



**CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)**

Regular Meeting Agenda
October 24, 2022, 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 Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) meeting held on 9/26/22.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM CSU, CHICO TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BIDWELL BOWL AMPHITHEATER.

At its 2/28/22 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) was informed of California State University, Chico's (CSUC) plans to build a new Behavior and Social Sciences Building near Children's Playground, and the need for an open space easement on a portion of the playground property to meet State Fire Code. The easement was approved by the City Council and as compensation for the easement CSUC agreed to manage and make improvements to the Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater. Staff also told the BPPC that more detailed plans/designs for the Bidwell Bowl would be brought back to the Commission for review once they were available.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resource Manager requests the BPPC to provide comments, if any, on the proposed Bidwell Bowl improvements.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE CHICO AREA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENT TO HOOKER OAK PARK.

The Chico Area Recreation & Park District (CARD), which has a long-term City lease for use of Hooker Oak Recreation Area in Middle Bidwell Park, requests the BPPC's approval to resurface the basketball courts, and to replace the lights on two of the ballfields and one of the aging existing playground structures in the park.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resources Director recommends approval of these improvements.

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

Items provided for the Commission's information and discussion. No action can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them to a subsequent posted agenda.

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

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on November 28, 2022, 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 THE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 MEETING**

1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

1.2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Jeff Glatz
Megan Thomas Petty
Jesse Alexander
Nancy Wolfe
Larry Willis

Commissioners Absent:

Anjanette Shadley

Staff Present:

Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager)
Shane Romain (Assistant Park Manager)

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 8/29/22.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Willis to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONDUCT LLAMA DAY HIKES IN BIDWELL PARK.

Steven McFarland from Happy Homestead Llamas (Applicant) requested a special use permit to hold guided llama hikes in Upper Bidwell Park from November to April each year. Commission approval was required for this event because it is a new multi-day activity to be held in a non-reservable area. (*Report –Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager*)

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resources Manager (P&NRM) requested conditional approval or other BPPC direction.

Staff provided a report regarding this request. The applicant Steven McFarland also provided more information on his request and the characteristics of llamas.

Chair Glatz asked what was is the requested term of the Special Use Permit and P&NRM suggested perhaps year. Commissioner Willis suggested a two-year initial term.

The P&NRM also restated the permit conditions listed in the Staff Report, which included not allowing hikes when trails are closed due to wet weather and other conditions. Mr. McFarland stated his opinion that llamas are low impact due to having pads and not hooves and that they do not cause the same damage as horses or mountain bikes.

There were no other public comments regarding this item.

Commissioner Thomas Petty supported Staff's position to not allow the hikes when trails are closed, but that perhaps this decision could be evaluated after a year of guided hikes.

Commissioner Wolfe asked if the Commission would be willing to not wait for a year and to re-evaluate this policy after the first llama hiking season.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Thomas-Petty to approve the special use permit for a two year term, and that the decision to not allow the hikes when trails are closed be reevaluated in April or May of 2023.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Alexander, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Shadley

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR GLATZ'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS BELL REQUIREMENTS ON BICYCLES AND BANNING PROPANE USE IN CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS.

At its 6/27/22 meeting, the Commission approved Chair Glatz's request to agendize discussion of requiring bells on bicycles when riding in Bidwell Park and to consider banning the use of propane in City parks and greenways. (Report – Chair Glatz).

Recommendation: The P&NRM requested BPPC direction regarding these topics.

Chair Glatz provided his ideas and reasoning on wanting these two items to be considered and approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Alexander stated that an existing Chico Municipal Code section already restricts the use of propane tanks to only in designated BBQ areas and prohibits its use in all other areas in City Parks greenways.

Chair Glatz acknowledged this and withdrew his request for further action on propane use.

Karen Laslo provided comments via email dated 9/25/22 regarding requiring bells on bicycles.

Commissioner Thomas-Petty asked Staff if there was a possibility that a dedicated bike or pedestrian lane on Petersen and South Park Drives could be recommended as part of the Lower Bidwell Park speed and traffic analysis currently being conducted by a consultant. Staff responded that yes this is one of the possibilities.

