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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda

July 29, 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 6/24/19.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT FOR BUTTE COUNTY PRAYS WORSHIP/PRAYER EVENT IN CITY PLAZA (50 HOURS)

Derrick Sanderson, from Butte County Prays (Applicant), requests a permit to hold a 50-hour, multiple day worship/prayer event at City Plaza from October 17, 2019 to October 19, 2019. This event is part of a larger event called Awaken the Dawn/Tent America scheduled to be held in 1,000 cities across the nation.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICO AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT (CARD) TO LEASE THE CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER.

In October 2018, the Chico Creek Nature Center (CCNC) non-profit provided notice of its intent to dissolve. The City has worked with the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) to transfer operations of the Center to CARD through a new lease agreement. The BPPC will also consider discharging the CCNC from any further loan obligations for constructing the City's facility (**Report - Chris Constantin, Assistant City Manager**).

Recommendation: The City Manager requests the Bidwell Parks and Playground Commission consider recommending the following actions to the City Council:

1. **Execute New Lease-** Execute a Ground and Property Lease By and Between The City of Chico and the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD);
2. **Accept Old Lease Termination-** Accept Chico Creek Nature Center's lease termination request effective on the date of execution of a Ground and Property Lease with CARD;
3. **Discharge Loan Obligation-** Discharge the Chico Creek Nature Center of any further loan obligation upon execution of a new Ground and Property Lease with CARD and formal termination of rights with the CCNC; and
4. **Authorize Write Off-** Authorize the City to write off the loan balance receivable of \$169,800.

5.3. **CONSIDERATION OF A PUBLIC PARK SURVEY AND POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE**

At the 6/25/19 meeting, the BPPC approved Commissioner Glatz's request to agendaize discussion regarding a recent survey conducted by CARD that identified the public's concerns regarding local parks, and to discuss the urgent needs of Bidwell Park and other City parks. The Commission will review the survey and hear a presentation regarding a feasibility study of a potential sale-tax measure in 2020.

Recommendation: None this is an information item only.

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 agendaize these items for discussion at a future meeting. If agendaized, public comment will be taken at that meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted for these items.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **8/26/19 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.



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. This request should be received at least three working days prior to the meeting.

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
June 24, 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:

Garrett Liles
Scott Grist
Elaina McReynolds
Lise Smith Peters
Jeff Glatz

Commissioner not present:

Anna Moore and Aaron Haar

Staff Present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resources Manager), Erik Gustafson (Director)
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager), Angie Irmer (Administrative Assistant)

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

Commissioner Smith Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

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) was 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.

Tom Snyder Lando, representative from the Chico Noon Rotary Club, made a presentation regarding the proposed amphitheater in Cedar Grove Meadow. Tom Phelps, landscape architect, addressed the Commission on the same subject.

John Merz and Denver Latimer addressed the Commission

Commissioner Glatz made a motion to approve moving forward with the project with the additional condition that the Club look at alternative sites in Bidwell Park as well. Second by Commissioner Liles

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT TO HOLD A SHAKESPEARN 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.

Erin Hurst addressed the Commission regarding the application for the permit to hold a Shakespearean Performance in Cedar Grove Meadow.

Commissioner Glatz made a motion to approve the Permit. Second by Commissioner Grist

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

5.2 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:

5.2.1 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.

Commissioner Grist made a motion to approve the immediate treatment of the nonnative invasive weeds in the Nature Center area performed by Dempsey Vegetation Management and recommended actions for this area. Seconded by Commissioner Smith Peters.

Motion approved 5-2-0 as follows:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Haar

NOES: None

John Merz addressed the Commission

5.2.2 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 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

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No Business from the Floor

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- 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.

Motion to agendize discussion regarding urgent needs in City Parks and the public survey conducted by the Chico Area Recreation District. Seconded by Commissioner Liles.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:15 pm 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.

Date Approved: / / .

Prepared By:

Angie Irmer, Administrative Assistant

Date



BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date 7/29/19

DATE: 7/18/20/19
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
 FROM: Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager
 SUBJECT: PERMIT FOR BUTTE COUNTY PRAYS WORSHIP/PRAYER EVENT IN CITY PLAZA (50 HOURS)

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Derrick Sanderson, from Butte County Prays (Applicant), requested a permit (Exhibit A) to hold a 50-hour, multiple day worship/prayer event at City Plaza from October 17, 2019 to October 19, 2019. This event is part of a larger event called Awaken the Dawn/Tent America scheduled to be held in 1,000 cities across the nation. Information regarding this event is attached as Exhibit B. The Applicant requested the use of the Plaza all day on Saturday, however there is another event scheduled from 7am to 1 pm on that day. As an alternative, the Applicant requested the use of the area at the top of the stairs of the Chico Council Chamber Building from 6 am to 2 pm while the other event is held, and to resume their event in the Plaza from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The City Manager has approved the use of this alternate location during this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Conditional approval.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date of Application	06/05/19
Date of Event	10/17/19 to 10/19/19
Time of Event	04:00 p.m. on 10/17/19 to 6:00 p.m. on 10/19/19
Event Name	Butte County Prays Worship/Prayer Tent
Applicant Name	Derrick Sanderson
Location	City Plaza
Description	Host a worship/prayer event in City Plaza to correspond with a National Movement called Awaken the Dawn/Tent America. The hope is to have 50 straight hours of prayer opportunities. In-Lieu of a tent, the Applicant plans to use the stage as the worship area, and members of the group will be present the entire length of the event. A small band may play periodically using 15-amp power and a small pop-up tent for shade. Applicant is also requesting the Plaza restrooms, including the Event restrooms, to remain open overnight and during the entire event.
New Event?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. Years?
# Participants	150-200 total people are anticipated during the 50-hour event
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Exceeds 10 hours in length or is for multiple days. Requires use of facility during facility closing hours

CONDITIONS: Staff recommends the following conditions for the Applicant:

- Adhere to all park rules.
- Applicant is to supply all extension cords, sound equipment, and “tripping” prevention devices over power cords crossing any pathway.
- Band and amplified sound shall cease at 10:00 p.m. each night.
- Bag and transport out excess trash by 6 am on Saturday 10/19/19 prior to the other reservation.
- Providing private security services during the night time hours for the group’s and public safety is encouraged.
- Applicant shall conduct a final inspection of the venue and remove any associated trash after the entire event.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Application and Permit for Park Use
 Exhibit B: Awaken the Dawn/Tent America Information

Distribution: Derrick Sanderson



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 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:

Derrick Sanderson
Name of Applicant/Contact Person
(needed)

Butte County Prays
Organization Name (if applicable)

Worship/Prayer Tent (50 hours)
Description of Event: (family BBQ, walk/run, describe below if

10/17/19-10/19/19
Day and Date of Event:

From: TBD(depends on permit) To: TBD(depends on permit)
Total Time Needed for Set-up, Event, and Clean-up

From: 10/17/19 To: 10/19/19 150-200
4 PM Time of Event Only 6 PM Number of people

E-mail address: [REDACTED]

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

AREA REQUESTED: (Please check if requested)

- Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
 - Electricity (15 amp)
- Note: Special conditions apply for amplified sound (12R.08.263 CMC)
- Cedar Grove Picnic Area
 - Electricity (15 amp)
 - 100 amp Electrical Service tables, restroom area (circle)
- Meadow
 - 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): _____
- Other (specify) (public events only): 421 Main 6am-2pm
- Early Entrance Needed (public events only) Yes No

Additional Description of the Event: We are wanting to host a tent of worship and prayer in City Plaza to correspond with a National Movement called

Awaken the Dawn/Tent America, our hope is to have 50 straight hours

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 \$ 30.00 (\$11.00 minimum, please call for quote)
- Insurance Fee \$ 40.00 (\$40.00 to process outside insurance)
- Vendor Fee # 0 \$ 0 (\$6.00 per vendor)
- Damage Deposit \$ 100.00 (\$100.00 refundable)
- Early Entrance Fee \$ 32.50 (\$32.50/hr. public events only)
- Additional Park Use Fees \$ _____ (see fee schedule)

Additional fees for City Plaza use:

Event Restrooms 2 x (\$95.00) = \$ 190.00
#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: \$ 411.50

Convenience Fee: \$ 11.32

Total Fee Required: \$ 422.82

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. 14449 Payment Method: CC 2858 Date: 6/5/19 Received By: AMJ

Office	Permit File (original)	Park Ranger 1	Senior Park Ranger	Applicant	BPPC	Cleaning Service
Distribution:	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 Butte County Pray'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: 10/31/19

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] Signature of Applicant X 6-5-19 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? <u>First Year in Chico</u>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Is there a patron admission, entry, or participant fee(s) required for your event?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will there be amplified sound/music at event? (Please see 'Conditions For Park Use') Specify type (microphone, band, radio, PA system etc): <u>Microphone, small band</u>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
When will amplified sound/music be heard? Time from: _____ until: _____ amps needed (15 or 100) <u>100</u> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will there be early entrance into the Park for setup? If "yes" when will monitors be at their position(s)? Time from: <u>depends on permit</u> until: <u>depends on permit</u> Note: Gate Monitors are required at the entrances and exits for early Park entrance. An additional fee may be charged for early entrance	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Will event require over night camping for security purposes? (authorized for a maximum of two people, 12R.04.340 CMC) If "yes" how many security personnel will be required?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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
Will your event include the use of any signs, banners or decorations? (Please see 'Conditions For Park Use') If yes, please describe type and location: <u>possible banner on stage/tent area</u> Note: All signs and banners shall be free standing and not affixed to Park property.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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. Note: Please request a water coupler key for City Plaza, Children's Playground, and Cedar Grove.	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you request irrigation to be turned off before and during your event?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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OCTOBER 17-19

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A Message From Dick Eastman



Butte County Prays is a part of the America Prays network. We are an inter-denominational, multi-ethnic, Jesus-centered prayer movement covering Butte County, CA in 24/7 prayer.

