



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
June 26, 2017, 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

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 5/31/17.

2.2. CONSIDERATION OF A MINUTE ORDER RECOMMENDING A LEASE WITH THE CHICO AREA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT (CARD) FOR AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE NATURE CENTER.

CARD, as the operator of the Nature Center, is considering applying for a grant to obtain funds to construct an outdoor classroom in the grassy area in lower Bidwell Park adjacent to the existing Exhibit building. The grant guidelines require land tenure or a lease agreement with a 30-year term to receive funding.

Recommendation: Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager recommends BPPC approval of the Minute Order recommending City Council approval of the 30-year lease, if the grant is awarded to CARD.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A DENIED TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FOR 1241 ARCADIAN AVE.

Teisha and Edwin Hase (Applicant) requested a permit to remove two Pin Oaks located at 1241 Arcadian Drive. Applicant cites utility line concerns and aesthetics as the principal reasons for removal. Staff denied the permit as the trees are not dead, dying, or pose a dangerous or defective condition. Per the Chico Municipal Code and at the request of the Applicant, the BPPC is considering an appeal of the denied permit.

Urban Forest Manager requests BPPC commission to consider and chose one of two presented options.

- Option 1. Repeal denial of the tree removal permit. Approve removal of two pin oaks at 1241 Arcadian.
- Option 2: Uphold denial of the tree removal permit.

4.2. CONTINUED REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITIONING NON-SWORN PARK RANGERS TO SWORN STATUS

The Commission is continuing its consideration of the proposal to transition Park Rangers into sworn, armed Rangers and changing the reporting structure from Public Works to the Chico Police Department. The Commission will continue to discuss the implementation alternatives, and will review a draft Memorandum

of Understanding between the Public Works and the Police Departments should the proposal be approved by the BPPC and the City Council consideration.

Recommendation: City staff requests the Commission:

- 1) Provide their thoughts, perspectives, concerns, or any other input on the proposed Hybrid Program recognizing that it is only conceptual and recently considered; and
- 2) Provide their perspective on the three potential options below.

Option 1 Full Conversion: The existing three Park Ranger positions would convert to sworn Park Ranger status and be moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018.

Option 2 Hybrid: Two existing Park Rangers would be converted to sworn Park Rangers and moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018. One Park Ranger would be retained within Public Works to coordinate all park ranger activity between Police and Public Works and to oversee a Reserve Park Ranger program which will predominately provide non-enforcement related education, interpretation, and service to the parks and greenways.

Option 3 No Change: No change to current Park Ranger Program

4.3. PRIORITIZATION OF CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REVISIONS

At its 5/31/17 meeting, the Commission was requested to provide to Staff a list of potential Chico Municipal Code (CMC) regulations pertaining to City Parks and trees that they believe may need revising for consideration and prioritization at tonight's meeting.

Recommendation: Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager recommends that the BPPC review the list of CMC Sections provided by the Commissioners and:

- 1) Prioritize and approve the top CMC Sections to be reviewed over the 2017-18 fiscal year, and
- 2) Forward any of the priority CMC Sections to the pertinent BPPC Committees for review and recommendation, if desired.

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 AND COMMUNICATION

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 Division Report

6.2. Street Tree Division Report

6.3. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (***Verbal Report—Linda Herman, Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager***)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **July 31, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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