Chair Glatz made a motion to recommend the City Council approve amending the Chico Municipal Code to require bells on bicycles. The motion was not seconded and failed.

5.3. CONSIDERATION OF A PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A COFFEE VENDOR AT SYCAMORE POOL AREA IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.

At its 4/25/22 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) approved using the City's current Vend Peddle Hawk permit process to solicit a vendor to sell coffee and other items in the Sycamore Pool area in Lower Bidwell Park. The Commission reviewed the proposed permit application, criteria, and approval process.

Recommendation: P&NRM recommended that the BPPC approve the permit application and the proposed vendor selection criteria or provide other direction.

The Park & Natural Resources Manager provided a report outlining the revised vend peddle hawk permit application that was revised for this type of park permit purpose, and also discussed the potential criteria the Commission could use to determine a potential coffee service vendor.

There were no public comments on this item.

It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the coffee permit application and process.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

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Jared Geizer representing the local Audubon Society provided comments in support of the Commission's future Dark Sky Initiative discussion.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Items provided for the Commission's information and discussion. No action was taken on any of the items.

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

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

After reviewing the Parks Division report, Commissioner Alexander said that he would like to somehow recognize the many volunteers at a BPPC meeting in the future.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, P&NRM advised the Commission that their next regular meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2022, which is Halloween. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to reschedule the October meeting to Monday, October 24, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to the next regular BPPC meeting on October 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: ___/___/___

Prepared by:

Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager

Date

Distribution: BPPC



Bidwell Park & Playground Commission Report

Meeting Date 10/24/22

DATE: 10/19/22
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM CSU, CHICO TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BIDWELL BOWL AMPHITHEATER

REPORT IN BRIEF:

At its 2/28/22 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) was informed of California State University, Chico's (CSUC) plans to build a new Behavior and Social Sciences Building near Children's Playground, and the need for an open space easement on a portion of the playground property to meet State Fire Code. The easement was approved by the City Council and as compensation for the easement CSUC agreed to manage and make improvements to the Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater. Staff also told the BPPC that more detailed plans/designs for the Bidwell Bowl would be brought back to the Commission for review once they were available.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resource Manager requests the BPPC to provide comments, if any, on the proposed Bidwell Bowl improvements.

BACKGROUND:

In 1911, Annie Bidwell sold the property bound by Big Chico Creek, the Esplanade, 1st Street to the City of Chico. This property is currently known as Children's Playground, which contains a playground, a large grass area, and other park amenities. The deed transferring the property stipulates that the property is not to be sold and that it continues to be used as a park and playground for perpetuity.

In 2020, CSUC contacted Staff indicating that it would be remodeling its Physical Sciences building into a new Academic Multipurpose Building. However, the University decided that the building would be demolished and that a new building for the College of Behavior and Social Sciences would be constructed instead.

On 10/19/21, the City Council approved granting the open space conservation easement on a portion of Children's Playground, conditioned upon CSUC making improvements to and taking over the maintenance and management of Bidwell Bowl. Management is also to include allowing public reservations and events in the future.

