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965 Fir Street
Chico, CA 95928
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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
August 26, 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 7/29/19.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TINKERGARTEN NATURE EDUCATION CLASSES IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK FROM 9/09/19 TO 11/23/19.

Emily Thomsen, from Tinkergarten (Applicant), requests a Special Use Permit to hold two approximately 1-hour nature education classes for parents and children ages 18-months to 5 years old in Lower Bidwell Park on Monday's and one class on Saturdays from September 9/9/2019 to November 23, 2019. The Applicant is not requesting exclusive use of any specific area and classes are designed to "leave-no-trace". (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager**)

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REVENUE GENERATING OPTIONS

At its 7/29/19 meeting, the BPPC approved agendizing discussion on whether to form a separate Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss increasing revenue options for Bidwell Park and other City parks, or to have the Policy Advisory Committee discuss this matter. (**Verbal BPPC Discussion**)

Recommendation: The Commission is requested to provide direction regarding this item.

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 Moore requests to agendize discussion regarding seeking City Council approval to hire a staff person who would be solely dedicated to fundraising.

8.2. Commissioner Smith-Peters requests to agendize discussion regarding changing from action only meeting minutes to providing more details in the minutes.

8.3. Commissioner Grist requests to agendize discussion regarding providing additional restrooms in City Parks.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **9/30/19** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.



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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Minutes of
July 29, 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
Scott Grist
Jeff Glatz
Lise Smith Peters
Aaron Haar
Elaina McReynolds

Commissioner not present:

Garrett Liles

Staff Present: Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager), Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director O&M) 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 7/29/19

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Haar

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

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.

Derrick Sanderson, Andrew Burchett, Gaylord Enns addressed the Commission

Commissioner McReynolds requested a follow-up report on the outcome of the event be prepared by the representatives of the group so that the Commission can learn from this event.

Commissioner Haar made a motion to approve Item 5.1 - Permit for Butte County Prays Worship/Prayer Event in City Plaza. Seconded by Commissioner Glatz.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

NOES: None

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

Commissioner Haar recused himself from this item and left the room.

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.

Timmarie Hamill and CARD Director Ann Willman addressed the Commission on this item.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the four recommendations provided in the Staff report and listed above. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Grist, Commissioner Glatz, Commissioner Smith Peters, Commissioner McReynolds

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

NOES: None

RECUSAL: Commissioner Haar

Commissioner Haar returned to the meeting.

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 agendize 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.

Commissioner Glatz read a statement of his concerns regarding the environmental damage and public safety issues in Bidwell Park and other City parks and waterways.

Commissioner Moore requested statistics regarding crime in the park. Public Works Director O&M stated that report can be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Haar requested the Commission form an Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss raising more revenue for the Park Division to better address the needs of the parks and greenways.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to agendize for the August BPPC meeting whether to form an Ad-hoc Committee or forward to the Policy Advisory Committee discussions regarding revenue generating options for the Park Division. Seconded by Commissioner Grist.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Liles

NOES: None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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There was no business from the floor.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm to the next regular meeting on 8/26/19 at **6:00 p.m.** 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 8/26/19

DATE: 8/21/19
 TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission
 FROM: Linda Herman, Parks & Natural Resources Manager
 SUBJECT: Special Use Permit -Tinkergarten Nature Education Classes (September 2019 – November 2019)

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Emily Thomsen, from Tinkergarten, Inc. (Applicant), requests a Special Use Permit to hold two approximately 1-hour nature education classes for parents and children ages 18-months to 5 years old in Lower Bidwell Park on Monday's and one class on Saturdays in 10-class sessions from September 9, 2019 to November 23, 2019. Tinkergarten is a for-profit corporation founded in 2014 and headquartered in Massachusetts that provides outdoor educational programs in 48 states. The permit application and more information regarding the Tinkergarten Program and model are attached as Attachment A.