America is in desperate need of revival and spiritual awakening. Our only hope is prayer. Unified prayer in the upper room preceded the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:14). Will you join us in prayer? Will you stand in the gap for your community?



OUR VISION

Our vision is to unite and equip churches in Butte County, California in 24/7 prayer for transformation and spiritual awakening.



THE CALL

Our call is to devote ourselves to prayer for our communities and nation. The Early Church's devotion to prayer brought them to a place of unity and common purpose. Acts 1:14, "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer."



THE IDEA

Every church in America regardless of their size, location, annual budget, worship style or theology can adopt a day or half day of prayer every month. A monthly day of prayer is not the end game, but it is a simple on-ramp that helps churches develop a culture of prayer.

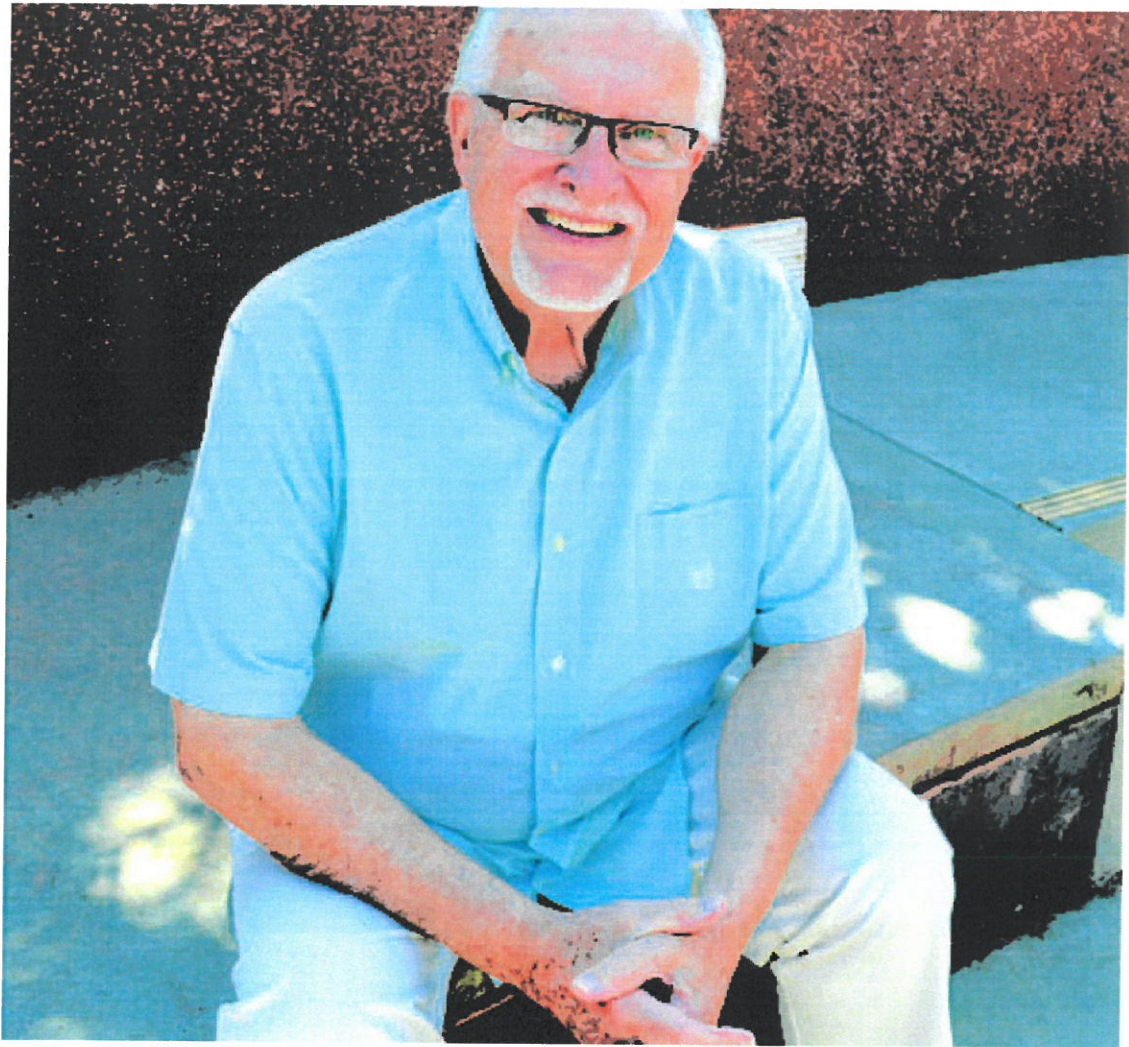


COMMITMENT

Churches commit to adopt a monthly day of prayer or half day of prayer and cover those 12 to 24 hours in prayer. Recruit people to pray in 30-60 minute segments from home, work, school or at church. Churches pray the same day of the month (1st, 8th) or day of the week (3rd Wed).

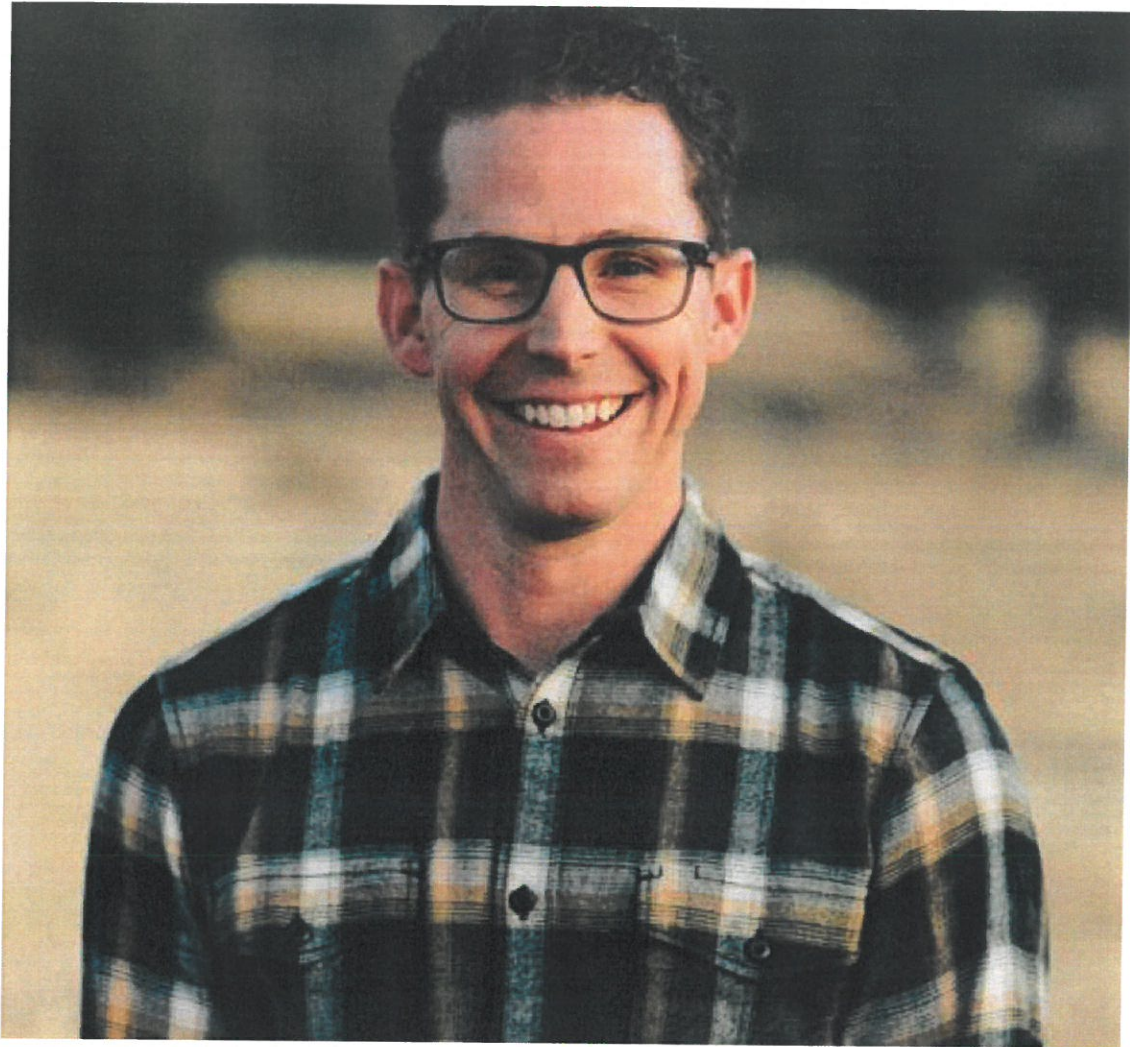
Our Team













Calendar

< June 2019 >

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Life Church (Chico)	3	4	5 Grace Church (Chico)	6	7	8

Angela Irmer

From: Derrick Sanderson <derrick@buttecountyprays.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Angela Irmer
Subject: Info on Application

Angela-

Please forgive me for the late email. My day took a sudden left turn and had to "put some fires out".

Here are some websites:

www.buttecountyprays.org

This website speaks to our vision and expression for Butte County. We are part of a larger network of groups across America

<http://www.awakenthedawn.org/tent-america-2019/>

This is specific to this year's gathering

<http://www.awakenthedawn.org/mission-vision/>

This is specific to the vision/mission of Awaken The Dawn

Although we are connected with and a part of Awaken the Dawn nationally, the expression is expressly local. We as Butte County Prays have connections and relationship with Pastors across our county. Our heart and vision are to create unity among faith leaders in our city and region as well as serve and love. We believe that when selfless love is expressed it impacts lives.

Our hope is that this would become an annual event for the Faith Community to gather around and that it would ultimately positively impact our city and region.