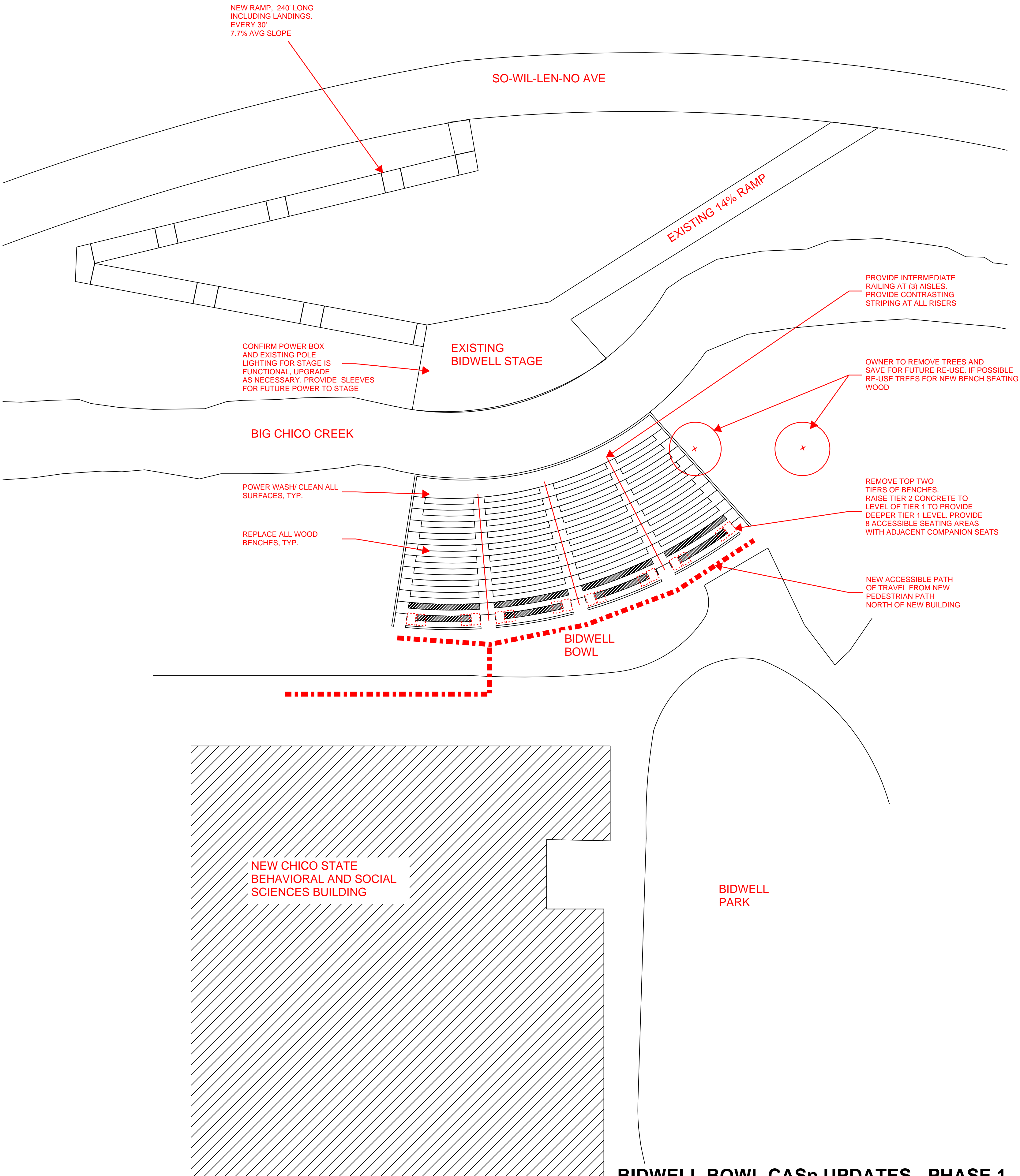
DISCUSSION:

CSUC provided the attached draft concept plan for Phase I improvements to the Bidwell Bowl that include:

1. New wooden seat benches.
2. Installation of a new platform at the top of the amphitheater to provide eight (8) ADA seating areas.
3. Installation of a new accessible path on the south side of the amphitheater and two accessible ramps to the stage located on the north side of the creek.
4. As previously approved by the BPPC, removal of two trees that are threatening infrastructure and formative pruning on other adjacent trees
5. Upgrading the lighting and electrical service at the stage if needed.

The intent is to transform the Bowl into a more inviting place by designing the new building to include outdoor seating and collaborative study spaces that face the Bowl, unlike the existing building which creates a very dark nonvisible corner that attracts nefarious activities. To facilitate these improvements, the intent is to amend the existing Grant of License CSUC currently has with the City to include the Bidwell Bowl property.

ATTACHMENT: Bidwell Bowl Phase I Plans.





DATE: October 20, 2022
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resource Manager
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF CHICO AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT'S (CARD) REQUEST TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO HOOKER OAK RECREATION AREA.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

The Chico Area Recreation & Park District (CARD), which has a long-term City lease for use of Hooker Oak Recreation Area in Middle Bidwell Park, requests the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission's (BPPC) approval to resurface the basketball courts, and to replace the lights on two of the ballfields and one of the aging existing playground structures in the park.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resources Director recommends approval of these improvements.

