <tjeal50@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 6:48 PM
To: Linda Herman <linda.herman@Chicoca.gov>
Cc: MFrancis@goldenvalley.bank
Subject: Amphitheater

Hi Linda,

I will forward the drawings under two separate emails. I've drafted a note to the Commission below.

Thank you again

Tom

Dear Commission members,

The Chico Rotary Club is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2020. As a part of that celebration, the club is looking to build and donate a landmark project. In discussing ideas, our committee felt that the possibility of constructing an amphitheater at Cedar Grove would be an excellent choice.

The amphitheater could serve multiple groups including a resurgence of outdoor plays, a stage for the endangered speices faire, a facility for the Nature Center , as well as providing a venue for other events.

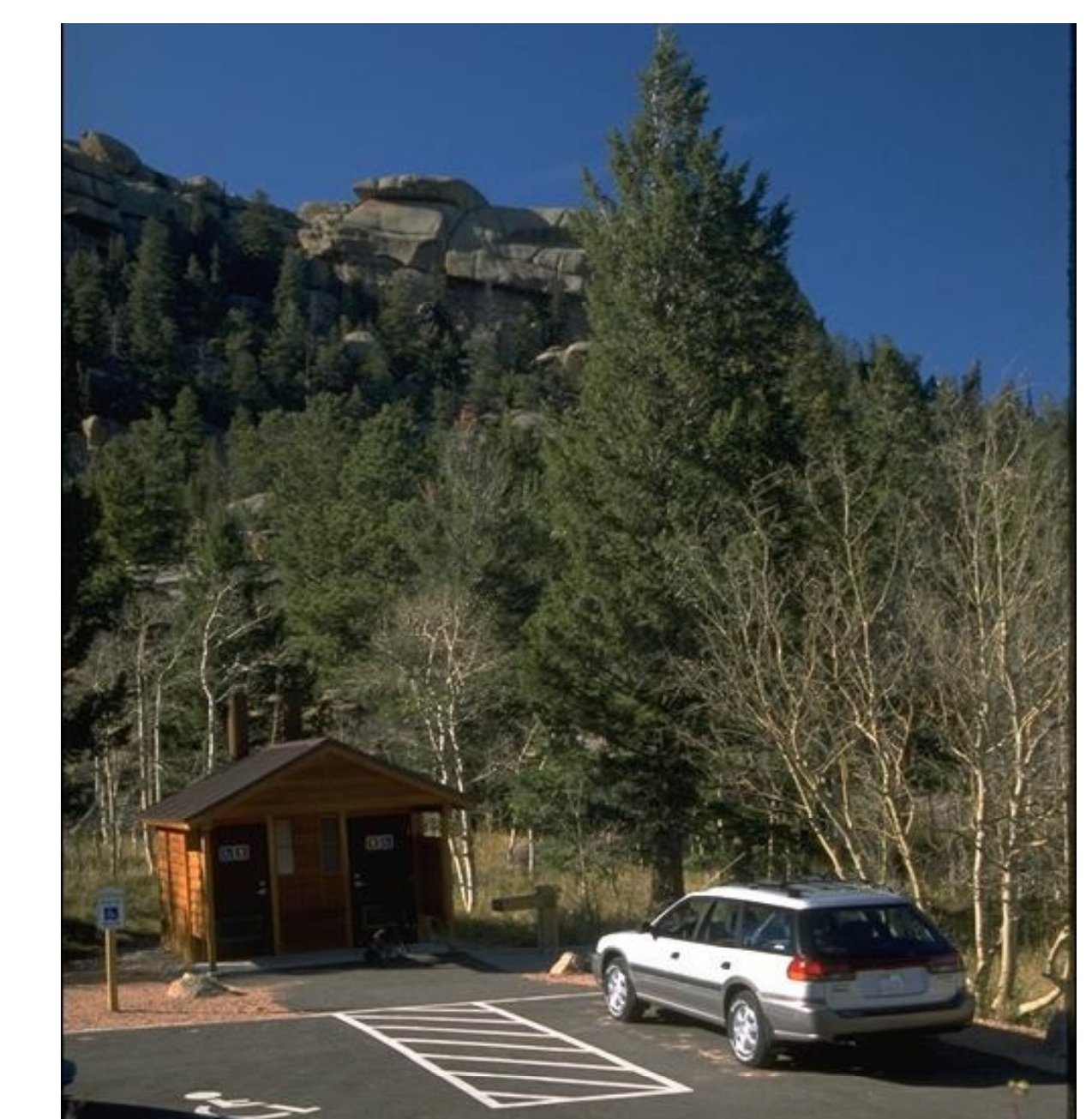
We have developed a few conceptual drawings which are certainly subject to your review and modification. As envisioned the amphitheater could seat 300-500 people and would be designed to prevent sleeping on the seating. The plan would be to make the site as natural as possible.

Thank you for your consideration

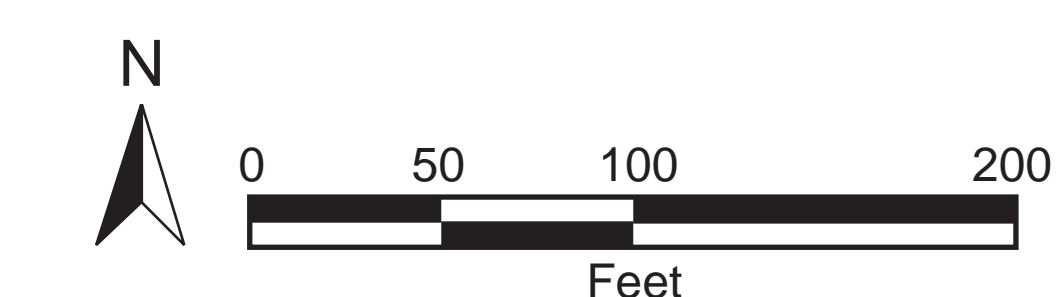
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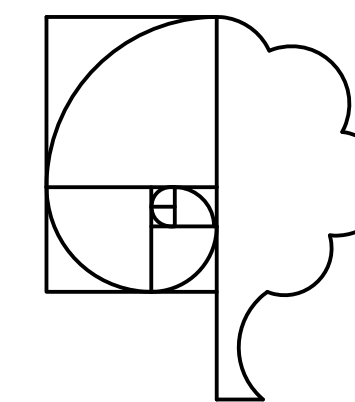
Bidwell Park Master Management Plan