Thank you!

Please let me know that you got the email





Bidwell Park and Playground Commission

Meeting Date: 7/29/2019

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Mark Orme, City Manager

RE: Review, Consideration, and Recommendation of New Lease Agreement with the Chico Area Recreation District

REPORT IN BRIEF:

In October 2018, the Chico Creek Nature Center (CCNC) non-profit provided notice of its intent to dissolve. Since October, the City has worked with the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) to transfer operations to CARD through a new lease agreement. The City and CARD will be executing a new lease agreement, and the CCNC non-profit will be terminating their lease at the same time. City staff also are recommending discharging the CCNC from any further loan obligations for constructing the City's facility and to write off the outstanding loan balance from the City's account receivables.

Recommendation: The City Manager requests the Bidwell Parks and Playground Commission consider recommending the following actions to the City Council:

- 1) **Execute New Lease** – Execute a Ground and Property Lease By and Between The City of Chico and the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD);
- 2) **Accept Old Lease Termination** – Accept Chico Creek Nature Center's lease termination request effective on the date of execution of a Ground and Property Lease with CARD;
- 3) **Discharge Loan Obligation** – Discharge the Chico Creek Nature Center of any further loan obligation upon execution of a new Ground and Property Lease with CARD and formal termination of rights with the CCNC; and
- 4) **Authorize Write Off** – Authorize the City to write off the loan balance receivable of \$169,800.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The new lease agreement would result in quarterly payments of \$500 for a total revenue to the City of \$2,000. CARD would take responsibility for all internal and external capital needs of the leased property except for the City providing road base material at no cost for the adjoining parking lot. The actions related to the loan would eliminate a General Fund receivable of \$169,800.

BACKGROUND:

The Chico Creek Nature Center (CCNC) leases property, including two City owned buildings, in Bidwell Park along East Eighth Street between Cedar Grove Picnic Area and the Deer Pen. As consideration for such use, and in lieu of the payment of rent, the CCNC operates a nature museum and conducts educational classes and programs on nature and the environment for the benefit of the public. The original lease was executed July 1, 1996, amended on July 21, 2005, and terminates December 31, 2027.

CCNC and City Execute Loan Agreement

One of the City owned buildings, the administration building, was destroyed by an arson fire in April 1998. By City Council motion on November 10, 2005, the City Council approved a request from the CCNC for a loan in the amount of \$185,000, bearing an interest rate of 5.24 percent per annum, to cover the balance of increased construction costs for the new exhibit and classroom facilities (Project) within the new building that were not covered by grant funds, insurance proceeds, or existing donations. It was the intention of the CCNC to conduct fundraising activities to generate funds to make the loan payments and, in the event fundraising activities failed to generate sufficient funds, the CCNC had agreed to use interest generated from its Paradise Community Foundation endowment (endowment subsequently moved to the North Valley Community Foundation) as security for the loan to make the loan payments. Upon completion of construction, the first loan payment was made July 15, 2008. It should be noted that the City retains ownership of any improvement, including the facilities built by the loan, grant and fundraising.

After making four quarterly payments, the CCNC requested a deferral of loan payments for three years due to unanticipated costs associated with the completion of the new facility which required the CCNC to shift operating funds to capital expenses and to use the interest generated from its endowment for operating expenses, making the endowment funds that had been identified as security for the loan unavailable. The City's Finance Committee recommended deferral of the loan payments that were due July 15, 2009 through April 15, 2010, with associated penalties, and the deferral of the loan payments due July 15, 2010 through April 15, 2011, without penalty, but recommended that deferral of the third year of payments be considered following staff analysis of a business plan to be submitted by the CCNC. Subsequently Council authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement subject to these conditions.

The Finance Committee recommended the third year of deferred loan payments (July 15, 2011 through April 15, 2012), without penalty, based on staff review of the CCNC's business plan which showed they were making progress toward financial stability and could potentially be in a position to resume quarterly loan payments in fiscal year 2012-13. Council approved the recommendation at which time Council suggested staff review the loan's interest rate relative to the City's actual rate of return on investment and that Council consider a future discussion regarding forgiveness of the loan. Council authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the agreement subject to these conditions.

In 2012 the Finance Committee considered the CCNC's request for an additional three years of deferred loan payments (July 15, 2012 through April 15, 2015). In addition, as requested by Council, staff reviewed the City's actual rate of return on investment and recommended that the interest rate be adjusted from 5.24 percent per annum to 1.80 percent per annum to more accurately reflect the City's actual rate of return on investment. The Finance Committee recommended to Council that only a two-year deferral be granted, through April 15, 2014, and that the interest rate be adjusted to 1.80 percent per annum retroactive to the payment due July 15, 2009. Council authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 to the agreement subject to these conditions.

By letter dated April 2, 2014, the CCNC requested an additional two-year deferral of loan payments, from July 15, 2014 through April 15, 2016. When the Finance Committee considered this request, the Finance Committee was split on the potential action with one option being forgiving the loan and the other being not to forgive the loan. The request was forwarded to the City Council without a Committee recommendation.

Loan Payment Difficulties Persist

At its May 20, 2014 meeting, Council authorized staff to prepare Amendment No. 4 to the agreement that would: (1) reset the accumulated interest and penalties owed for the period beginning July 15, 2009 through April 15, 2014, to zero (\$0) so that only the current principal balance of \$181,026.95 was owed; (2) adjust the interest rate from 1.80 percent per annum to 3.42 percent per annum from July 15, 2014 forward; and (3) establish interest only payments for one year beginning with the payment due July 15, 2014. Staff prepared Amendment No. 4; however, the CCNC did not agree with these terms and did not sign the amendment.

In March 2015, to minimize the impact on the City on a potential future liability, the City Council approved the use of one-time, General Fund, carry over funds from 2013-14 to move the debt obligation from Fund 347 - Zone I Neighborhood Parks Fund to the General Fund. This still resulted in an accounts receivable; however, if the City ever forgave the loan, the City would not have to identify funds to cover the loan obligation in the neighborhood parks fund.

New Lease and Loan Arrangement Resolve Loan Default

The City began meeting with the CCNC to attempt to resolve the loan default by negotiating a new lease and loan agreement. The City met through the summer and fall to finalize a draft agreement for the City Council and Bidwell Park and Playground Commissions' consideration. Further, the City also drafted an amendment to the loan agreement to align with the new lease agreement.

On December 15, 2015, the City Council approved a new lease agreement and loan amendment with the Chico Creek Nature Center. The new lease agreement established an increasing lease payment that would be applied to the loan. The loan agreement amendment #4 revised the principal loan amount to be \$181,026.95, thereby eliminating any interest accruals to date, and set the interest rate to zero (0) percent until June 30, 2020. After June 30, 2020, the interest rate would return to the original loan rate of 5.24 percent. The lease and loan changes were intended to lessen the burden for the Chico Creek Nature Center to make progress towards payment of the loan.

After execution of the new lease and loan amendment, the Chico Creek Nature Center executed an Operating Agreement with the Chico Area Recreation District to assume responsibilities over the facility and its operations. The City has been receiving steady quarterly lease payments and applying the payments to the loan principal. As of today, the Chico Creek Nature Center is compliant with all loan and lease requirements.

CCNC Desires to Dissolve

In a letter dated October 24, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Chico Creek Nature Center informed the City of their intention to dissolve the non-profit corporation. City staff have been working with the Chico Creek Nature Center and CARD to transition operations and lease interest formally over to CARD. The actions requested in this report would authorize the City Manager to execute a new lease agreement with CARD for the Nature Center. Additionally, staff recommend discharge and write off the loan and debt payments from the Chico Creek Nature Center organization. In a letter dated July 8, 2019, the Chico Creek Nature Center specified a requested acceptance for termination on or after August 6, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

The City, CARD and Chico Creek Nature Center (CCNC) agree that there is interest in preserving the services offered at the Nature Center location, as it provides broad benefits to the community and is an information center for Bidwell Park. It is also intended that the City and CARD will partner to expand cultural and programmatic opportunities at the Nature Center location by continuing to seek grants to create a Maidu village which should draw more use of that area of the park as well as to increase services being provided. CARD desires to continue operating the Chico Creek Nature Center, while the formal CCNC non-profit would dissolve. From the public's perspective, no change is anticipated in the transition from the CCNC organization to CARD.

Other alternatives are limited given restrictions on the property

In evaluating the leased property and any alternate use, the value of the land must be a consideration. According to a local commercial real estate broker, the value of any property is based on its commercial and revenue generation ability.

As a property restricted by being part of Bidwell Park, there are limited commercial options for the property. Viable options may include other non-profit or service entities, as well as private service providers. It was estimated at the time of the 2015 lease agreement negotiations that the property's rental capacity may be about \$1,000 to \$1,500 per month.

Currently, the CCNC is a presence in a city building that would otherwise not have an immediate tenant. This has resulted in the CCNC covering utility expenses as well as conducting basic maintenance of the facilities. Additionally, the City received a Proposition 40 state grant of \$200,000 to assist in the construction costs of the facilities which came with a 20-year restriction. The restriction requires the City to continue to operate a public type museum until May 2024. With this added restriction, the property's rental capacity is further reduced. In all, there are no other viable options at this time. CARD's continued operations are believed by City staff to be in the best interest of the public.

CARD become Lessee and Operator

CARD has a history of successful operations of City facilities including being the lessee and operator of several City parks. The positive relationship between the CARD and the City results in the City providing City property to CARD and CARD adding value by providing services and maintaining the City's facility. It is a win-win for Chico residents. Under the proposed lease agreement, CARD would move from operator to lessee who will operate the City facility. CARD would continue to operate the facility in compliance with Proposition 40 for the term of the grant and will fully maintain the internal and exterior of the City facilities.