The Applicant is not requesting exclusive use of any specific area of Bidwell Park and the classes will be provided by a local instructor named Liz Way. The classes are also designed to "leave-no-trace". The Park & Natural Resources Manager approved offering three free classes on 8/3/19, 8/19/19, and 8/24/19 as a pilot program to determine the potential impacts on the park, and for the Applicant to gauge the community's interest in this type of educational program. There were no incidences reported in this pilot program. In addition, this application and educational program are similar to the Special Use Permit approved by the BPPC on 3/17/17 for the Happy Acres Forest School provided by Brian Kehoe from September 2017 thru June 2018.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

Event Details

Date of Application	7/24/2019
Date of Event	Various – September 2019 – November 2019 (see Attachment A for exact dates)
Time of Event	10:00 am–11.00 am and 11:30 am -12:45 pm on Mondays, 10:00 am-1:15 am on Saturdays
Event Name	Tinkergarten Nature Education Classes
Applicant Name	Emily Thomsen (Local Instructor - Liz Way)
Location	Various locations in Lower Bidwell Park
Description	Educational classes focusing on child development centered on nature immersion.
New Event?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. Years? n/a
# Participants	Estimated class size of 12 children, ages 18 mos. to 5 years, and their parents
Fees Charged?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. How Much? \$17.50/class \$175 for a 10-class session
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Exceeds 10 hours in length or is for multiple days.

Conditions

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Provide Liability Insurance
- Adhere to all park rules.
- No removing or harm to any natural resources or vegetation.
- The applicant will need to conduct a final inspection and pick up any associated trash etc.at the end of each class.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Special Use Permit Application

Distribution: Emily Thomsen
Liz Way



City of Chico

SPECIAL USE APPLICATION & PERMIT

Public Work Department - Park Division
411 Main Street, 3rd Floor/ P.O. Box 3420
Chico, CA 95927-3420
(530) 896-7800 Fax: (530) 895-4825

TYPE OF USE: (Please check applicable)

- Educational Workshop Temporary Access
 Research Project Other:

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

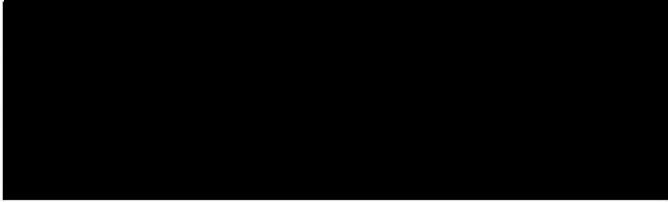
Must be 18 or older • Application fee due upon submittal •

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

PLEASE PRINT:

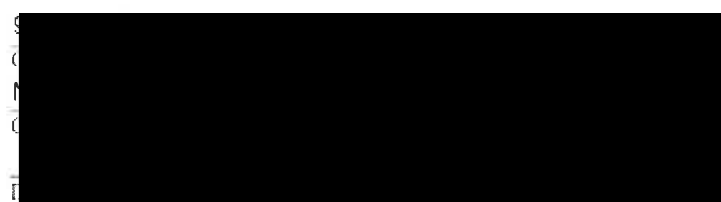
Emily Thomsen

Name of Applicant/Contact Person



Tinkergarten

Employment/Organization Named on Certificate of Insurance



From: _____ To: _____ Time: _____

Number of People: 25 max

AREA REQUESTED (attach diagram and additional pages if necessary) Include: Units, roads, trails, etc.

Lower Bidwell Park - A small bit of grass to lay down a blanket and explore nature. We are happy to meet in first-come, first-served areas of the park and slide out of the way of other park users.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP INFORMATION (Skip this portion if this does not apply)

Teacher/Leader: _____ Co-Teacher/Leader (Required for two or more classes): _____

School/Organization: _____

Please check the best way(s) to contact you. (Contact Person must be same listed above)

- Work Phone (_____) Cell Phone (_____) Other: _____
 Email: _____

Grade Level: _____ Number of classes: _____

No. of Students: _____ No. of Adults: _____

Related Studies/Currently Studying: _____

SECTION 2 - PERMIT FEES

For Official Use Only

Application Fee \$ 19.00 (Non-Refundable)