CEDAR GROVE AREA CONCEPT PLAN



Parking/Trail Examples





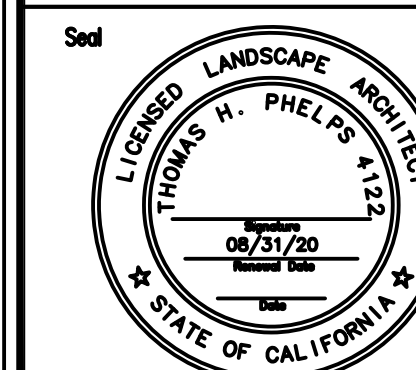
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**ROTARY CENTENNIAL PROJECT
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PLANS
CEDAR GROVE, BIDWELL PARK
CHICO, CALIFORNIA**

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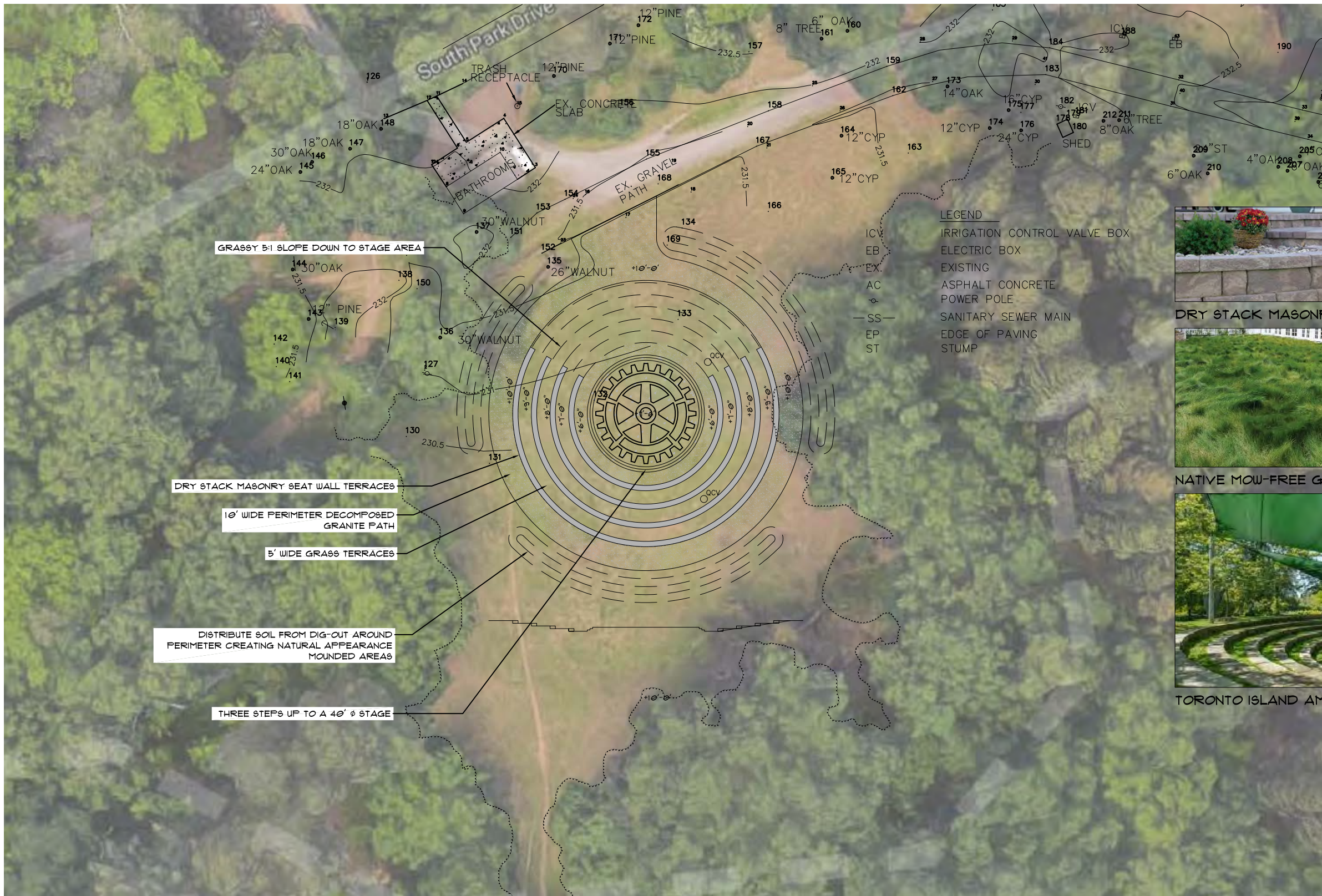


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VIEW OF AMPHITHEATER



DRY STACK MASONRY WALL

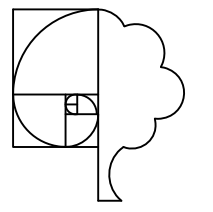
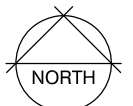
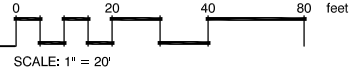


NATIVE MOW-FREE GRASSES



TORONTO ISLAND AMPHITHEATER EXAMPLE

LANDSCAPE PLAN



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BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date 6/24/19

DATE: 6/20/19
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
 FROM: Angie Irmer, Administrative Assistant
 SUBJECT: Legacy Stage – Shakespeare Performance

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Erin Hurst from Legacy Stage (applicant), requests to hold a Shakespearean performance in the Cedar Grove Meadow four evenings a week on Thursday through Sunday, starting on October 3, 2019 to November 3, 2019. The reservation request is from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. each night, with the actual performances being held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 or 10: p.m.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

Event Details

Date of Application	06/07/19
Date of Event	Thursday through Sunday between 10/03/19 and 11/03/19
Time of Reservation/ Event	5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. / 7:30 pm. to 9:30 or 10:00 p.m.
Event Name	Legacy Stage Performance
Applicant Name	Erin Horst
Location	Cedar Grove Meadow
Description	Perform a walking version of Shakespeare's <i>Macbeth</i> at the Cedar Grove Meadow. No amplified sound or use of lighting, other than flashlights, are proposed.
New Event?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. If no, # of years
Participant Fee?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. If, yes, fee amount \$20.00
# Participants	25 each performance plus cast members
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Exceeds 10 hours in length or is for multiple days. Requests Cedar Grove Gate/Meadow remain open until 10:30 p.m.

Conditions

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Continued adherence to all park rules.
- Allow the exit by Cedar Grove Meadow to be kept open until 10:30 pm. As there may be additional patrol responsibilities associated with the request, the applicant will be charged an additional fee for staff to keep open the exit gate after hours for break down.
- Applicant will honor requests for reasonable accommodation under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).
- No items, props, stage setting, etc. may be left in the Park between showings.
The applicant will need to do a final inspection of the Cedar Grove Meadow at the conclusion of each performance (and the entire event) and remove signs and other items as well as pick up trash.