The North Valley Community Foundation which holds the permanent endowment whose interest was provided to the Chico Creek Nature Center, will cease its annual payments to the CCNC organization upon its dissolution and will have to determine another entity to award the interest payments that is closest to the original wishes of the endowment's contributor. It is anticipated that CARD would be the entity closest to such wishes, and as such, the North Valley Community Foundation may continue its annual interest distribution to CARD as it continues to operate the CCNC.

CARD agrees to continue making a quarterly payment to the City which would ensure any costs associated with overseeing and assisting in the City facility would be covered. Additionally, CARD and the City will continue to partner in both this and other facilities to maximize the services provided to Chico residents.

The following exhibit highlights the key provisions of the lease agreement:

Exhibit 1 Key Terms of Lease Agreement

Term	Lease Agreement Terms
Lease Termination	CARD or City may terminate the agreement with 120 days written notice;
Term	10 Years from final agreement execution. Lease shall convert to month-to-month upon lease end;
Lease Payments	\$500 paid quarterly;
Use of Premises	CARD will use facility for the purpose of operating a nature museum and to conduct educational classes and programs on nature and the environment as well as other recreation activities; CARD will ensure compliance with Proposition 40 grant.
Financial and Operational Reporting	CARD will provide the City with financial and operational reports that demonstrate the impact CARD's programs and services have on Chico residents and such reports will take the form mutually agreed by CARD and the City. Annual reporting will be from July 1 through June 30 th ;
Maintenance	Similar to previous lease; however, the City will provide road base material only at no charge as requested by CARD to allow CARD to make parking lot repairs;
Subleasing	CARD may sublease for a purpose consistent with the Agreement. City must approve any sublease and any sublease must comply with the overall lease agreement;

This item will be before the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission on July 29, 2019 and heard at the City Council on August 6, 2019.

Discharge of Outstanding Loan Balance

The City and Chico Creek Nature Center non-profit entered into the latest loan agreement on May 11, 2006 to provide gap financing for the difference between grant funds and private donations to rebuild the nature center facility.

For a variety of reasons over time, the CCNC has had difficulty being able to make payments and required multiple years of deferrals. Only since the new Lease Agreement did the CCNC make continuous progress towards reducing the loan balance. The quarterly payments paid through the lease agreement were to be applied to the loan balance, but the amounts paid, would still require many more years than originally contemplated in the original loan agreement. Now, with notification of the CCNC's desire to terminate the non-profit's operations, the loan does not appear to be viable.

The Loan Agreement acknowledges that the City's land and buildings benefit from this loan. According to Section V of the Loan Agreement, *"Inasmuch as the Project and the land upon which the Project will be constructed are owned by the City, this Loan is granted without security."* Since construction, the CCNC has provided continuous service and benefit to the Chico community through the City's facilities. The transfer of responsibility from CCNC to CARD will continue this benefit. However, with the termination of the CCNC non-profit, the outstanding issue of the loan obligation must be addressed.

In evaluating the CCNC arrangement starting in 2013-14, City staff believe the use of a loan to a non-profit for the building of a City facility and the continued obligation for the non-profit to pay for a loan which benefit's the City is not a consistent practice with other City leases. In most cases, the City leases space, building or land for no, low or subsidized rates to non-profits which provide some type of beneficial service to the Chico public that the City would have to provide, or for which would not occur otherwise. Originally, it appears that the loan was intended to ensure the proper construction of the City's facility and to ensure there was a stop gap should grant and fundraising efforts not achieve the targeted resources necessary to complete the project. If the City desired to provide such nature services, it would

have been better to have the City fund the part of construction which would complete the project since the building was ultimately fully owned by the City and the services provided by the CCNC were for the benefit of the general Chico public.

The dissolution of the CCNC non-profit would render the outstanding loan as uncollectable as it's both unsecured and the applicable agency would no longer exist. As the endowment is permanently restricted and in the custody of the North Valley Community Foundation, it is not an asset of the CCNC to be considered in any action related to the loan.

City staff believe that the best approach is to thank the CCNC for the many years of wonderful service to the Chico community, allow CARD to step in to continue operations, and to discharge the loan and write off any existing balance owed to the General Fund.

CONCLUSION:

City staff believe the transfer of responsibility from the CCNC to CARD is a positive approach and consistent with a desire to partner with CARD on providing robust public recreation services. City staff also believe discharging the loan is in the public interest whose debt has been best served by the more than 12 years of service by the Chico Creek Nature Center non-profit since the loan was executed. The City Manager recommends approval for a lease agreement with CARD, accepting the termination of the existing CCNC lease, discharging the CCNC non-profit from any further obligations, and writing off the remaining loan balance from City receivables.

Prepared by:



Chris Constantin,
Assistant City Manager

Recommended and Approved by:



Mark Orme,
City Manager

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TO: Commissioners

FROM: Mark Orme, City Manager

RE: Information Report on Status of Cities Revenue Measure and Survey

REPORT IN BRIEF:

The City of Chico is preparing a statistical survey to gauge Chico residents’ desire to provide additional revenue to the City to maintain and improve City services and capital infrastructure. As such, the City contracted with EMC Research to create and administer the survey, and upon completion of the survey results analysis, EMC Research intends to provide the City Council with a presentation. This presentation is intended to update the Commission as requested.

Recommendation: None. Item is information only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The City of Chico is proceeding with a voter survey to gauge the public’s desire to provide additional sales tax revenue. The BPPC requested more information regarding the status of the City’s effort. This information report will include a short PowerPoint slide presentation (**Attachment A**) and includes, for background, the City Council’s November 2018 staff report and attachments providing details about City needs, differing revenue measures and bonding options available (**Attachment B**).

The City Council ultimately authorized proceeding with a survey regarding a 1 cent sales tax measure, and the City contracted EMC Research to conduct the survey.

Prepared by:

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Recommended and Approved by:

Mark Orme,
City Manager

Attachments

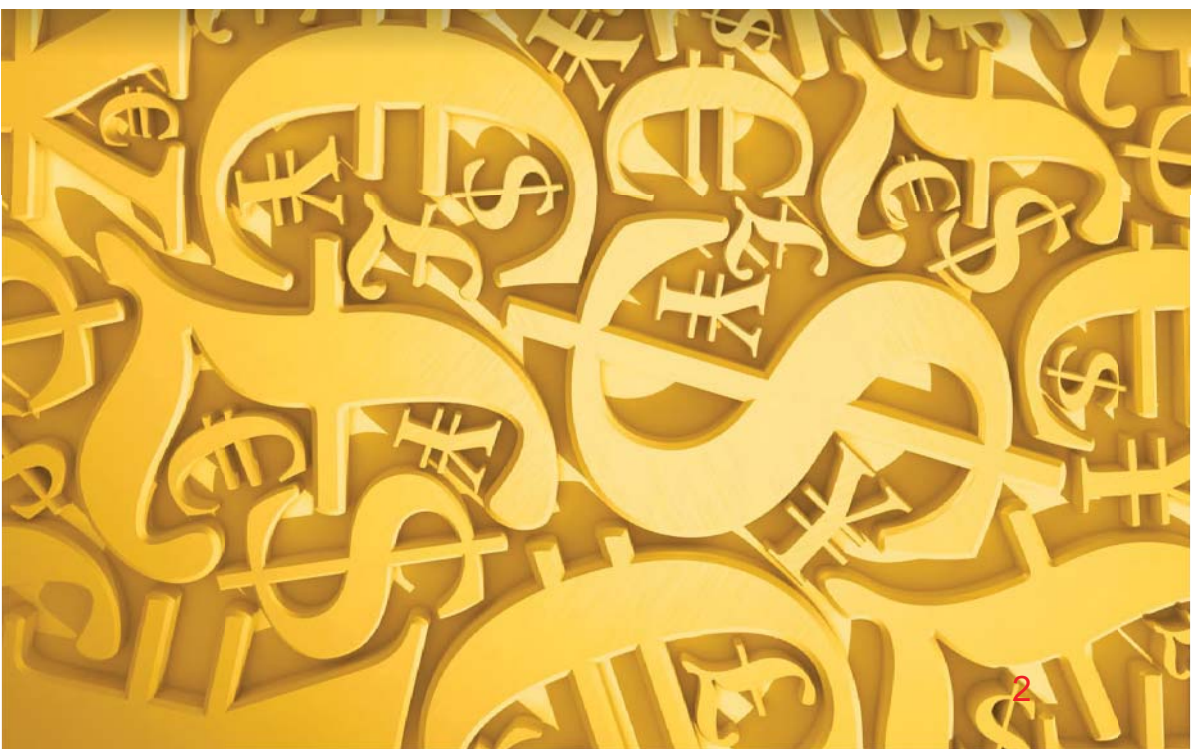
Attachment A Brief PowerPoint Slide Presentation

Attachment B City Council Staff Report and Attachments from November 20, 2018

ATTACHMENT A

Revenue Measure Consideration

City of Chico, California



Increasing Resources

• Sales Tax

- General - can fund any expense eligible for General Fund resources. Requires majority public vote to implement.
- Special - must provide the types of expenditures to be funded and funds are restricted for that purpose. Requires 2/3 public vote to implement.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cent = \$4.5 million, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent = \$ 9 million
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cent = \$ 13.5 million, 1 cent = \$ 18 million
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cent = \$22.5 million, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent = \$27 million

• General Obligation Bond

- Restricted – for capital related expenditures. Requires 2/3 public vote to implement.
- With an estimated 27,719 identified parcels, a per property tax of about \$36 would be necessary to generate \$1 million.



Increasing Resources

- **Parcel Tax**

- Restricted for a specific purpose(s). Requires 2/3 public vote to implement.
- With an estimated 27,719 identified parcels, a per property tax of about \$36 would be necessary to generate \$1 million.

- **Utility Users Tax**

- Unrestricted. Requires a majority public vote to implement.
- A 1% increase would generate about \$1.3 million.