Reservation Fee \$ _____ (for request that charge the participants) Credit Card Convenience Fee \$ 2.00

Total Fee Required: \$ _____ Fee due upon submittal of application. * Make Checks Payable to: City of Chico

City of Chico Cash Receipt No. 16337 Paid: CK 35565093 Date: 8/8/19 Received By: AMI

Office Distribution:	Permit File (original) Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 1 Park Ranger 2	Senior Park Ranger Landscape Inspector.	Applicant Risk Management (e-mail)	Fax (various)
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SECTION 3 – Description of Activity

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY (attach diagram and additional pages if necessary)

Include: When (seasons, days, hours); How (methods, techniques, transportation); Frequency (one time only, daily, occasionally); Types of Specimens collected (Species, quantity, size, condition); Special Needs/Access.

A small nature play class that meets once a week for about an hour each class, for 10 weeks this fall. Leader Liz Way would like to hold 3 classes, two on Mondays and one on Saturdays. We actively teach "leave no trace" and care for the rules and regulations that preserve our parks.

GENERAL SCOPE AND NATURE OF APPLICANT ORGANIZATION'S GOALS

Tinkergarten is designed to provide families with fun and educational activities that encourage exploration, problem solving, teamwork, and creativity.

Along the way, parents learn about child development and the importance of both free play and time spent outdoors.

SECTION 4 - INSURANCE

Required. **Certificate of Insurance**, meeting City standards must be received by: _____

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 activity, date(s) of activity;

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 insured 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 permit may be cancelled if the insurance is not approved **at least** two weeks prior to the scheduled dates of use.

SECTION 5 - ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS

INDEMNIFICATION: Except for any act or omission to act which constitutes active negligence on the part of the City of Chico (for which City shall hold Permittee harmless as if this were a reciprocal indemnity), Permittee shall hold City, its boards and commissions and members thereof, its officers, employees, and agents harmless and free from any and all liability arising out of or relating to this Letter Agreement and/or Permittee's access to and use of the Premises by Permittee, any of its members, or any of its guests or invitees. Should City or any of its boards, commissions or members thereof, its officers, employees, or agents be named in any suit, or should any claim be made against it or any of them by suit or otherwise, whether the same be groundless or not, arising out of or relating to this Letter Agreement and/or Permittee's access to and use of the Premises, Permittee shall defend City, its boards, commissions and members thereof, its officers, employees, and agents, and shall indemnify them for any judgment rendered against them or any sums paid out in settlement or otherwise.

Read each of the statements below. After you have read the statements and understand them, please sign and date in the space provided in this section.

- a. I certify that I have read this application thoroughly, followed any and all instructions, understand its contents and supplied true and correct information herein to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- b. I understand I must comply with the attached "General Conditions for Special Use," any additional conditions set forth by this permit and all pertinent provisions of the Chico Municipal code and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- c. Additionally, I will secure the necessary insurance and provide the City with the acceptable insurance certificate, without which this permit is invalid.

X _____
Signature of Applicant

X 7/30/19
Date

SECTION 6 – PARKS DIVISION AUTHORIZATION

For Official Use Only

I certify that I have carefully reviewed this application and hereby recommend that this permit be:

- Approved.
- Approved subject to listed additional condition(s): Attached
- Denied. Reason:
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- Application approved by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission.
- Application denied by the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission. Reason:
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ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR SPECIAL PARK USE

The permittee shall comply with the additional conditions set forth below:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
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Signature of Parks and Natural Resource Manager

Date:

RETURN ENTIRE FORM TO:

City of Chico - Park Division
411 Main Street
P.O. Box 3420
Chico, CA 95927-3420
(530) 896-7800
FAX: (530) 895-4825
parkinfo@chicoca.gov

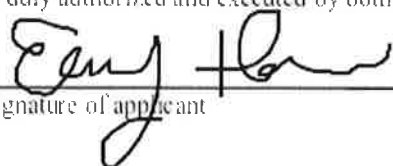
THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE PARK DIVISION.
A copy of the approved application will be returned to you.