Attachments: Application and Permit for Park Use

Distribution: Erin Horst



City of Chico

APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR PARK USE

Public Works Department - Park Division

6/7/19 AMENDED FOR APPLICANT
AMJ

Type of Event:

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Must be 18 or older to submit and application • No glass containers • Application fee due upon submittal •

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

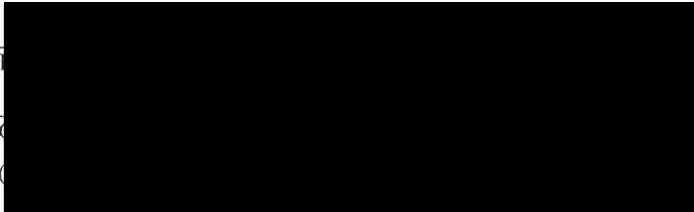
PLEASE PRINT:

Erin Horst

Name of Applicant/Contact Person
(needed)

Legacy Stage

Organization Name (if applicable)



Performance

Description of Event: (family BBQ, walk/run, describe below if

10/3-6; 10/10-13; 10/17-20; 10/24-10/27; 10/31-11/3 2019

Day and Date of Event:

From: 5 PM To: 10:30 PM

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

From: 7:30 PM To: 10 PM 25

Time of Event Only

Number of people

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

AREA REQUESTED: (Please check if requested)

Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater

Electricity (15 amp)

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

Cedar Grove Picnic Area

Meadow

Electricity (15 amp) NA
(tables, restroom area (circle))

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) 100 amp Electrical Service

Event Restrooms Water (public events only)

Fountain - On Fountain - Off

Meter Bags # _____ Sound Curtain

Council Ring

Fire Permit

Five Mile Picnic Area

One Mile Picnic/Barbeque Area - Water available, no hose bib

Oak Grove A Oak Grove B

Sycamore Way Parking Lot Closure-Public Events ONLY

Electricity (15 amp) parking area, restroom area (Pick up key)

Band Stand (15 amp)

BBQ-Pick up key on: _____ Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Depot Park

Electricity (15 amp)

Lower Bidwell Park (public events only): _____

Upper Bidwell Park (public events only): _____

Other (specify) (public events only): _____

Early Entrance Needed (public events only) Yes No

Additional Description of the Event: See attached

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 \$ 176.00 (440.00) (\$11.00 minimum, please call for quote) 176.00
- 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

Credit Card and DEBIT payment will be assessed a 2.75% convenience fee.

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

Park Fee Total: \$ 335.99

Convenience Fee: \$ _____

Total Fee Required: \$ 335.99

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. 14498 Payment Method: CK Date: 6/7/19 Received By: AMJ

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

SECTION 3 - CONDITIONS FOR PARK USE

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

- Alcohol** Alcohol is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
- BBQ's** Portable BBQ's may only be used next to existing BBQ's in Lower Bidwell Park and Five Mile Recreation Areas.
- Bicycles** Must observe all California vehicular codes including one-way streets. Riders are expected to be courteous and yield to equestrian and pedestrian traffic. Helmets must be worn at all times in Upper Park, except when on pavement. Riders must stay on designated trails. Bicycle riding is not allowed in Caper Acres or on the Sycamore pool deck.
- Bounce Houses** Bounce houses and other similar play equipment are only permitted with a reservation and upon approval by the Park Division. The operators of this equipment must provide proof of insurance. Bounce houses are not allowed in Caper Acres.
- Campfires** No campfires allowed.
- Camping** No overnight camping allowed. Bidwell Park is a "day use park" only.
- Clean up** Permittee is required to completely clean up area at the conclusion of event. Additional garbage bags may be obtained from the General Services Department at time of reservation. (12R.04.180 CMC)
- Damages** Any damage to City property as a result of this event will be repaired at permittee's expense.
- Dogs** Dogs may be off leash from 5:30 AM until 8:30 AM in Lower Park -- All other times **dogs must be on a leash**. Along the north side of Upper Park Road, dogs may be "off leash" anytime. While "off leash," dogs must remain under control via master's voice. **Dogs are not allowed in Caper Acres, One-Mile or Five-Mile swimming areas, or designated swimming holes in Upper Park.**
- Electrical** All power extension cords, sound amplification equipment, and staging to be supplied by permittee. Permittee shall provide "tripping" prevention devices over power cords crossing any pathway.
- Fishing** **Big Chico Creek:** Check California Fish and Game Regulations, <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/>, Freshwater Sport Fishing, Alphabetical List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations, (20) Big Chico Creek.
Horseshoe Lake: Age 14 and over - license, catch and release; Under 14 - 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 at **9:00pm, October – March and 11:00pm, April - September** 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**
- 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:**

X
Signature of Applicant

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 101 or more.

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

For liability coverage purposes, it is Legacy Stage/Erin Horst's intent (applicant) and the City of Chico's intent (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), that this permit is a written contract between the Parties.

Pursuant to the insurance policy related to this permit/written contract, and consistent with the Certificate of Liability Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements, the Parties hereby attach and incorporate by this reference, the Certificate of Liability Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements, which are further expressly made a material part of the said permit/written contract between the Parties.

If insurance is required, Certificate of Insurance, meeting City standards must be received by: TBD - sending soon.
Organization Named on Certificate of Insurance Legacy Stage

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 4/18/19
Date

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

City of Chico - Park Division
965 Fir Street
Chico, CA 95928
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? _____	Yes	No x
Is there a patron admission, entry, or participant fee(s) required for your event? \$20	Yes x	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) _____ Note: 100 amp electrical service requires a certified electrician to operate.		
Will there be any entertainment apparatus? (Operator to provide proof of insurance) [] Bounce house [] Climbing wall [] Ropes Course [] Other: _____ 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? Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30am. (Subject to approval by the General Services Department Director and/or Senior Park Ranger.) 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: _____ until: _____ Note: Gate Monitors are required at the entrances and exits for early Park entrance. An additional fee may be charged for early entrance	Yes	No x
Will event require over night camping for security purposes? (authorized for a maximum of two people, 12R.04.340 CMC) If "yes" how many security personnel will be required?	Yes	No x
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 _____ Phone Number _____ Location of portable restrooms _____ Note: Restrooms shall be removed within 24 hours after conclusion of event.	Yes	No x
Sanitation and Recycling: As an event organizer, you must properly dispose of waste and garbage throughout the term of your event and immediately upon conclusion of the event the area must be returned to a clean condition. For events with 200+ participants, additional trash and recycling cans are required. Number of Trash Cans _____ Number of Recycling Containers _____ Sanitation Company _____ Phone Number _____ Note: Sanitation containers shall be removed within 24 hrs after conclusion of event.	Yes	No x
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: _____ Note: All signs and banners shall be free standing and not affixed to Park property.	Yes	No x
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. Note: Please request a water coupler key for City Plaza, Children's Playground, and Cedar Grove.	Yes	No x
Do you request irrigation to be turned off before and during your event?	Yes x	No
CITY PLAZA ONLY: Vehicles are not allowed in City Plaza. Loading and unloading must occur from the streets. Meter bags for unloading and loading <u>only</u> may be obtained from the City by calling (530) 896-7800.		
Will vendors be placed on the perimeter sidewalks? If yes, a Vend, Peddle, Hawk permit must be obtained from the Engineering Division at 411 Main St, Chico, (530) 879-6900.	Yes	No
Will City street closure(s) be needed? A separate permit must be obtained from the Engineering Division at 411 Main Street, Chico, (530) 879-6900.	Yes	No