- **Franchise Fees**

- Unrestricted. Further, garbage franchises are locked for a period of 12 years and may not be an option to increase without garbage hauler concurrence.
- A 1% increase would generate about \$700,000.

Increasing Resources

		Sensitivity Range @ 95%			Bonded Debt for Capital					
Sales Tax Amount	Estimated Tax Amount (HDL)	Est. Worse Case Year	Est Best Case Year	At 50%	At 60%	At 70%	At 80%	Remaining Revenue for Other Ongoing Uses		
1 1/2 cent	\$ 27,000,000	\$ 19,186,997	\$ 31,788,504	\$ 9,593,499	\$ 11,512,198	\$ 13,430,898	\$ 15,349,598			
1 1/4 cent	\$ 22,500,000	\$ 15,989,165	\$ 26,490,420	\$ 7,994,582	\$ 9,593,499	\$ 11,192,415	\$ 12,791,332			
1 cent	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 12,791,332	\$ 21,192,336	\$ 6,395,666	\$ 7,674,799	\$ 8,953,932	\$ 10,233,065			
3/4 cent	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 9,593,499	\$ 15,894,252	\$ 4,796,749	\$ 5,756,099	\$ 6,715,449	\$ 7,674,799			
1/2 cent	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 6,395,666	\$ 10,596,168	\$ 3,197,833	\$ 3,837,399	\$ 4,476,966	\$ 5,116,533			
1/4 cent	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 3,197,833	\$ 5,298,084	\$ 1,598,916	\$ 1,918,700	\$ 2,238,483	\$ 2,558,266			
Sales Tax Amount	Estimated Annual per Capita Cost	Sales Tax Amount		50%	40%	30%	20%			
1 1/2 cent	\$293	1 1/2 cent	\$ 17,406,501	\$ 15,487,802	\$ 13,569,102	\$ 11,650,402				
1 1/4 cent	\$244	1 1/4 cent	\$ 7,994,582	\$ 6,395,666	\$ 4,796,749	\$ 3,197,833				
1 cent	\$195	1 cent	\$ 6,395,666	\$ 5,116,533	\$ 3,837,399	\$ 2,558,266				
3/4 cent	\$146	3/4 cent	\$ 4,796,749	\$ 3,837,399	\$ 2,878,050	\$ 1,918,700				
1/2 cent	\$98	1/2 cent	\$ 3,197,833	\$ 2,558,266	\$ 1,918,700	\$ 1,279,133				
1/4 cent	\$49	1/4 cent	\$ 1,598,916	\$ 1,279,133	\$ 959,350	\$ 639,567				



Next Steps

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- City engage a voter survey consultant
- Council authorized a public survey on 1% sales tax increase
 - Survey estimated September/October 2019
- Council to receive, discuss, and provide direction on survey results
 - November 2019 – January 2020
- Council action to place item on ballot deadline
 - June – July 2020
 - Election: November 2020
- Estimated Tax Collection: January 2021



Hybrid Email-to-Web/Telephone Survey of Chico Area Recreation & Park District Voters

*Executive Summary of Results
May 2019*

Methodology



- ▶ Hybrid email-to-web/telephone survey of Chico Area Recreation & Park District likely voters
- ▶ Voters were contacted for phone interviews via landline and cell phone, and for online interviews via email invitation
- ▶ Survey conducted April 4 – 9, 2019
- ▶ 405 interviews; overall margin of error ± 4.9 percentage points
 - Web – 205 interviews
 - Phone – 200 interviews
- ▶ Where applicable, results compared with the following:

Dates	Number of Interviews	Margin of Error	Methodology	Population
March 1 – 5, 2017	400	± 4.9 percentage points	Telephone Only	Registered Voters

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

Key Findings

- ▶ A majority of voters are now pessimistic about the direction of the Chico area.
- ▶ Homelessness, public safety and housing are among the community's top priorities.
- ▶ Initial support for a parcel tax for local parks and recreation is near the two-thirds threshold needed to pass. Support for a bond measure is lower.
- ▶ Reducing crime and homelessness in parks, providing clean, safe parks and recreational programs, and upgrading park safety features would be important components of a parcel tax measure.

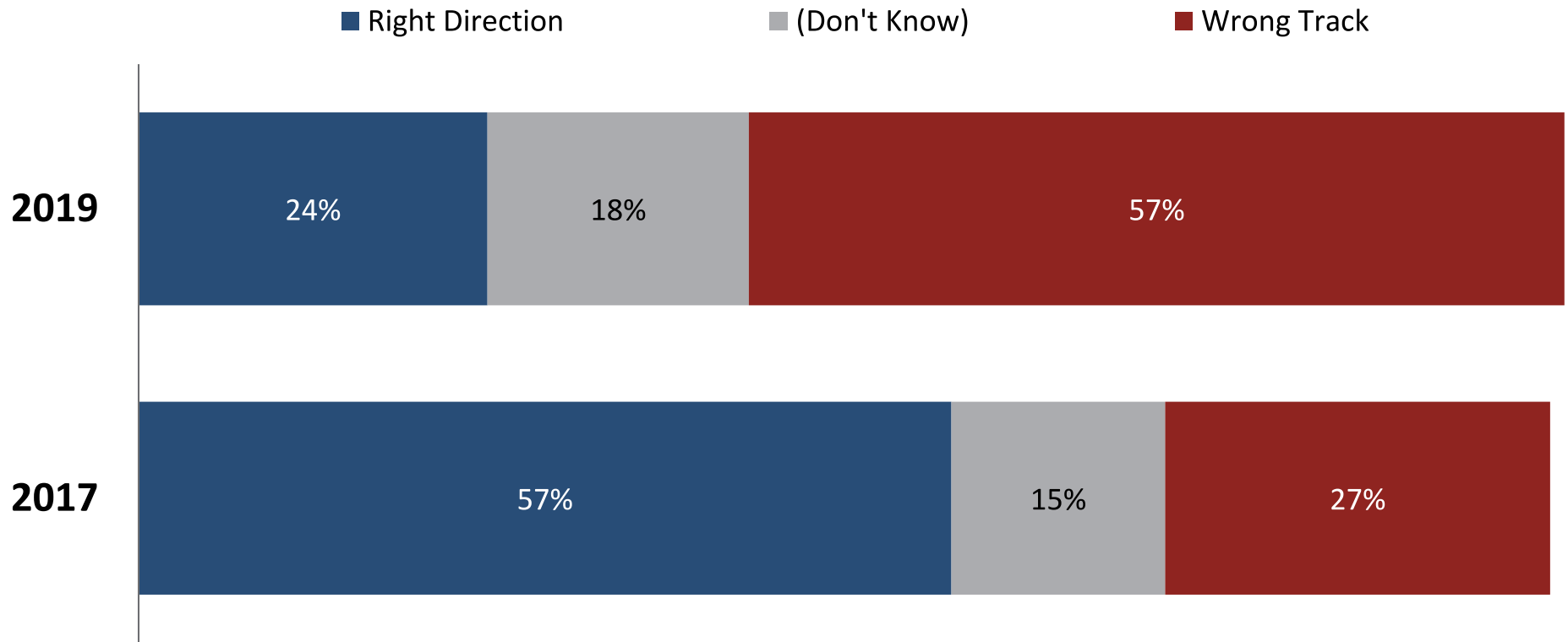


Opinion Environment

Right Direction/Wrong Track



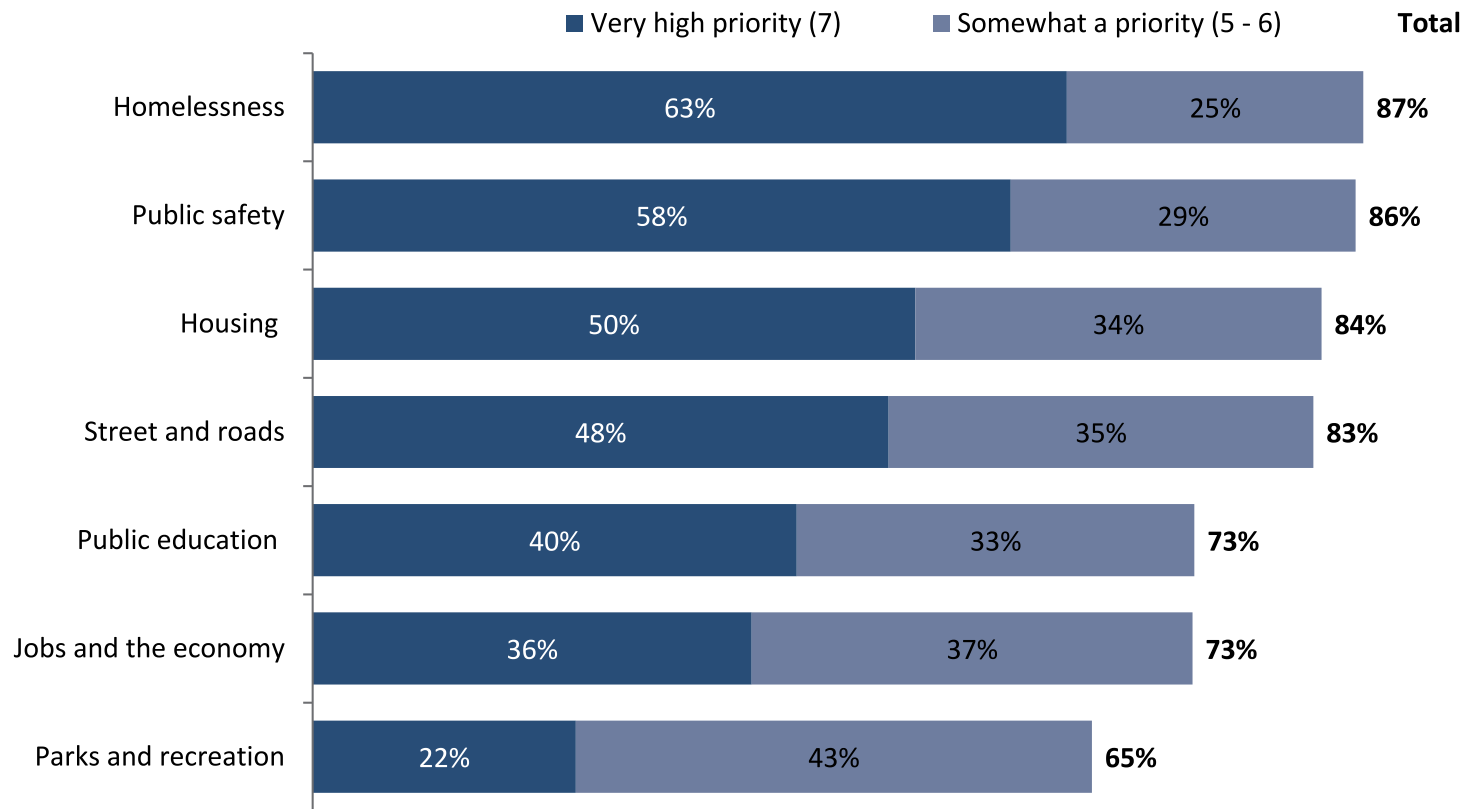
A majority are now pessimistic about the way things are going in the Chico area.