SECTION 7 GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR SPECIAL PARK USE

City agrees to permit Permittee to access and use City property, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 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 pool deck.
- Campfires** No campfires allowed.
- Camping** No overnight camping allowed unless otherwise approved. Bidwell Park is a "day use park" only.
- Clean up** Permittee is required to completely clean up area at the conclusion of the use.
- Damages** Permittee acknowledges the ecological sensitivity of the area and agrees not to take, cut, injure or destroy any of the flora, fauna, geological and archaeological resources or other artifacts of any kind on the property unless otherwise approved. Any damage to City property as a result of this permit 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 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** Check California Fish and Game Regulations, <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/>, Freshwater Sport Fishing, page 33, for fishing in Big Chico Creek, Horseshoe Lake: age 14 and over, catch and release; under 14: catch and keep.
- Gate Closures** Upper Park gate at parking area E is closed on Sundays and Mondays and during seasonal wet periods. Upon approval gates can be closed beyond normal opening times and vehicle access to closed areas may be permitted.
- Glass** No glass beverage containers allowed in any City Park or Playground.
- Horses** Horses must stay on designated trails. Horses are **not** allowed in One-Mile or Five-Mile Recreation Areas. Horses must cross the creek at approved crossings. Safe and courteous riding is the Park standard.
- Noise** No loud or unusual noises are allowed, including radios and headsets that can be heard over 50' away.
- Park Closures** Lower Park is closed from 12:00 am (midnight) until 5:00 am every day, unless directly and actively proceeding to a destination outside of the park. Upper Park is closed between the hours of 11:00 pm and 60 minutes before sunrise every day, unless posted otherwise.
- Signs/Defacing** Defacing of trees, benches, tables, any park fixtures, open ground, or paved roads/paths with markings, staples, tacks, or signs is prohibited. Only barricades, cones, or self standing devices may be used for these purposes.
- Smoking** No smoking is allowed in any portion of Bidwell Park.
- Vehicle Traffic**
- While gates are closed, limited use of vehicles to set up for special use 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 approved vehicles will be allowed access through areas which have been closed to motor vehicles.
 - No vehicles are permitted to travel or park on grass areas.
- Amendment** This permit may be modified or amended only by a writing duly authorized and executed by both City and Permittee.

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



Signature of applicant

SECTION 8 SPECIAL USE INFORMATION

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

Is this an annual permit? If yes, how many years have you been issued a permit? _____	Yes	No X
Is there a patron admission, entry or participant fee(s) required or solicitation of donations? If yes, please provide amounts: <small>\$17.50/class at time of registration</small>	X	No
Will the activity take, cut, injure or destroy any of the flora, fauna, geological or archaeological resources or other artifacts of any kind? (Subject to approval by the Director). Please describe:	Yes	No X
Will the activity require that any part of the Park remain closed beyond the normal time of opening? (Subject to approval by the Department Director) If "yes" please state which gate(s): _____ Time of closure from: _____ until: _____	Yes	No X
Will there be early entrance into the Park or vehicle access into closed areas? (Subject to approval by the Department Director) If "yes" please state which gate(s): _____	Yes	No X
Will the activity involve the use of equipment? Please describe:	Yes	No X
Will your activity include the use of any signs, banners or decorations? (Please see 'General Conditions For Park Use') If yes, please describe type and location:	Yes	No X
Will there be amplified sound or any other loud or unusual noises? (Please see 'General Conditions For Park Use') Specify type (microphone, equipment, etc.)	Yes	No X
Will event require overnight camping for security purposes? Please describe:	Yes	No X

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Free Trials

08-19-2019 10:00am - 11:00am

08-24-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

08-03-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

Mondays

09-09-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

09-16-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

09-23-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

09-30-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

10-14-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

10-21-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

10-28-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

11-04-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

11-11-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

11-18-2019 10:00am - 11:00am & 11:30am - 12:45pm

Saturdays

09-14-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

09-21-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

09-28-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

10-12-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

10-19-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

10-26-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

11-02-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

11-09-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

11-16-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

11-23-2019 10:00am - 11:15am

Angela Irmer

From: Tinkergarten <parks@tinkergarten.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Lizardbeth
Cc: Park Information
Subject: Outdoor Playtime at Lower Bidwell Park in Chico, California
Attachments: About Tinkergarten.pdf

Good afternoon!