Legacy Stage would like to perform a walking version of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* at the Cedar Grove/meadow area of Bidwell Park for a small audience of no more than 25 people each night. There will be no amplified sound, set, or lights involved - just the performers and the audience. We will use flashlights for lighting and crew to help audience members follow performers safely around the Grove and meadow during the performance. We understand that the park gates do close an hour after sunset, which would mean our small audience and our performers would be in that area of the park a little longer than normal park hours. We would love if the nearest gate could remain open until 10 PM so that our audience and crew can leave at the end of the performance. We plan to start the performance at 7:30 PM and end around 9:30 PM. Since we haven't began rehearsing the show yet, we're aiming for a 2 hour run time. Other than the gate, we will not need any special accommodations for this late departure and we would be sure to leave promptly at the end. With such a small group (25 audience and the cast), I think it should be very manageable and easy to work with. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have and we're flexible to discuss other departure options or necessary modifications.



DATE: 6/21/2019
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
FROM: Natural Resources Committee (Commissioners Grist (Chair), Haar, and Smith-Peters)
SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6/19/19

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Grist called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendees: Commissioners present: Scott Grist (Chair), Lise Smith-Peters
Commissioners absent: Aaron Haar
Staff present: Linda Herman (P&NRM), Richie Bamlet (UFM)
Public present: Susan Mason, Woody Elliott, Michael Stauffer

2. REGULAR AGENDA

2.1. CONSIDERATION OF SURVEY OF THE VEGETATION IN THE NATURE CENTER AREA

At its 5/20/19 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) approved the Natural Resource Committee's recommendation to restore the Nature Center area in Lower Bidwell Park as a Valley Oak Woodland, and to conduct a baseline survey of the vegetation in the area prior to restoration efforts. The Committee considered a survey performed by Dempsey Vegetation Management on 6/2/19 and the recommended actions presented in the Committee meeting Staff Report. A copy of the meeting agenda and staff reports are attached as Attachment 1 to this report.

The Committee reviewed the survey of native and non-native vegetation performed by Jim Dempsey that is summarized in Exhibit A of the Staff Report. The summary provides the vegetation type, location, and recommended actions, which include herbicide treatments and manual removal options for various non-native and invasive ("weedy") trees, shrubs, and grasses in the area. The Committee discussed the recommendation to treat some of the weedy vegetation as soon as possible, while other vegetation can be treated in the Fall.

The Committee also considered whether some of the existing trees, such as the Hackberry and Incense Cedars should remain even though they are not a Woodland Oak native species. The Committee ascertained that more discussion is needed by the Committee and the BPPC regarding whether to restore the area to a true Valley Oak Woodland, or whether to allow certain trees to remain to keep the remaining canopy in the area as a phased approach. The Committee will continue discussions regarding the restoration plan for this area at their next meeting but agreed that the treatment for the most noxious invasive vegetation should occur in the meantime.

Susan Mason, Woody Elliott, and Michael Stauffer spoke regarding this item.

Recommendation: The Committee recommended (2-0-1) BPPC approval of the immediate treatment of the nonnative invasive weeds in the Nature Center Area until a final restoration plan is developed

2.2. CONSIDERATION OF A 2019-20 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORK PLAN

The Committee considered a draft 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways. The Work Plan, which is attached to the Staff report for this item in Attachment 1, lists the types of nonnative and invasive plants and trees targeted at each location and the proposed control methods that may be used over the year.

The Committee reviewed the list and potential treatment methods for each species identified. The Committee commented that this is not a work plan, but rather a draft list of potential species to be controlled. The Committee requested that Staff provide more details as to what areas and species will be addressed, and where, how, and when over the next year. This more detailed work plan will be reviewed by the Committee at its next meeting. This discussion will also include whether environmental review may be needed for some of these proposed activities.

Susan Mason, Woody Elliott, and Michael Stauffer spoke regarding this item.

Recommendation: None at this time, the Committee requested more information and continued this item to their next meeting.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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

Woody Elliott spoke From the Floor regarding the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: 6/19/19 NRC Agenda and Staff Reports



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE
(Grist (Chair), Haar and Smith-Peters)
Regular Meeting Agenda
June 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Chico Municipal Center Council Chamber Building
421 Main Street
Conference Room 2

Materials related to an item on this Agenda are available for public inspection in the Park Division Office at 965 Fir Street during normal business hours or online at <http://www.chico.ca.us/>.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. REGULAR AGENDA

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The Committee will consider a draft 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways. The Work Plan lists the types of nonnative and invasive plants and trees targeted at each location and the proposed control methods that may be used over the year.

Recommendation: The Committee is requested to review the proposed Work Plan and provide any suggestions or recommendations.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT

Unless otherwise noticed, adjourn to the next regular meeting on July 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2, Chico Municipal Center Council Chamber Building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.



Please contact the Park Division Office at (530) 896-7800 if you require an agenda in an alternative format, or if you need to request a disability-related modification or accommodation. If possible, this request should be received at least three (3) working days prior to the meeting.



BPPC Natural Resource Committee Report

Meeting Date 6/19/19

DATE: 6/14/19
TO: BPPC Natural Resource Committee (Commissioners Grist (Chair), Haar, and Smith-Peters)
FROM: Linda Herman, Parks and Natural Resources Manager
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF SURVEY OF THE VEGETATION IN THE NATURE CENTER AREA

REPORT IN BRIEF:

At its 5/20/19 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) approved the Natural Resource Committee's (NRC) recommendation to restore the Nature Center area in Lower Bidwell Park as a Valley Oak Woodland, and to conduct a baseline survey of the vegetation in the area prior to restoration efforts. The NRC will consider a survey performed by Dempsey Vegetation Management and recommended actions.

Recommendation: That the Committee recommend BPPC approval of the immediate treatment of the nonnative invasive weeds in the Nature Center Area until a restoration plan is developed.

BACKGROUND:

At its 5/15/19 meeting, the NRC continued its review of options to restore the cleared area near the Nature Center in Lower Bidwell Park. The Committee recommended that the area be restored as a Valley Oak Woodland demonstration site. The Committee also recommended that the area be surveyed to determine the types and locations of the different vegetation on site, which would be used for baseline comparisons to determine the success of restoration efforts.

