



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
August 31, 2015, 6:30 pm
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Roll Call
- 1.3. Special Presentation: AmeriCorps Conservation Associate Alyssa Cordova

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Action: *Approve minutes of BPPC held on 6/29/15.*

2.2. Permit Application for Mi Escuelita Maya Pre-school Outdoor Education Events (9/24/15, 10/23/15, 2/26/15 and 3/24/16).

Applicant (Mi Escuelita Maya Pre-school) request a permit to hold 4 pre-school days at Cedar Grove to take a deeper level of teaching into nature so that children will be inspired by the creek, forest and field.

Recommendation: *Conditional approval of permit.*

2.3. Permit Application for the Bidwell Bump in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park (9/13/15).

Applicant (Katherine Ketterer) requests a permit to host a mountain bike race, the Bidwell Bump, in Middle and Upper Park. The event requires BPPC consideration as the race will use trails in Bidwell Park that are not considered intensive use areas. **Recommendation:** *Approve permit with conditions.*

2.4. Permit Application for Youth With A Mission – Music Festival (4/29/16 – 4/30/16).

Applicant (Youth With a Mission) would like to hold a music festival with a faith based collection of local churches with the goal to bless Chico. There will be speakers whose goal is create a positive city atmosphere. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval of permit.*

2.5. Permit Application for Wedding at Picnic Site 37 in Lower Bidwell Park (10/3/2015).

Applicant (Angie Anderson) is requesting permission to reserve Picnic Site #37 for a wedding. The event requires BPPC consideration as the picnic site is not currently a reservable area. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Permit Application for Tree Removal (2041 Huntington Drive).

On May 6, 2015, Staff received an application to remove a City of Chico street tree (a 10" DBH Bradford Pear.) The landowner cites the tree has fire blight and the roots are under and lifting the sidewalk. Staff rejected the application, as the tree is not dead, dying, diseased or dangerous and noted the tree is recovering from the fire blight at this time. The Chico Municipal Code (CMC 14.40.180) allows for the applicant to seek BPPC approval to remove the tree at the convenience of the property owner.

Recommendation: *If the BPPC approves the request, staff recommends that the removal and replanting with 2 trees planted within a year occur at the landowner expense.*

4.2. Permit Application for Tree Removal (344 Crater Lake Drive)

On August 20, 2015, Staff received a request to remove a City of Chico street tree (a 6" DBH Shumard red oak). The landowner notes concern that the roots are lifting the sidewalk causing a trip and fall hazard. The Chico Municipal Code (CMC 14.40.180) allows for the applicant to seek BPPC approval to remove the tree at the convenience of the property owner. **Recommendation:** *If the BPPC approves the request, staff recommends that the removal and replanting with 1 tree planted within a year occur at the landowner expense.*

4.3. Public Forum for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Project to Remove Trees along a Gas Pipeline in South Chico (Informational Item).

PG&E is preparing to remove trees along a pressurized gas distribution line in south Chico. This work appears to fall within the existing utility easement on the Comanche Creek property, and it appears that no City permit or action is required at this time. This item is before the BPPC to provide a forum mechanism for PG&E to share information on the project and provide a forum for citizens to ask questions and to offer solutions. **Recommendation:** *Provide a forum to provide an overview of the project and a mechanism for citizens to voice concerns and provide input to PG&E.*

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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

6. REPORTS

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

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on September 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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