Liz Way would like to hold a small parent-child class at this fall. We've reached out to you in the past, and wanted to once again touch base, reintroduce Tinkergarten, and confirm our fall season.

Who We Are

- Tinkergarten is a social impact company committed to providing both play-based learning and a connection to nature for families everywhere.
- Liz Way is one of a network of leaders certified to deliver the Tinkergarten curriculum to families in local greenspaces.

Our Classes

- Are small (12 children max), for children ages 18 months - 5 years.
- Meet once a week for about an hour, and a parent or guardian stays with each child.
- We handle all of our class registration online.

Our Partnerships

- Classes are designed to leave-no-trace and require no support from staff onsite.
- No reserved space is required.
- We are happy to fill out permit applications and provide proof of our insurance.
- Support you in a variety of ways; bringing new families to the green space, engaging very young children in nature play, and building a family culture of outdoor time and respect for nature.

We are so excited to bring Tinkergarten to Chico families. We would like to offer free playgroups starting as soon as Saturday, August 3 and give families the opportunity to enroll in the paid session beginning Monday, September 9.

I am also attaching a sample curriculum and would be happy to provide a copy of our insurance. Please let us know if any additional steps are needed.

Best,

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Tinkergarten Parks & Greenspace Team | [Tinkergarten](#)

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WHAT IS TINKERGARTEN:

- **Vision:** Families will have access to high quality early learning, so their children will be ready to thrive, ready to learn and ready for anything.
- **Mission:** We are a technology-enabled network of educators who deliver play-based kids' classes outdoors in local parks and greenspaces. We support both child and adult as they develop critical learning skills and community culture around learning in nature.

WHAT WE OFFER CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- Children build a connection to the natural world and a host of skills in all domains: physical, social/emotional and cognitive.
- Parents and caregivers bond with their children, learn about child development and how to support it, and make connections to their local parks.
- Our Leaders develop skills as educators and have the opportunity to earn income for their family and make a contribution to their communities.



WHAT WE OFFER PARKS:

- We are fully insured and require no support from hosting locations
- Bring families with young children into the space, increasing community engagement and quality of life
- Teach stewardship and value for public lands
- Families use and value greenspaces more outside of class as a direct result of Tinkergarten—85% of families visit their park more often (+90% after 2+ seasons)

OUR CLASSES:

- **No reserved space is required.** To run the program, we need only a small patch of outdoor space.
- **Our classes are small** (12 children max), aimed at children ages 18 months - 8 years.
- **They meet once a week** for about an hour, for 6 to 10 weeks each season. A parent or guardian stays with each child.
- We **offer free & paid classes.** Free community playgroups are held each season and families may enroll in a 6 to 10-week, season-long class
- Children stay with their adult, so we would **require no park staff** supervision
- We teach leave-no-trace principles and we make **no impact on the parks.**



SAMPLE TINKERGARTEN CURRICULUM

The following is a list of the activities (lessons) we have scheduled for a sample Tinkergarten season. I've included the links to the parent or DIY version of each activity on our site to help you learn more about how the activity is conducted and why/how it supports child development.

We also included below a column for materials, we are very mindful of how we source, use, and restore resources in our classes. There may be some variations from the parent directions (small to significant) that we make for a group and/or for a park setting. We also leave no trace behind after our classes and teach the families to respect our local green spaces.