DISCUSSION:

The Park Division currently has a contract with Dempsey Vegetation Management, who has vast experience and expertise in vegetation management and restoration. Jim Dempsey conducted a survey of the Nature Center area on 6/2/19 to identify both native and non-native species onsite and to provide observations and recommendations that could be used to determine when and how restoration should begin. A summary of the survey and observations is attached as Exhibit A.

During the survey, Mr. Dempsey determined that there are an abundant of nonnative weedy plants, such as Bladder Senna, that should be treated with herbicide or manually removed as soon as possible to prevent the spread of seeds in the area. He recommended this invasive weed abatement prior to any restoration efforts. Other items, such as sprouting stumps, could wait to be treated until the fall. Mr. Dempsey also noted that waiting a minimum of three complete growing seasons after an initial year of weed control and nonnative stump treatments will be needed for an effective and successful restoration project.

Mr. Dempsey also thought the area could provide an opportunity for an outdoor laboratory to teach school children and the public about nature, habitat restoration, and the benefits of species diversity.

Dempsey provided a GPS map of his survey travels but recommended that a detailed vegetation map be prepared as part of the comprehensive restoration plan development process. Staff is recommending that Dempsey Vegetation Management treat the area for invasive weeds now and draft a restoration plan for the Committee's and BPPC consideration. The area will be cordoned off and signed, and the Nature Center will be notified prior to the treatments.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: 6/2/19 Survey Summary

ITEM 2.1 EXHIBIT A
SURVEY OF VEGETATION IN THE NATURE CENTER AREA

(Conducted by Jim Dempsey Vegetation Management on 6/2/19)

VEGETATION TYPE	LOCATION AND OBSERVATIONS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
NON-NATIVE ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS		
Rubus armeniacus = Himalayan blackberry	Abundant more in open understory areas or clearing edge. Actively growing.	Recommend herbicide control asap while small or as long as actively growing to avoid collateral damage, outcompeting natives, and avoid buildup of thicket biomass later. Otherwise treat after fruiting is done in September until frost.
Vinca = periwinkle	Two patches — behind Nature Center Lab approximately 50'x20', and behind the Nature Center building patch is of similar size.	If herbicide control is desired this would be during active new growth starting late January - May, and can take a couple of years. Manual control would involve substantial root removal over similar period, releasing seed bank (weeds) from soil disturbance.
Silibum - milk thistle	Present, not currently abundant.	Should be eliminated ASAP before producing seed that would love to spread into the disturbed area.
Cirsium = bull thistle	Present, not currently abundant.	Should be eliminated ASAP before producing seed that would love to spread into the disturbed area.
Exotic weedy grasses (Bermuda, Italian ryegrass, squirrel tail etc.)	Present west side of Lab and between the Center and Lab	These seed sources could easily spread to the disturbed area, hence consider mowing short with a bagged lawnmower ASAP to collect and dispose of this season's seed production.
Exotic vetch	Could be an abundant colonizer in the disturbed area within 5 years if left alone,	Whether a priority for control depends on what is desired to accomplish and how, could compete with desired plantings.
Bur chervil (or similar various species)	This plant is a hassle for visitors, burrs in socks etc. A likely abundant colonizer in the disturbed area if left alone	Whether a priority for control depends on what is desired to accomplish and how, e.g. could compete with desired plantings.
Pigweed, dandelion, other common weeds	Potential abundant colonizers in the disturbed area if left alone	Candidates for control ASAP before spreading seed into the site.
Colutea = bladder senna	Potential abundant colonizers in the disturbed area if left alone	Should be manually removed with weed wrenches ASAP since this is starting to bloom and will set seed soon.
NON-NATIVE WOODY TREES AND SHRUBS		
Crataegus = Hawthorne	A proven invasive in lower park, abundantly resprouting from cut stems up to 8" diameter.	Suggest letting it resprout through summer, herbicide with foliar treatment in fall. A few standing saplings bearing fruit should all be removed.
Catalpa	Target of the tree removals; Most or all stumps are resprouting. A half dozen standing large trees near the Center along E 8th St,	Suggest letting them resprout through summer, herbicide in fall. May take a couple years to kill resprouting for such large stumps. Consider creating standing snag habitat with individuals along 8th street if not a fall hazard to the fence etc.
Pistache	A 9" dbh tree stands behind the Center amidst elderberries	This individual should be phased out as part of any actionable restoration.
Juglans = black walnut	Some sprouting from up to large stumps.	Suggest letting them resprout through summer, herbicide in fall. May take a couple years to kill resprouting for such large stumps.
Juglans x hindsii = northern Ca black walnut .	Not native to this part of the State, probably hybrid from ag root stock. Four 1 to 2 foot diameter standing individuals behind Lab	No urgency if considering conversion to snag habitat or removal.
Oliva = olive	Resprouting stumps	Suggest letting it resprout through summer, herbicide in fall.

ITEM 2.1 EXHIBIT A
SURVEY OF VEGETATION IN THE NATURE CENTER AREA

(Conducted by Jim Dempsey Vegetation Management on 6/2/19)

VEGETATION TYPE	LOCATION AND OBSERVATIONS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Celtis = hackberry	Resprouting Stumps. Significant seedlings present, especially near Cedar Grove Way entrance. Three mature trees (two 6" dbh, one 10" dbh) stand behind the Center.	Suggest letting it stumps resprout through summer, herbicide in fall. Seedlings could be manually removed with a weed wrench tool only after complete removal of Bladder Senna. Suggest phasing out mature trees as part of any restoration action.
Prunus = ornamental purple plum	A 10" dbh stump is resprouting along with multiple root sprouts, behind Center.	Suggest letting it resprout through summer, herbicide in fall.
NATIVE ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS		
Aristolochia calif = Calif pipevine	Abundant mostly in open understory, some along perimeter of clearing.	
Vitis = native grape	Abundant mostly in open understory, some along perimeter of clearing.	If active restoration is desired on this site, because of its vigor the grape could become a candidate for control to allow the full complement of restoration species to get established.
Juncus = rush	Present in open understory, doubt an indicator of wetland soils in this case	
NATIVE WOODY TREES AND SHRUBS		
Umbellularia = Ca bay	A number of cut stumps are vigorously resprouting on west side of clearing	No action.
Quercus lobata = Valley oak	Minority of cut stumps resprouting so far. Only noticed two first-year seedlings present, one in the open clearing.	No action.
Toxicodendron = poison oak	Abundant; dominant understory plant on south and west side.	No action.
Calocedrus = incense cedar	Not really native to the Valley floor, mature individuals were no doubt planted, and now we have seedlings volunteering nearby. Between the Nature Center and Lab there are a cluster of these crowding a large Valley oak	Suggest which individuals to keep for Nature interpretive purposes, but these are not in the natural character of lower Bidwell Park and otherwise should be removed in my opinion as they could become a gradual shade tolerant localized 'invasive'. Cedars near the Valley Oak should be removed at some point.
Fraxinus latifolia = Oregon ash	Good	No action.
Heteromeles arbutifolia = toyon	More a foothill than Valley species, probably here due to seed sources from nearby residential yards.	No action.
Quercus wislizenii = interior live oak	One mature tree and a couple of saplings between SW end of the area and road.	No action.
Sambucus = elderberry	Protected species	No action.
Solanum = nightshade	Need to ID species to determine if this is native or exotic.	Inviting looking berries are poisonous, possibly should be removed since it is near a Nature Center visited by swarms of children.