BACKGROUND:

CARD has leased the Hooker Oak Recreation Area for recreational purposes since 1993. The Lease has an initial term of 20 years, with automatic 10-year extensions unless either party provides 180-day notice to terminate. CARD must maintain the facility and can make alterations or improvements upon approval of the Public Works Director-O&M or the BPPC, depending on the type of improvements.

DISCUSSION:

In the attached correspondence dated 10/10/22, CARD is requesting the BPPC support the installation of the following maintenance and capital improvements in the Hooker Oak Recreation Area:

1. Replacement of an old existing playground apparatus, which will have additional swings, a new play structure, and spinning and climbing features.
2. Replacement of the existing metal halide bulb lighting on Rex Murphy and Hooker Oak Fields with new more efficient and directional LED lighting. The plan is to also replace the poles since the existing poles are too low and create hazardous blind spots for players.
3. Resurfacing the existing basketball court with a more modern surfacing that has a 15-year warranty and is anticipated to last 20-25 years.

All of these improvements extend the life of these recreation features and were approved by the CARD Board of Directors as part of their 2022-23 capital improvement program.

Attachments: 10/10/19 CARD Correspondence



Hooker Oak Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements

Submission to the Bidwell Park
and Planning Commission
Oct 10, 2022

As stewards of Hooker Oak Park and in accordance with the lease agreement, the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) intends to address several maintenance improvements to the existing capital assets within the park. These include:

- Replacement of existing southside playground structure
- Resurfacing of existing basketball court
- Replacement of existing softball field lighting on Rex Murphy and Hooker Oak fields

Project Details

Replacement of the existing southside playground structure

The current playground, installed in 1994, is six years beyond its anticipated useful life. The structure presents several aging components and UV affected surfaces necessitating replacement. CARD has secured grant funding to partially cover the structure's purchase and, through community input sessions, identified a desired and suitable replacement. The replacement includes additional swings, play structure, spinning, and climbing features aligned with PlayCore National Demonstration Site concepts. The anticipated installation is in November 2022. The CARD Board of Directors has approved and supports this project as part of the 2022-2023 capital improvements.

Resurfacing of existing basketball court

The current basketball court requires resurfacing due to extensive separation and cracking of the asphalt and fading court lines. CARD maintenance staff have prolonged the lifespan of the court with painting and asphalt patching for several years; however, the condition of the court continues to degrade and is beyond its lifespan. CARD has identified a modern approach to court resurfacing common in recreation districts and will contract the repair of the base surface, leveling, and installation. The installation contains a 15-year warranty with an anticipated 20 to 25-year lifespan, three times longer than a typical acrylic resurfacing. The CARD Board of Directors has approved and supports this project as part of the 2022-2023 capital improvements.

Replacement of Existing Field Lighting on Rex Murphy and Hooker Oak Fields

In 2006, Doryland field underwent a lighting replacement project to increase the height of the light standards up to 70 feet and with increased lumens. The remaining work included lighting upgrades for Rex Murphy and Hooker Oak softball fields.

The two remaining fields utilize 30 – 50 ft pole standards and are too low for the current level of play, creating hazardous blind spots when the ball is above the lights. The lighting industry is sunsetting out 1000W metal halide bulbs, and the current light level has decreased below the 50/30 footcandle recommendation from the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES). The existing aging system has corroded screens, gaskets, and snap rings. Metal halide bulbs are decreasingly available, and source quality is rapidly decreasing. CARD intends to replace the existing poles and lights to install new efficient LED lighting. This would raise the quality of heavily used fields popular within Chico to match the existing standard in the district and align with current lighting systems at DeGarmo, Wildwood, and Doryland fields.

The lighting project comes with a 25-year warranty, including a free re-lamping at the mid-point of the lifespan. The CARD Board of Directors has approved and supports this project as part of the 2022-2023 capital improvements.