Activity name and link	Materials sourcing
Hunt the Wind	Leader brings flags and rubber bands. Sticks are found on ground and returned.
Stone Soup	Leader brings water, pots, spices and nature treasures to use in activity. All is cleaned up at end.
Frozen Treasure (winter)	Leader brings ice gems and salt to use on the tarp. We collect back salt at the end (kids participate in clean up).
Make Music like Wee Wild Things	Leaders bring a collection of pebbles and tree fruits. Kids find others on the ground if available.
What to Build	Leader collects 2-4 sticks per child in advance of class to use in building. Sticks are returned.
Collecting Nature Treasures (e.g. Make a Bindle)	Children engage in observing and collecting natural objects on the ground. Objects returned as found.
Going on a Bear Hunt	Leader uses existing features in the green space and supplies additional "obstacles" as needed

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions about this sample curriculum or the Tinkergarten program in general. We are so thrilled for the many and growing number of relationships with green space partners who help us bring this program to families.



DATE: 8/22/19
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager
SUBJECT: Parks Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Goats– Goat grazing has returned to Bidwell Park. They will start grazing in Middle Park near the Equestrian Center and will move to the World of Trees and other areas of Park, as needed
- b. Caper Acres Crooked House/National Night Out– The grand opening of the Crooked House and the celebration of National Night Out was a great success! Based on the number of hot dogs served, the attendance was estimated at over 500 people.

2. Maintenance Program

- a. Lower Park– Routine maintenance and preparation for event reservations, biweekly pool cleaning etc.
- b. Middle Park– Routine maintenance and preparation for event reservations
- c. Upper Park– Staff worked on redesigning and manufacturing a new decorative metal sign for Bear Hole in Upper Park.
- d. Greenways– Continued repair of damaged bollards on paths and bridge at Comanche Creek Greenway.
- e. 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. Pool Season Coming to an End– With the start of academic year, the Lifeguards are only be working on weekends through Labor Day.
- b. Rangers– The Rangers have been very busy patrolling and removing illegal encampments in the Bidwell Park and the all the greenways. Rangers LeDonne and Hiemstra were a big help by filling in for the summer months but will be ending their duties next month. A new Ranger is slated to start in October and will work in the Park Division as a nonsworn Ranger until she enters the academy in January 2020. Testing and Interviews are in process for a third Ranger.

4. Natural Resource Management

- a. Trails Plan– The City’s consultant will begin surveying and working on the Trails Plan in October 2019.

5. Outreach and Education

- a. Take a Hike Brochure– Park staff is working with CARD, the Chamber of Commerce, and Explore Butte County to revise the trail maps and the “Take a Hike” brochure. This project is partially grant funded and will be a great improvement to this popular brochure.

6. Volunteer and Donor Program

- a. Caper Acres Donations– Over \$20,000 has been contributed toward the Niko Project shade structure project thanks to the generous of several community members! Fundraising efforts will continue to reach the goal of \$70,000 to install the shade structure.
- b. 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. Monthly Volunteer Hours

Parks and Greenway -PALS- (Partners, Ambassadors, Leaders & Stewards) Volunteer Activities, July 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
7/2/2019	Comanche Creek	CCC	Veg. Mgmt.	11	3	33	Emily Alma
7/7/2019	Humboldt Rd	Respect the Walls	Gen. Cleanup	2	3	6	Debbie Meline
7/10/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Veg. Mgmt.	7	3	21	Limda Calbreath
7/12/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	8	3	24	Michael Hicks
7/13/2019	Lindo Channel	Chico Community Watch	Gen. Cleanup	9	3	27	Dan Bringolf
7/19/2019	Comanche Creek	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	16	3	48	Michael Hicks
7/24/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Veg. Mgmt.	5	3	15	Limda Calbreath
7/26/2019	Lower Park	PALS	Gen. Cleanup	6	3	18	Michael Hicks
7/27/2019	Humboldt Rd	Respect the Walls	Gen. Cleanup	11	3	33	Debbie Meline
				TOTAL HRS		1187	