Q4. Do you feel that things in the Chico area are going in the right direction or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

Local Issues

While parks and recreation are important to most, homelessness, public safety and housing are top priorities.



Q5 – Q11. Thinking about local issues in the Chico area, please rate each of the following items using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means not a priority at all, and 7 means a very high priority.



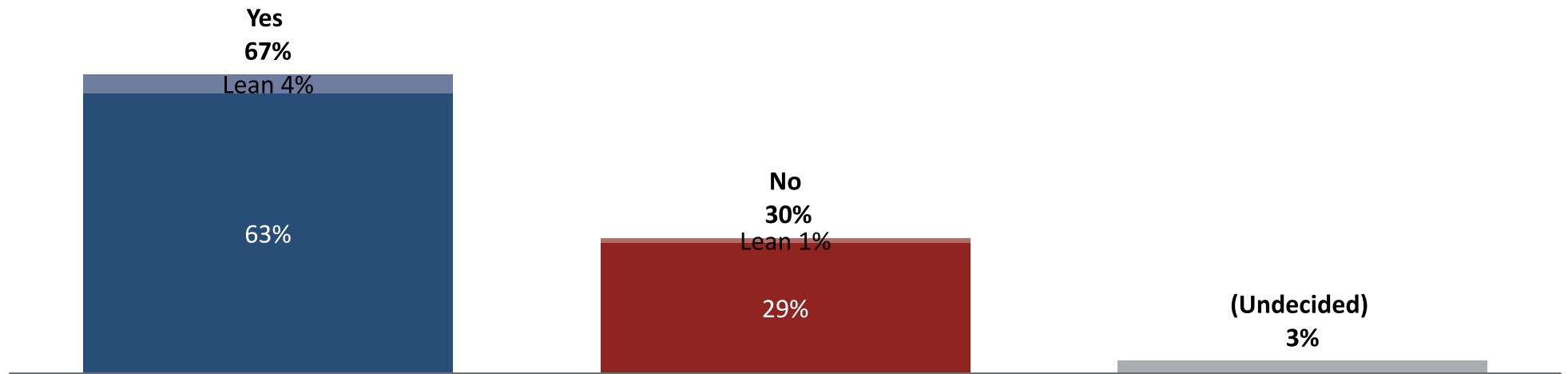
Potential Revenue Measures

Initial Parcel Tax Support



Total support for a parcel tax is right at the 2/3rds majority required to pass.

CLEAN SAFE CHICO AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS AND MAINTENANCE MEASURE: To maintain clean, safe parks and recreational programs for all Chico area residents; maintain playgrounds, recreational centers, sports fields, swimming pools and recreational programs for youth; provide programs for seniors that promote active and healthy living, and reduce crime and homelessness in parks, shall this Chico Area Recreation and Park District measure to levy \$60 per parcel annually, for 30 years, raising approximately \$2,000,000 per year with citizens' oversight be adopted exclusively for local recreation and parks?



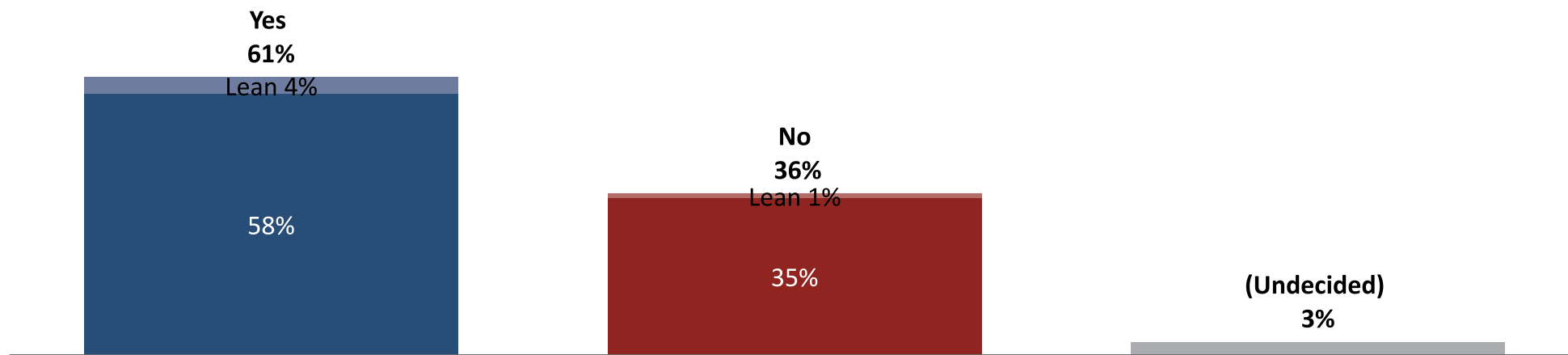
Q12. I'm going to read you a measure that may appear on the ballot next year...If the election were held today, would you vote yes to approve or no to reject this measure?

Initial Bond Measure Support



Support for a bond measure falls below two-thirds.

CHICO AREA PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION, SAFETY AND REPAIR MEASURE: *To improve parks and recreation facilities for children, families and seniors; increase safety and security; repair park bathrooms; ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities; and upgrade, construct, renovate, and expand parks/ facilities; shall Chico Area Recreation and Park District issue \$73 million of bonds at legal rates, averaging \$4.2 million annually as long as bonds are outstanding at a rate of approximately 1.9 cents per \$100 assessed value, with independent citizens' oversight, NO money for salaries and all money staying local?*



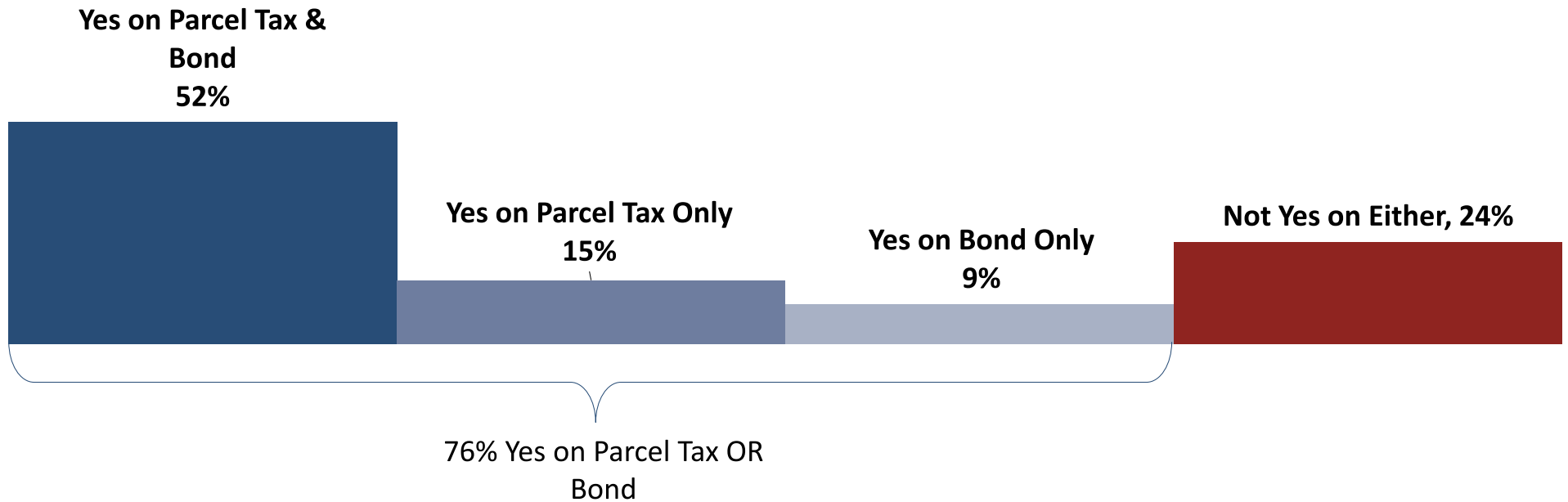
Q13. Now I'm going to read you another measure that may also appear on the ballot next year.... If the election were held today, would you vote yes to approve or no to reject this measure?

Parcel Tax & Bond Measure Segmentation



While only about half indicate they would support both measures, three quarters of respondents are supportive of at least one of the two measures, a parcel tax OR a bond measure.