BPPC Natural Resource Committee Report

Meeting Date 6/19/19

DATE: 6/15/19
TO: BPPC Natural Resource Committee (Commissioners Grist (Chair), Haar, and Smith-Peters)
FROM: Linda Herman, Parks and Natural Resources Manager
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A 2019-20 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORK PLAN

REPORT IN BRIEF:

The Committee will consider a draft 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan for Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways. The Work Plan lists the types of nonnative and invasive plants and trees targeted at each location and the proposed control methods that may be used over the year.

Recommendation: The Committee is requested to review the proposed Work Plan and provide any suggestions or recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

At its 5/20/19 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) approved the Policy Advisory Committee's recommendation that Staff prepare an annual work plan outlining vegetation management activities and projects proposed each year. The BPPC directed the Natural Resource Committee to review and provide recommendations on the annual work plan.

DISCUSSION:

The Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (BPMMP) and accompanying Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) are guiding documents for vegetation management and maintenance in Bidwell Park, which includes the removal and control of invasive and nonnative species using various methods. The approved management plans for both Teichert Ponds and Comanche Creek Greenway also provide for control and removal of nonnative invasive vegetation. The Park Division has also followed the same goals and objective in these guiding documents for vegetation management in City greenways.

For many years, the Park Division has used staff, contractors, agency partners, and volunteers to control nonnative invasive vegetation through herbicide treatments, grazing, and mechanical or manual removal. Long-time dedicated volunteer Susan Mason has assisted the Park Division in identifying and locating problem vegetation on City properties and has been instrumental in reducing and eradicating invasive species throughout the City.

Attached as Exhibit A is a draft matrix prepared by Ms. Mason that identifies the types of invasive nonnative vegetation that have been found at various locations in Bidwell Park and other City-owned parks and greenways. The matrix also prioritizes targeted species based on the California Invasive Plant Council (CIPC) rankings and includes the control methods and time of year these methods are applied for each species.

The matrix is not yet complete for all species but provides the majority of information needed to outline a work plan for the next year. The plan is being presented before complete because time is of the essence for some of these species and control methods. Staff is recommending that the Committee review the draft 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan and provide any suggestions or recommendations.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Draft 2019-20 Vegetation Management Work Plan

DRAFT 2019-20 Vegetatuion Management Work Plan For City Properties

Invasive Plant Common Name	Priority	Method	When	Annie's Glen	BP Lower	BP Mid	BP Upper	Camellia Way	CCG	Bidwell Ave	Bidwell Bowl	Deer Pen	Lindo Channel	Lost Park	Little Chico Creek	Preser. Oak	Teichert Ponds	Verbena Fields
Almond		H M	3 1 2		x	x	x		x				x				x	x
Bamboo		M	1 2 3 4						x						x			
Barbed goatgrass	1	H M	1 2			x	x											
Black locust	3	H	3	x				x		x	x		x		x			
Black mustard	3	M	1 2		x				x				x					
Bladder senna	1	M H	1 2 4		x	x												
Bull thistle	1	M H	1 2						x			x						
Bur-chervil	3	M	1 2	x	x	x			x			x	x		x		x	x
Catalpa	2	H M		x	x	x			x	x			x		x			
Chinese pistache	2	H M	3		x				x	x			x		x			
Chinese tallowtree	1	H M	3		x				x				x		x		x	x
Concord grape		?							x									
Cork elm		H	3		x						x							
Creeping water primrose		H													x		x	
Curly dock	3	M	1 2	x	x				x			x						x
Elephant ears		?							x									
Eucalyptus		H			x							x						
European olive	2	H M	3		x	x	x		x						x		x	
Field bindweed		M H			x				x									x
Fig	2	H			x	x	x		x	x		x	x		x			
French broom	1	M	2		x	x			x									
Giant reed (<i>arundo</i>)	1	H M	3										x		x			
Hackberry	2	H	3		x	x	x		x				x		x			
Hawthorn	2	H	3		x	x												
Himalayan blackberry		H G M		x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x		x		x	x
Horehound	3	M							x			x						
Honey locust		H	3			x									x			
Italian thistle	1	M H	1		x	x	x		x			x						x
Ivy		M H		x	x	x			x	x			x		x			x
Japanese honeysuckle		H M			x				x						x		x	
Johnsongrass		M H		x					x			x						
Kalamathweed	3				x				x									
Lambsquarter	3	M	2 3						x									
Marestail	3	M	2 3						x									x
Medusahead		G			x	x	x		x									x

DRAFT 2019-20 Vegetatuion Management Work Plan For City Properties

Invasive Plant Common Name	Priority	Method	When	Annie's Glen	BP Lower	BP Mid	BP Upper	Camellia Way	CCG	Bidwell Ave	Bidwell Bowl	Deer Pen	Lindo Channel	Lost Park	Little Chico Creek	Preser. Oak	Teichert Ponds	Verbena Fields
Mexican fan palm	4	H													x		x	
Milkthistle	1	M H	1 2		x				x			x	x		x			
Mimosa		H	3		x												x	
Mulberry		H	3						x				x		x			
Mullein	3	M	1 2						x									
Oblong spurge	1	H				x							x					
Oleander	4	H							x									
Pampasgrass		H															x	
Photenia	3	M	1 2 3 4		x				x			x						
Pigweed	3	M	2 3						x									
Plum		H	3		x	x	x		x				x		x		x	
Poison hemlock	2	H M	1 2															
Pokeweed	2	M	1 2 3 4	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x		x			
Prickly lettuce		M	1 2		x				x			x	x		x			
Privet (any of 3 species)	2	M H	1 2 3 4		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x		x	x
Puncturevine	1	M H	2		x	x	x		x				x		x	x		x
Pyracantha	2	H M	1 2 3 4		x				x			x			x		x	
Russian thistle (tumbleweed)		M	1 2						x									
Silver maple	2	H	3	x	x			x		x				x	x			
Spanish broom	1	H	2			x	x						x					x
Stinkwort	1		2 3															
Thornless blackberry		H M			x										x			
Tree of heaven	1	H M	3		x	x			x	x	x		x		x		x	
Vinca	3	M H	1 2 3 4	x	x				x	x					x			x
Virginia creeper	2	M H			x										x			
Water oak		M H																
Yellow flag iris		?							x									
Yellow starthistle	1	G M H	1 2		x	x	x		x			x	x		x	x	x	x
M=Manual																		
H=Herbicide																		
G=Grazing																		
1=Spring																		
2=Summer																		
3=Fall																		
4=Winter																		