Table 2. Monthly Illegal Encampment Cleanups

Illegal Encampment Cleanups, July 2019									
Date	Location	Coop. Org.	# of Staff	# Workers/ Vols.	Total People	Hours Worked	People Xs Hours Total	Total Debris Yrds	# of Camps
7/1/2019	12th St and Mulberry	Sheriff-ACS	2	6	9	1	9	5	5
7/2/2019	Windchime park	N/A	2	0	2	1	2	2	
7/3/2019	Bikepath behind Kohls	N/A	2	0	2	0.5	1	1	1
7/4/2019	Depot Park	N/A	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
7/8/2019	12th St and Mulberry	N/A	2	0	2	1	2	3	4
7/8/2019	Bikepath behind Kohls	N/A	2	5	7	1	7	4	1
7/9/2019	Windchime park	N/A	3	0	3	2	6	4	4
7/12/2019	Lower Park	PALS	2	8	10	3	30	8	6
7/13/2019	Lindo Channel	CCW	1	9	10	3	30	10	4
7/16/2019	Lindo Channel	Sheriff-ACS	4	6	4	2	20	7	5
7/19/2019	Comanche Creek	PALS	2	16	18	3	54	10	7
7/24/2019	12 St and Mulberry	N/A	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
7/24/2019	Bikepath behind Kohls	N/A	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	1	1
7/24/2019	Comanche Creek	N/A	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	1	1
7/26/2019	Comanche Creek	PALS	1	6	7	3	21	5	2
							TOTAL HRS	TOTAL DEBRIS YRDS	TOTAL CAMPS
							185	63	43

Table 1. Monthly Public and Private Permit

Monthly Public Permits - July				
Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
7/4/2019	One Mile Oak Grove A & B	Chico Running Club	Chico Celebrates Our Independence	900
7/4/2019	Five Mile West	Narcotics Anonymous	BBQ Picnic	80
7/20/2019	Upper Bidwell	Bidwell Bump	Mountain Bike Race	175
7/27/2019	City Plaza	Butte Humane Society	Pup (Pub) Crawl	Unknown
Totals				1,155

Table 3. Monthly Private Permits

Monthly Private Permits - July		
Type	# Permits	# Participants
Private	18	659
Caper Acres	7	155
Totals	25	814

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1 Caper Acres Crooked House Opening



Figure 2 Crooked House Grand Opening



Figure 3 Friday PALS volunteers



DATE: 8/26/19
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager
SUBJECT: Street Trees Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Tree Division will soon be recruiting for three vacancies. One position will be a full-time Maintenance aide. Two positions will be hourly Maintenance aides.
- b. The contract for the tree inventory is currently in review for signing
- c. Calls for Summer branch drop continued in July. Of 87 calls for service received, 52 were for cracked, hanging or downed limbs.

2. Planning/Monitoring

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

3. Planning and Building Development

- a. UFM reviewed two plan reviews. Comments included CMC19.68 tree preservation measures during construction including road realignment to protect oak trees. Suitability of mitigation plantings was also reviewed.
- b. Public Works Tree permitting, and plan review processes will be migrating to the cities new TRAKIT software system. This new system will provide an online one-stop-shop for all resident and developer permitting requirements.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Greenhouse Gas Reduction reporting to June 30, 2019 was submitted to CalFire. Using CCI GHG calculation protocols, 299 qualifying new trees created a carbon reduction of 1468 MTCO₂ equivalent over a forty-year period.

5. Maintenance

- a. Public Works Operations and Maintenance focused an over-time initiative to improve the landscaping at Chico Municipal Airport. Work included 18 dead tree removals and 15 tree cleanings to remove deadwood. Work is ongoing to improve the landscape and repair irrigation.

6. Outreach, Training and Education

- a. The Tree Division continued training employees in the Senior Maintenance Worker classification. Practical training is ongoing to acquire ISA Tree worker certification. The employee in the Maintenance Worker classification continued practical training to acquire a Commercial Driver License.

- b. UFM attended a presentation hosted by PG&E on the use of Plant Growth Regulators on street trees at Butte Creek Country Club 8/15.