CARD asks for support from the Park Commissioners to continue our high standard of stewardship and maintenance through the above projects. We look forward to our continued successful collaboration to provide recreation opportunities that significantly contribute to the quality of life in Chico.

Sincerely,



Scott Schumann
Parks and Facilities Manager



Annabel Grimm
General Manager



DATE: 10/20/22
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager
SUBJECT: Parks Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Upper Park Road Project – The work will be completed this week. The State Water Resources Control Board grant manager will be visiting the site on 10/25/22. Unless there are outstanding punch list items, it is anticipated that the road and the Horseshoe Lake Lot E. gate will be reopened next weekend.
- b. Ice Rink in City Plaza – Once again the City Plaza will be transformed into an ice rink. Construction will begin on November 1 and the ice rink will be open from November 17, 2022 to January 9, 2023. The Downtown Chico Business Association will be partnering with the City again this year. Ice skating lessons, theme nights and opportunities for private parties will also be offered.
- c. Park Maintenance Staffing – we are in the process of filling two Senior Maintenance Worker and two maintenance worker positions. Once complete, the park maintenance crew will finally be fully staffed.
- d. New Park Equipment – the City has purchased a new toolkat bi-bobcat for the Park Division. This piece of equipment comes with and can use multiple attachments, such as a auger for setting posts, and should be a very versatile useful asset.

2. Maintenance Program

Staff provides on a need and time basis the cleaning and safety inspections of all recreation areas including grounds, playgrounds, picnic sites, roads, and paths, coupled with the weekend cleaning and re-supplying of all open park restrooms. Maintenance and repair of park fixtures, daily opening of gates, posting reservations and the removal of graffiti from all park infrastructure.

- a. Lower Park: - The Butte County Sheriff's crews have not been available since late September, so Staff has been taking over the bathroom cleaning and housekeeping items. Vandalism in both bathrooms at One Mile has been occurring almost every day. The have had to be close frequently due plumbing damages. The lock on Cedar Grove restrooms have also been vandalized twice in the past few weeks, and the fencing around World of Trees has been vandalized significantly as well. Staff also replaced fall material, made repairs to the Bird Cage play structure, and fence repairs in Caper Acres. Staff also replaced damaged or replaced worn boards on the footbridge at the 99 overpass in Lower Park.
- b. Middle Park - Staff made final irrigation repairs and turned off the irrigation for the season at Five Mile and throughout the park. Staff also installed new signs asking for bicyclist to please walk bikes when pedestrians are on the bridge.
- c. Upper Park – The new Salmon Hole sign is ready to be installed once the Upper Park Road construction is complete. Replacement of split rail has also been a top priority.
- d. Green way Parks – Park crews continue to help the encampment crews with encampment cleanups.
- e. Upcoming projects: A contractor has been retained to install the new variable frequency drive controller for the Five Mile well,

3. Volunteer and Donor Program

- a. 35th Annual Bidwell Park and Chico Creeks Cleanup – The Butte Environmental Council with the City of Chico and the help of 508 volunteer, removed 80 tons of debris from Chico’s parks and waterways!
- b. Make a Difference Day – Saturday, October 22nd, 9 am to noon. Over 20 volunteers embarked on the removal of the old deer pen fence. The old chicken coop area was the focus.
- c. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities – Volunteer Calendar [CLICK HERE](#) or visit <https://chico.ca.us/post/volunteer-calendar>
- d. Donations – General park donations in the amount of \$500.00 were received from Peter Washington and \$191.09 from the Mary Linton-Mitchell Endowment Fund. \$100.00 was received from Daphne Briggs to go toward trail maintenance.

MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

Table 1. Upcoming Monthly Public Permits

Monthly Public Permits - November				
Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
11/05/22	One Mile	NVCF	Gratitude Walk	200
11/06/22	One Mile	Fleet Feet	Almond Bowl 5k/10k	600
11/12/22	One Mile	Girls on the Run	GOTR 5k Fun Run	1,000
11/24/22	One Mile	Jesus Center	Run for Food 5k Run/Walk	4,100
Totals				5,900

Table 2. Monthly Volunteer Hours

Parks, Trees and Greenways -PALS- (Partners, Ambassadors, Leaders & Stewards) Volunteer Activities, September 22							
Date	Location	Partner/Agency	# of Volunteers	Hrs. Worked	# of Vols Xs Hrs. = Total Hrs.	Task	Leader
Various	Chico Parks and Greenways	PALS	105	N/A	916	Park Ambassadors	Shane Romain
9/2/2022	Comanche Creek	Friends of Comanche Creek	6	4.5	27	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/7/2022	Lost Park	Friends of Comanche Creek	2	2	4	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/2/2022	Comanche Creek	Friends of Comanche Creek	7	4	28	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/9/2022	Comanche Creek	Friends of Comanche Creek	6	5	30	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/10/2022	Big Chico Creek	Stream Team	12	3	36	Water Monitoring	Timmarie Hamill
9/10/2022	Lindo Channel	Chico Community Watch	5	3	15	General Cleanup	Dan Bringolf
9/11/2022	Teichert Ponds	Faith Lutheran	45	3	135	General Cleanup	Douglas DeSoto
9/13/2022	Lost Park	Friends of Comanche Creek	3	2	6	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/9/2022	Comanche Creek	Friends of Comanche Creek	7	3	21	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/17/2022	Chico Parks and Creeks	BEC	508	4	2032	General Cleanup	Miranda Kokoszka
9/20/2022	Lost Park	Friends of Comanche Creek	2	2	4	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/23/2022	Comanche Creek	Friends of Comanche Creek	7	4	28	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/23/2022	North 1 Mile	CAVE	5	3	15	Trail work	Shane Romain
9/24/2022	Lower Park	PALS Ivy League	4	3	12	Vegetation Mgmt.	Linda Calbreath
9/24/2022	Lindo Channel	Chico Community Watch	2	7	14	General Cleanup	Dan Bringolf
9/24/2022	Caper Acres	Chico Mothers Club	10	2	20	Vegetation Mgmt.	Becca Jewett
9/30/2022	North 1 Mile	CAVE	6	3	18	Trail work	Kevin Seeger
				TOTAL HRS.	3361		

Table 3. Monthly Parks and Greenways Cleanup totals

Parks and Greenways Cleanups, Sept. 2022									
Date	Location	# of Staff	# Workers/Vols.	Total People	Hours Worked	People Xs Hours Total	Total Debris (cubic yards)	Total Debris (lbs)	
9/1/2022	99 bikepath @ E Lassen	12		12	4	48	80	29880	
9/2/2022	E. Lindo	3		3	1	3	1	350	
9/2/2022	Annie's Glen bike path	3		3	0.5	1.5	2	700	
9/6/2022	Camilla Way Bridge	3		3	1.5	4.5	1	350	
9/8/2022	Behind CARD	3		3	1	3	3	1050	
9/12/2022	E. Lindo and Palm	1		1	1	1	5	1750	
9/13/2022	E Park and Park	2		2	0.5	1	3	1050	
9/15/2022	W Lindo and Cussick	2		2	2	4	8	2780	
9/16/2022	Annie's Glen	2		2	1.5	3	6	2100	
9/17/2021	Teichert and Windchime	3		3	2	6	21	7480	
9/19/2022	Bruce to 99	27		27	7	189	160	82,740	
9/20/2022	South 1 Mile	1		1	1	1	1	350	
9/22/2022	Bidwell Ave	1		1	1	1	1	350	
9/22/2022	99 Bike Path	3		3	1.5	4.5	10	3,500	
9/22/2022	Sidewalk west side of triangle	1		1	0.5	0.5	2	700	
9/27/2022	Lindo at Palm	2		2	0.5	1	5	1750	
9/27/2022	Lindo at Spruce	2		2	1	2	3	1050	
9/27/2022	Cohasset Rd and Lane	2		2	1	3	3	1050	
9/27/2022	East of Caper	2		2	0.5	1	1	350	
9/27/2022	Park and E Park	2		2	1.5	3	8	2800	
9/28/2022	Lindo at Cussick	3		3	1.5	3	2	700	
9/28/2022	Teichert	3		3	2	6	10	3500	
9/29/2022	Eaton and Cohasset	6		6	2.5	15	6	2720	
						TOTAL HRS	TOTAL DEBRIS YARDS	TOTAL LBS	TOTAL TONS
						305	342	149050	75