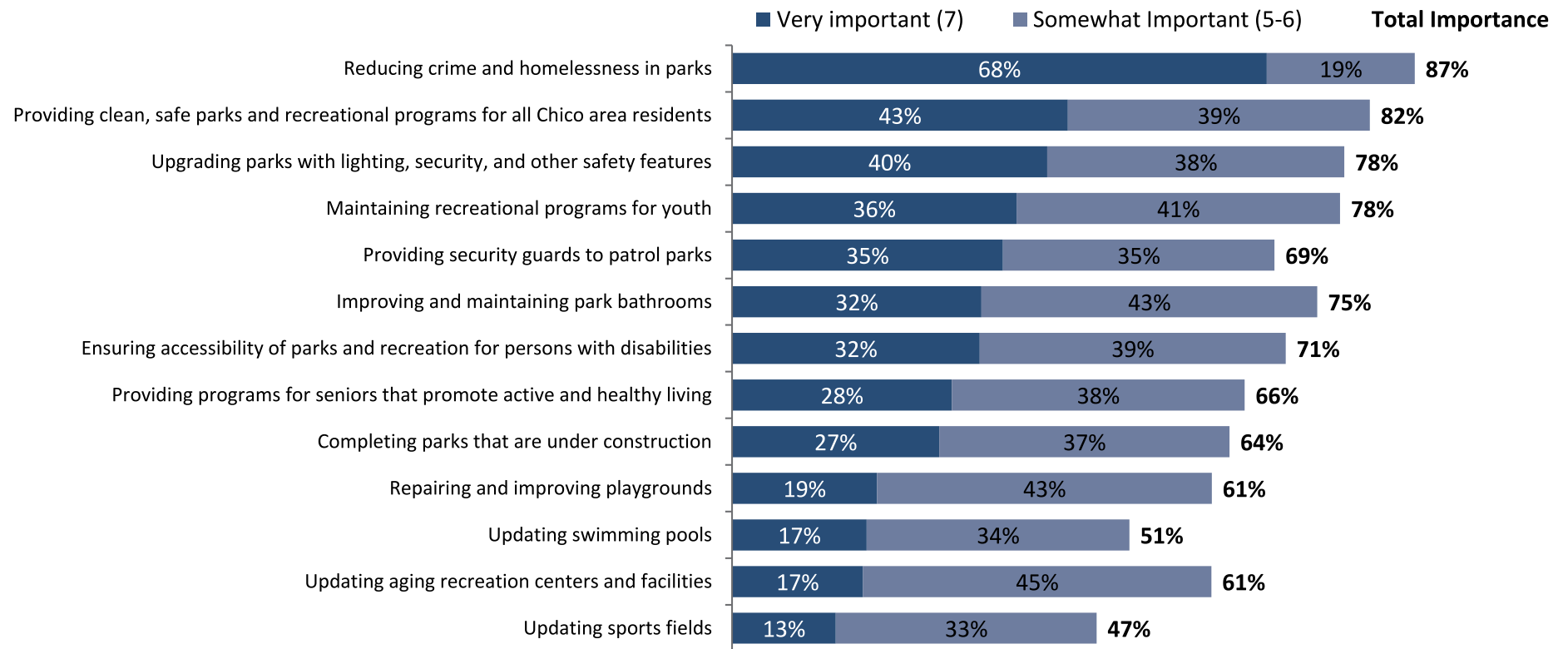
Segmentation based on responses to initial ask on parcel tax and bond measures



Measure Components



Improving park safety is very important to most, while updates to facilities garner less intensity.

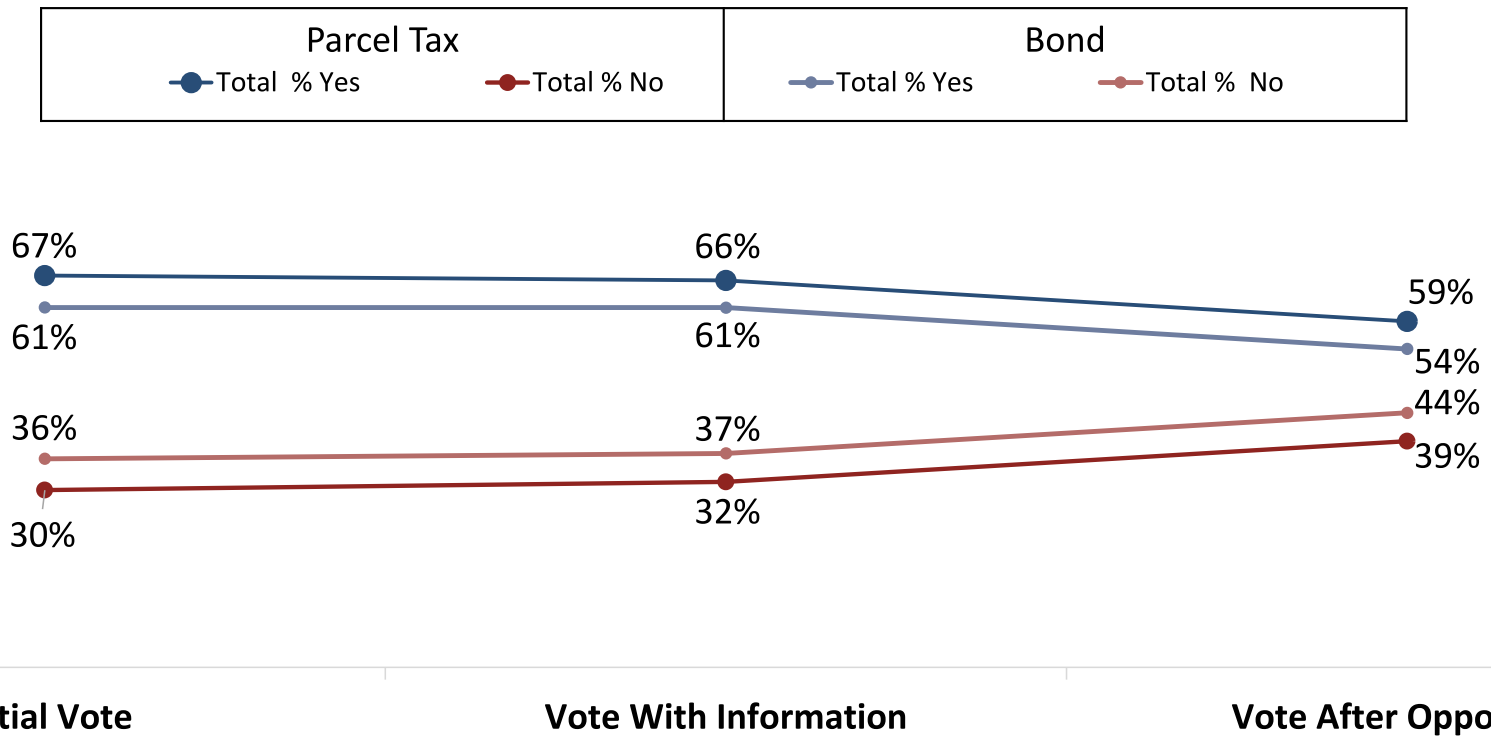


Q15 – Q27. Now I'm going to read you a list of some possible projects and priorities for the Chico Area Recreation & Park District, also known as "CARD". On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is not important at all and 7 is very important, please tell me how important each of the items is to you.

Vote Progression



Support for both measures fluctuates over the course of the survey.



Q39 – Q40. Now, given everything you have read, if the election were held today, would you vote yes to approve, or no to reject the [\$60 parcel tax/\$73 million bond] measure for Chico Area Recreation and Park District?

Conclusions & Recommendations

- ▶ A parcel tax measure may be feasible for the March 2020 ballot but a bond measure would be a significant challenge.
- ▶ Given the survey findings and the current community climate following the Camp Fire, we recommend that CARD begin an extensive public outreach and engagement effort before placing a measure on the ballot. Informational communications are essential to the community's understanding of the need for revenue, particularly funds to maintain park programs and safety.
- ▶ A parcel tax measure would be vulnerable to opposition. Therefore, a successful measure would likely require a well-coordinated, privately funded outreach effort to ensure that voters understand how additional funding would reduce crime and homelessness in parks, provide clean, safe parks and recreation for local residents, and help maintain the Chico area as a desirable place to live, work and raise a family.



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DATE: 7/18/19
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: Parks Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Caper Acres– The Parks Division will also be hosting a National Night Out event from 5:30PM-7:30PM on Tuesday August 6th to celebrate the opening of the new crooked house. Guest speakers will preview what's happening next with the Caper Acre renovation plans. The Chico Target retail store will be hosting games. The Chico Police Officers' Association will be grilling hotdogs. There will also be appearances by a Chico Police K-9 Unit, Chico Police VIPS and Chico Fire and Rescue.
- b. Alliance for Workforce Development– The grant funding for the work crews has been exhausted. The work crew and the Parks Division and the work crew under the Butte Environmental Council at Teichert Ponds have both been dismissed. The crews accomplished an amazing amount of storm damage cleanup and vegetation management during their service.

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, posting reservations, illegal camp clean up and the constant removal of graffiti from all park infrastructure.

- a. Lower Park: Staff worked on down tree clean up, lawn and irrigation issues and pool maintenance.
- b. Middle Park: Standard maintenance with minor vandalism repairs.
- c. Upper Park Staff cleared downed trees from Yahi trail and Guardian trail
- d. Upcoming projects: Grade and repair parking lots throughout the park, Repair Guardian trail bed under the peregrine cliffs, install par course equipment in lower park.