DATE: 6/19/19
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Parks Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Horseshoe Lake Algae Bloom– As with many bodies of water in California, a potentially hazardous algae bloom has formed in Horseshoe Lake in Upper Bidwell Park. Staff is working with the Central Valley Water Resources Control Board and Butte County Environmental Health to sample and test the algae for any harmful toxins. Press releases and warning signs are being used to alert the public to stay out and to keep animals out of the lake until the test results are finalized.
- b. Crooked House– The installation of the new Crooked House is moving along quickly, with the play apparatus being installed by the manufacturer this week. The complete project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the second week in July.
- c. Chico Conservation Corps Grant– Staff was notified by the local Shasta Cascade Conservation Corps that they were awarded the grant they applied for to provide Chico Conservation Corps members to work in Bidwell Park. The grant will provide 8,000 crew hours to help with vegetation maintenance over the course of a year.
- d. Goats – The heavy winter rains have caused an abundance of tall grasses and other vegetation to grow throughout California. Being such, it is taking longer for goats to clear an acre. Due to prior commitments in other areas, this has delayed the deployment of goats to Chico. We hope to see them in the next couple of weeks.

2. 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 open park restrooms. Maintenance and repair of park fixtures, daily opening of gates, posting reservations, unauthorized camp clean ups, and the constant removal of graffiti from all park infrastructure.

- a. Lower Park: The initial pool preparation for the season was delayed and will be completed as water levels allow.
- b. Middle/Upper Park: Staff teamed up with three different groups to support their volunteer efforts at Peregrine Point, Horse Shoe Lake, and Middle Trail, resulting in a positive effect for the park.
- c. Green way Parks: NA
- d. Upcoming projects: Grade and repair parking lots throughout the park, repair fire damaged Guardian trail bed under the Peregrine Point cliffs, install par course equipment in Lower Park.

3. Ranger and Lifeguard Programs

- a. Rangers– Rangers have had a busier than normal spring- end event season. With all the rain this year, many non-profits and fundraisers have pushed runs into June making the park busy with multiple activities throughout the day. Sworn Ranger Bradford is working full-swing in the Park Division now. Although moving to Code Enforcement, Ranger LeDonne will continue to assist Parks by working 2-3 days a week for the next month or so. Daniel Hiemstra will also be coming back to work two days a week until September as a seasonal hourly Ranger

b. Rangers continue to spend most of the time on encampment notifications and cleanups throughout greenways and parks. The volume of camps, property and trash continue to rise while resources to combat the issue remains challenging. Staff is hopeful that the summer addition of the Street Crimes Unit of the Chico Police Department will help in removing a criminal element in parks and greenways.

c. Significant Incidents- With the rise of park usage comes a proportional increase in 1st Responder events within the park. Last week a near drowning occurred at Bear Hole where a teenager was pinned down against the rocks in one of the chutes. The event is a stark reminder for swimmers to heed the swift water warning signs, to stay away from chutes and always have others around when swimming.

A second incident involving a bike rider fall at the 5 Mile Bridge brought medics out to assist and transport the rider for treatment of injuries.

d. Lifeguards The late season start for lifeguards is now in full swing 11 to 7 p.m. daily, except on Thursdays. Weekends bring out large afternoon crowds while weekday crowds are more subdued. To date, no incidents have been reported.

4. Outreach and Education

a. School Tour– Ranger Bradford led a Paradise Charter group on a hike in Middle Park around Hooker Oak and Five Mile. He shared a history of the area including the famed Hooker Oak Tree as well as animal inhabitants of the area and the flora and fauna of the creekside riparian area.

5. Volunteer and Donor Program

a. Trails Donation – Mountain Sports donated over \$4,200.00 toward trails rehabilitation through the sales of special edition Klean Kanteens.

b. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

i. Volunteer Calendar – To find out about upcoming volunteer events please [CLICK HERE](#) or visit http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/general_services_department/park_division/volunteer_calendar.asp

Table 1. Monthly Public and Private Permits

Monthly Public Permits - May				
Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
5/4/2019	City Plaza	Celebration of People	Parade & Community BBQ	500
05/04/19	One Mile	ARC of Butte County	Walk/Run	150
05/04/19	Cedar Grove Picnic/Meadow	Butte Environmental Council	40th Annual Endangered Species Fair	3,000
05/11/19	Cedar Grove Picnic	Huntington's Disease Society of America	Team Hope Walk 2019 Chico	50
05/11/19	One Mile/Lower Bid	Butte Humane Society	Bidwell Bark Fun Run and Festival	800
05/18/19	Council Ring	Chico Creek Nature Center	Firemaking Instruction	30
Totals				4,530

Table 2. Monthly Private Permits

Monthly Private Permits - April		
Type	# Permits	# Participants
Private	30	1498
Caper Acres	28	575
Totals	58	2073

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 3. Volunteer Hours

Parks and Greenway -PALS- (Partners, Ambassadors, Leaders & Stewards) Volunteer Activities, May 2019