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1 CAVE volunteer trail work



Figure 2 Faith Lutheran @Teichert Ponds



Figure 3-Footbridge Repairs



Figure 4-Footbridge Repairs



DATE: 10/24/22
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)
FROM: Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager
SUBJECT: Tree Division Report

NARRATIVE

1. Updates

- a. Recruitment – Steve Barton has been offered a full-time position as a Maintenance Worker in Tree Division.
- b. Service requests - In September 139 calls for tree service were received, of which 80 (57%) were related to cracked, hanging, or fallen limbs.

2. Planning/Monitoring

- a. Damage Reports No damage reports were sent to Risk management in September.

3. Planning and Building Development

- a. Landscape reviews in the City TRAKIT permitting system included landscape groundcover and water-use calculations, use of native species choices near waterways, PG&E removal requests and tree root pruning procedures during construction.
- b. Engineering: UFM collaborated with Public Works Engineering to start planning tree works ahead of upcoming roadway improvement projects.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Free shade trees - Public Works continues to accept citizen requests for new shade trees ahead of the community tree planting event in December. Residents wishing to receive a new shade tree should submit a request to Butte Environmental Council by visiting <https://www.becnet.org/urbanforest>
- b. Trees for babies: The partnership with Enloe Medical Foundation is seeing a steady stream of requests for celebration trees. There are now 43 signups to receive a tree to celebrate the birth of a new baby.

5. Maintenance

Tree Maintenance – WCA has started work on removals in various locations around the city. See Figure 1. 99 Trees have been identified as requiring removal. Trees have been assigned to the contractor in three batches according to priority levels 1 to 3. A legacy stump list has also been assigned. These stumps will be ground out ahead of replanting operations later in the year. See Figure 2.

6. Outreach, Training and Education

- a. Webinar: UFM attended online webinar “Connecting the Dots: Urban Trees, Human Health & Climate Change.”
- b. Webinar: UFM attended online webinar “Arboreta, Botanic Gardens & Urban Forestry: Managing Risk”
- c. ISA certification: One staff member attended a ISA tree climber certification exam.

7. Street Tree Supervisor Report

The Street Tree Supervisor's monthly summary data tables for September are included below:

a. Table 1 September Staff hours

Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	Trend
Tree Crew Hours				
1. Safety	164	17.1%	109.7%	
2. Tree Work	654	68.1%	119.1%	
3. Special Projects	62	6.5%	107.8%	
4. Admin Time/Other	80	8.3%	62.5%	
Monthly Totals	960	100.0%	108.6%	

b. Table 2 September Staff productivity

Item	Values	% Change from Last Month	Trend
5. Productivity			
Calls			
Call Outs	155	71.4%
Service Requests: Submitted	0	-
Service Requests: Completed	146	94.2%
Sub Total	0	-	
Trees			
Planted: Trees	0	-	..
Pruned	128	148.8%
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	-	
Removed: Stumps	0	-	
Removed: Trees	11	84.6%
Sub Total	139	140.4%
Tree Permits (#)			
Submitted	6	120.0%
Approved	4	133.3%
Denied	2	100.0%
Total	12	120.0%
6. Contracts			
Expenditures (\$)	\$ 7,200	-

8. Upcoming Issues

- a. It is anticipated that the tree removal contractor will take to the end of the year to complete the removal list. Various additional work order lists are currently being compiled. Lists include removal and pruning in Bidwell Park, as well as grid pruning in selected neighborhoods and corridor pruning on main arterial roads. To keep up with the work, a second crew may have to be deployed to Chico over the winter months
- b. The community tree planting event is set for December 12. The event will be hosted by Butte Environmental Council. It is anticipated that many of the trees recently removed by the tree contractor will be replanted.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1 Contractor tree removal operations in progress.



Figure 2 Contractor stump grinding operations.