- c. UFM also attended a presentation in Sacramento on tree inventory software 8/15

7. Street Tree Supervisor Report

The Street Tree Supervisors monthly summary data tables for July is included below:

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1






Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	Trend
Tree Crew Hours				
1. Safety	69	9.8%	93.9%	
2. Tree Work	551	77.9%	114.3%	
3. Special Projects	60	8.5%	260.9%	
4. Admin Time/Other	27	3.8%	21.1%	
Monthly Totals	707	100.0%	100.1%	

Table 2

Item	Values	% Change from Last Month	Trend
5. Productivity			
Calls			
Call Outs	109	77.3%	□□□□□□□
Service Requests: Submitted	0	-	
Service Requests: Completed	88	80.0%	□□□□□□
Sub Total	0	-	
Trees			
Planted: Trees	0	-	□
Pruned	66	80.5%	□□□□□□
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	-	
Removed: Stumps	0	-	
Removed: Trees	12	200.0%	□□□□□□□
Sub Total	78	88.6%	□□□□□□
Tree Permits (#)			
Submitted	6	85.7%	□□□□□□
Approved	3	150.0%	□□□□□□
Denied	0	-	
Total	9	100.0%	□□□□□□
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:

- a. UFM is preparing RFPs for tree maintenance operations as well as development of the Urban Forest Master Plan.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Live oak tree failure in Butte Creek Diversion Channel behind residence on St Augustin Dr. Tree Division cleaned up the debris.



Figure 2. Live oak tree failure in Butte Creek Diversion Channel behind residence on St Augustin Dr. Tree Division cleaned up the debris.

Linda Herman

From: Anna Moore <annabmoore8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 6:57 PM
To: Linda Herman
Subject: Agenda item for 8/26 Parks Commission meeting

Hi Linda--

I'd like to put on the agenda an item for the 8/26 meeting. I'd like the commission to vote on discussing asking the city council to allocate funds for a development director for Bidwell Park.

The park is in need of funding so badly that I feel we really need to request 1 new salaried position solely devoted to Bidwell Park fundraising. If the council agrees to this, funding for our jewel could increase more quickly and efficiently over the next few years.

The duties of this position could be as follows: 1) Fundraising (endowments, donations, etc.). 2) Using these funds for the park to hire a vegetation resource manager and crews.

Thank you.

Anna B. Moore,
Bidwell Parks and Playgrounds Commissioner

Linda Herman

From: Lise Peters <lspbsp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 7:20 AM
To: Linda Herman
Subject: An agenda item

Hi Linda,

I wanted to ask that we agendaize a discussion of our Bidwell Park and Playground Minutes. I would like to see a little more information in the minutes and as documents of historical record to be used by others in the future and currently by those who could not attend, I feel this is a very important issue.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Lise

Linda Herman

From: Scott Grist <scottgrist@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 8:31 PM
To: Linda Herman
Subject: Requested item for agenda

Hello Linda,

Please add a 'Request to Agendize' to the August BPPC meeting agenda for the following to be discussed at the September meeting. Considering a majority vote is needed to agendize an item for the Sept. meeting, I'd like my request to appear on the August meeting's agenda, allowing the vote to take place.

Language for the Agenda Request:

"I am making a request to agendize an item for the September BPPC agenda to allow the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission to consider the impacts of the lack of bathroom facilities in our City Parks. Hot spots for unsanctioned use of the parks as toilet facilities should be identified by City Staff based on the impacts they have on habitat, health, sanitation, environment, and recreational use of the park. Other information, such as the number of bathrooms per capita in other city's parks, may be helpful with this process. Ample anecdotal evidence exists that our parks and greenways are being polluted by human waste due to the lack of restrooms relative to the growing number of un-housed people in the City of Chico. The intent of the discussion will be to send an official recommendation to the City Council, using the data obtained by City Staff, regarding the appropriate number of bathrooms needed and optimal locations for their placement in Bidwell Park and other Chico parks."

Thank you Linda, for all that you do. Please let me know if you have any questions for me.

Scott Grist
Bidwell Park & Playground Commission