Date	Location	Partner/Agency	Task	# of Volunteers	Hrs Worked	# of VoIs Xs Hrs = Total Hrs	Leader
various	Bidwell Park and Greenways	PALS	Parkwatch Ambassadors & Stewards	115	various	962	Chris Johnson
various	CCG	FCCG	restoration; planning	1	n/a	9	Emily Alma
various	CCG	FCCG	Gen. Cleanup	1	n/a	31	Liz Stewart
various	CCG	FCCG	planning; monitoring	2	n/a	8	Janet Ellner
5/2/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	1	3	3	Ashley Turner
5/3/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Shane Romain
5/8/2019	Lower Park	MC 2 Design	Veg. Mgmt	12	3	36	Shane Romain
5/7/2019	CCG	FCCG	restoration meeting	1	3	3	Emily Alma
5/8/2019	CCG	FCCG	Gen. Cleanup	5	3	15	Liz Stewart
5/10/2019	CCG	FCCG	restoration	1	1	1	Emily Alma
5/11/2019	Big Chico Creek	BEC	Gen. Cleanup	6	3	18	Angel Gomez
5/11/2019	Lindo Channel	CCV	Gen. Cleanup	5	3	15	Dan Bringolf
5/11/2019	Lower Park	United Health Care	Veg. Mgmt	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
5/11/2019	CCG	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	4	3	12	Michael Hicks
5/15/2019	CCG	FCCG	Gen. Cleanup	3	3	9	Liz Stewart
5/17/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	5	3	15	Michael Hicks
5/21/2019	CCG	FCCG	planning	2	2	4	Janet Ellner/Liz Stewart
5/22/2019	CCG	FCCG	Gen. Cleanup	2	3	6	Liz Stewart
5/23/2019	CCG	FCCG/PG&E	Gen. Cleanup	19	2	38	Janet Ellner
5/23/2019	Parks Office	FCCG	Planning/Meeting	3	2	6	Linda Herman
5/23/2019	CCG	FCCG	Gen. Cleanup	5	4	20	FCCG
5/24/2019	CCG	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	9	3	27	Michael Hicks
5/25/2019	Humboldt Rd	CCV	Gen. Cleanup	4	3	12	Dan Bringolf
5/25/2019	Upper Park	Chico Velo Trailworks	Trails	19	3	57	Thad Walker
5/25/2019	CCG	FCCG	restoration	4	3	12	Emily Alma
5/29/2019	CCG	FCCG	Gen. Cleanup	4	3	12	Liz Stewart
5/29/2019	Upper Park	Chico Velo Trailworks	Trails	9	3	27	Thad Walker
5/31/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	4	3	12	Michael Hicks
				TOTAL HRS		1412	

Table 4. Illegal Encampment Cleanups

Illegal Encampment Cleanups, May 2019									
Date	Location	Coop. Org.	# of Staff	# Workers/ Vols.	Total People	Hours Worked	People Xs Hours Total	Total Debris Yrds	# of Camps
5/3/2019	Lower Park	PALS	1	5	6	2	12	4	3
5/10/2019	Comanche Creek	PALS	1	4	5	3	15	5	2
5/11/2019	Lindo Channel	CCW	2	5	7	4	28	20	8
5/11/2019	Big Chico Creek	BEC	0	6	6	3	18	15	6
5/14/2019	Big Chico Creek (CARD)	ACS	1	9	10	0.25	8.5	2	3
5/14/2019	COCR	ACS	1	9	10	0.25	8.5	2	1
5/15/2019	COCR	FOCC	0	3	3	3	9	2	3
5/16/2019	Lindo Channel	ACS	5	9	14	2.5	35	20	12
5/16/2019	Little Chico Creek	ACS	4	9	13	1.5	19.5	9	9
5/14/2019	LCC-Windchime	ACS	1	9	10	0.5	5	3	6
5/17/2019	Lower Park	PALS	1	5	6	3	18	7	4
5/17/2019	Comanche Creek	FOCC	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
5/21/2019	Sycamore Slough	ACS	2	5	7	0.33	2.31	2	1
5/21/2019	Big Chico Cr-Annie's Glenn	ACS	0	6	6	0.25	1.5	1	2
5/22/2019	Little Chico Creek-Hazel	ACS	2	6	8	0.25	2	3	4
5/23/2019	Lindo Channel	ACS	1	5	6	0.75	4.5	4	2
							TOTAL HRS	TOTAL DEBRIS YRDS	TOTAL CAMPS
							189	101	68



DATE: 06/19/19
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager
SUBJECT: Street Trees Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. As we head into the hot Summer months Public Works is experiencing a seasonal increase in the number of downed and hanging limb service requests.

2. Planning/Monitoring

- a. Damage Reports – UFM completed one damage report for Risk Management. The claim related to fallen limbs and vehicle damage.

3. Planning and Building Development

- a. UFM reviewed two plan reviews. Comments included species selection options and PG&E utility easement maintenance options.
- b. UFM inspected two building developments for landscape: Findings included incomplete plantings / inadequate root barrier install/ deficient tree staking and guying / trees below caliper.
- c. UFM assisted with root pruning request at Chico Nissan sidewalk installation.
- d. UFM assisted PW Engineering with management of tree removal and trimming contract on SE trunk sewer capital works at Comanche creek.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Irrigation installation for native trees planted along Woodland avenue has begun. Work should be finalized within the next week.

5. Maintenance

- a. Removal of six dead Catalpa trees near Chico Nature Center was completed ahead of school Summer recess.
- b. Work was carried out to maintain emergency access in the open space behind residential properties Picholine. Broken limbs were removed by the emergency contractor.
- c. Landscape inspector initiated treatment of *Fabraea maculata* fungus of flowering pear trees on Humboldt road.

6. Outreach and Education

- a. UFM participated in a downtown tree walk in the City of Redding hosted by Shasta Environmental Alliance 6/8/19. Tree species selection and performance were discussed. Comparisons were made with City of Chico downtown area.
- b. UFM attended a webinar on Remediating Compacted Soils Compromised by Urban Construction.

7. Street Tree Supervisor Report

- a. The Street Tree Supervisors monthly summary data tables for May is included below:

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES






Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	Trend
Tree Crew Hours				
1. Safety	101	11.3%	126.3%	
2. Tree Work	526	59.0%	77.9%	
3. Special Projects	178	20.0%	613.8%	
4. Admin Time/Other	86	9.7%	134.4%	
Monthly Totals	891	100.0%	105.0%	

Table 1.

Item	Values	% Change from Last Month	Trend
5. Productivity			
Calls			
Call Outs	143	246.6%	□□□□□
Service Requests: Submitted	0	-	
Service Requests: Completed	103	286.1%	□□□□□
Sub Total	0	-	
Trees			
Planted: Trees	0	0.0%	□
Pruned	104	40.5%	□□□□□
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	#VALUE!	
Removed: Stumps	0	-	
Removed: Trees	4	200.0%	□□□□□
Sub Total	108	38.6%	□□□□□
Tree Permits (#)			
Submitted	3	7.3%	□□□□□
Approved	3	8.1%	□□□□□
Denied	0	-	
Total	6	7.7%	□□□□□
6. Contracts			
Expenditures (\$)	\$ 2,530	-	□□□

Table 2.

3. Upcoming Issues/Miscellaneous:

a. CalFire Urban and Community forestry grant:

Public Works has evaluated the proposals received for the CALFIRE grant funded Urban Forest Revitalization Project- RFP No. 2019-686-1. Municipal tree inventory, Software and GIS positioning. A final decision on a bid award has been made. Contract negotiations are in process.

b. BEC ReLeaf tree planting grant:

Meeting is scheduled with representatives from ReLeaf, CALFIRE and BEC to discuss progress and ongoing strategies for project implementation.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1 and 2. Summer limb breakage.



Figure 2