3. Ranger and Lifeguard Programs

- a. Lifeguards– July has been a busy month for Lifeguards. They have rendered aid to for cuts and scrapes and rescued two actively drowning individuals.
- b. Rangers – There has been a significant increase in illegal encampment activity in Bidwell Park and greenways. Multiple service requests are received every day,

4. Volunteer and Donor Program

- a. Annual Upward Bound Volunteer Day– Over 200 Upward Bound students combined with PALS volunteers and the Friends of Bidwell Park contributed 450 hours of vegetation management service to South 1 Mile on June 14th.
- b. Target Volunteer Day– 24 employees from Target retail stores in Chico, Yuba City and Redding contributed 72 hours of volunteer vegetation management time to Lower Park and donated \$600.00 in Target gift cards to the PALS volunteer program!
- c. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
 - i. 32nd Annual Creeks Cleanup Day– September 21st, join in with the Butte Environmental Council and the City of Chico to cleanup Chico's waterways!
 - ii. Chico Makes a Difference Day– The City of Chico in partnership with CSU, Chico, the Downtown Chico Business Assortation, Chico Chamber of Commerce, Butte College and local service organizations will be hosting the annual Chico Makes a Difference Day event at sites throughout Chico and Paradise on Saturday October 26th. Details to come soon.
 - iii. 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

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1. Volunteer Hours

Parks and Greenway -PALS- (Partners, Ambassadors, Leaders & Stewards) Volunteer Activities, June 2019							
Date	Location	Partner/Agency	Task	# of Volunteers	Hrs Worked	# of Vols Xs Hrs = Total Hrs	Leader
various	Bidwell Park and Greenways	PALS	Parkwatch Ambassadors & Stewards	115	various	962	Chris Johnson
6/1/2019	Lower Park	Sierra Nevada	Trails	13	3	39	Shane Romain
6/7/2019	Comanche Creek	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	5	3	15	Michael Hicks
6/8/2019	Lindo Channel	CCW	Gen. Cleanup	4	3	12	Dan Bringolf
6/11/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/12/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Veg. Mgmt.	4	3	12	Linda Calbreath
6/12/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/13/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/14/2019	LCC	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	4	3	12	Michael Hicks
6/14/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Veg. Mgmt.	225	2	450	Shane Romain
6/17/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/18/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/19/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/20/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/21/2019	Lower Park	Target	Veg. Mgmt.	24	3	72	Shane Romain
6/21/2019	Comanche Creek	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	8	3	24	Michael Hicks
6/22/2019	Mercer Grove	Chico Noon Rotary	Gen. Cleanup	12	3	36	Shane Romain
6/22/2019	Lindo Channel	CCW	Gen. Cleanup	4	3	12	Dan Bringolf
6/22/2019	Humboldt Rd	Respect the Walls	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Debbie Meline
6/22/2019	Comanche Creek	BEC	Gen. Cleanup	26	3	78	Becky Holden
6/24/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/25/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/26/2019	Comanche Creek	Build.com	Gen. Cleanup	31	2	62	Shane Romain
6/26/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/26/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Veg. Mgmt.	3	3	9	Linda Calbreath
6/27/2019	Lower Park	Upward Bound	Gen. Cleanup	7	3	21	Ashley Turner
6/28/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	8	3	24	Michael Hicks
6/30/2019	Humboldt Rd	Respect the Walls	Gen. Cleanup	3	3	9	Debbie Meline
				TOTAL HRS		2047	

Table 2. Illegal Encampment Cleanups

Illegal Encampment Cleanups, June 2019									
Date	Location	Coop. Org.	# of Staff	# Workers/ Vols.	Total People	Hours Worked	People Xs Hours Total	Total Debris Yrds	# of Camps
6/4/2019	9TH Street and Walnut	ACS	2	8	10	1	10	4	1
6/5/2019	Olive Street @ Little Chico Creek	ACS	4	8	12	1	12	4	4
6/5/2019	8th Street and Walnut	ACS	2	8	10	1	10	4	1
6/6/2019	9TH Street and Walnut	ACS	2	8	10	2	20	4	1
6/7/2019	Comanche Creek	PALS	4	5	9	3	27	4	6
6/13/2019	Skyway and Potter	ACS	4	9	13	2	26	9	6
6/13/2019	Bidwell River Park	ACS	4	9	13	0.5	6.5	2	2
6/13/2019	Orange St and Dayton	ACS	4	9	13	1	13	6	2
6/13/2019	9th and Chestnut	ACS	4	9	13	0.5	6.5	2	2
6/13/2019	9th sand Salem	ACS	4	9	13	0.5	6.5	1	1
6/14/2019	Boucher and Humboldt	PALS	1	4	5	3	15	4	4
6/17/2019	Olive and Pine		2	0	2	2	4	2	4
6/22/2019	Lindo Channel	CCV	1	4	5	3	15	5	6
6/22/2019	Comanche Creek	BEC	1		26	3	78	10	5
6/26/2019	Comanche Creek	Build.com	1	4	5	3	15	4	3
6/28/2019	Lower Park	PALS	2	8	10	3	30	9	7
							TOTAL HRS	TOTAL DEBRIS YRDS	TOTAL CAMPS
							295	74	55

Table 3. Monthly Public Permits

Monthly Public Permits - June				
Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
6/1/2019	City Plaza	Rock on the Ridge	Music Festival	1,000
06/01/19	Upper Park	Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs	Fishing Derby	1,000
06/02/18	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	The Elderberry Apothecary	Plant Faire	200
06/08/19	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	CUGNA	BBQ & Speaker Event	100
06/09/19	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	North Valley Intergroup	Unity Day	199
06/15/19	City Plaza	Nancy Wirtz	Ice Cream Social	100
06/15/19	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	Enloe Medical Center	Growing Healthy Children Walk & Run	750
06/15/19	Cedar Grove	Susan Conley Boutonnet	Memorial Event for Anna Sylvia Conley	300
06/16/19	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	Fish and Wildlife Academy Class 62	5K Benefit Run for CDFW Academy #62	50
06/22/19	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	Butte County Correctional Officers	Walk/Run	200
06/23/19	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	Shanna Smith	5K Fundraiser Alzheimer Benefit	75
06/24/19	City Plaza	DCBA	Great Race	2,500
06/29/19	Sycamore Field	CARD	Movies in the Park	600
Totals				7,074

Table 4. Monthly Private Permits

Monthly Private Permits - June		
Type	# Permits	# Participants
Private	44	2343
Caper Acres	22	505
Totals	66	2848

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1 Target Volunteers



Figure 2 Teichert Turtle



Figure 3 200+ Upward Bound volunteers



Figure 4 Park interns Ashley and Jessica

JUMP ABOARD AND SAIL TO THE SHADE!

CROOKED HOUSE GRAND OPENING!

**GAMES
HOT DOGS
FACE PAINTING
POLICE K-9
FIRE TRUCKS
FUN!!!**

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT CAPER ACRES
TUESDAY AUGUST 6TH 5:30 TO 7:30 PM**

LEARN ABOUT EXCITING UPCOMING PROJECTS!
PARKINFO@CHICOCA.GOV - 530-896-7800

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
2019
POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**



DATE: 7/19/19
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager
SUBJECT: Street Trees Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Service calls regarding Summer branch drop continue to increase. Of 141 calls for service received in June, 77 were for cracked, hanging or downed limbs. This is up from 61 calls received in May.

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 one plan review. Comments included CMC19.68 tree preservation measures during construction to protect veteran oak trees.
- b. UFM assisted in signing off on several final City inspections. The Veterans Clinic off Bruce road and other smaller developments required that additional work is completed to correctly stake the landscape trees.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Irrigation installation for native trees planted along Woodland Avenue has been completed. Three additional Valley oak trees were also planted by Alliance For Workforce Development. In total, 54 new Valley oaks and ten Redbuds are on irrigation.

In the Fall, Parks and Tree Divisions will look at planting additional native shrubs to help screen the parking areas off South Park Drive.

- b. Public Works Engineering located acorns collected from the Cohasset Road project about 8 years ago. In the Fall, Tree Division will check for viability and attempt to germinate some of them. Any viable seeds can be used to grow native tree stock.

5. Maintenance

- a. Work is ongoing to maintain emergency access in the open space behind residential properties on Picholine Rd. A large Live oak was cleared up by Tree Crew that was blocking emergency access. Code Enforcement also assisted with removal of improved structures that would potentially block emergency access.

6. Outreach, Training and Education

- a. The Tree Division continued training employees in the Senior Maintenance and Maintenance Worker classifications. Practical training is ongoing to acquire ISA Tree worker certification. The employee in the Maintenance Worker classification has also commenced practical training to acquire a Commercial Driver License (CDL).
- b. UFM attended training to test possible new tree inventory software.
- c. UFM attended webinars on trees and Stormwater management, as well as Remediating Compacted Soils Compromised by Urban Construction

7. Street Tree Supervisor Report

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1.



















Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	Trend
Tree Crew Hours				
1. Safety	73.5	10.4%	72.8%	
2. Tree Work	482	68.2%	91.6%	
3. Special Projects	23	3.3%	12.9%	
4. Admin Time/Other	128	18.1%	148.8%	
Monthly Totals	706.5	100.0%	79.3%	

Table 2.

Item	Values	% Change from Last Month	Trend
5. Productivity			
Calls			
Call Outs	141	98.6%	
Service Requests: Submitted	0	-	
Service Requests: Completed	110	106.8%	
Sub Total	0	-	
Trees			
Planted: Trees	0	-	
Pruned	82	78.8%	
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	-	
Removed: Stumps	0	-	
Removed: Trees	6	150.0%	
Sub Total	88	81.5%	
Tree Permits (#)			
Submitted	7	233.3%	
Approved	2	66.7%	
Denied	0	-	

Total	9	150.0%
6. Contracts		
Expenditures (\$)	\$ -	-
Trees (#)		
Planted	0	-
Pruned	0	-
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	-
Removed: Stumps	0	-
Removed: Trees	0	-
Routine Maintenance	0	-
Total	0	-

8. Upcoming Issues/Miscellaneous:

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Sudden limb drop in Valley oak. Just off South park Drive near Caper Acres. This tree was not pruned in 2018 because South Park Drive was not a potential target. The limb did however fall across the less-used trail to the east of Caper Acres.