



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

Regular Meeting Agenda
February 24, 2020, 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 1/27/20.

2.2. PERMIT FOR HOOKED ON FISHING NOT ON DRUGS EVENT AT HORSESHOE LAKE (5/30/20)

Pete Giampaoli (Applicant) requests a permit to host the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" fishing derby for children ages 4-12 years old, held in Middle Park at Horseshoe Lake on May 30, 2020. This event will also need the approval to stock Horseshoe Lake with catfish. Staff recommends the Commission approve this long-standing free community event for five years. Staff will request additional BPPC approval if there are any substantial changes to this event during the 5-year approval period.

Recommendation: Staff recommends conditional approval of the permit for five years (2020-2024).

2.3. PERMIT LIFE CHURCH TO HOLD A SUNRISE SERVICE IN MIDDLE PARK ON EASTER (4/12/20)

Jessica Ordaz (Applicant) with Life Church requests a permit to hold an Easter Sunrise service at the cross near Parking Area B in Middle Park on Sunday April 12, 2020. Staff recommends the Commission approve this long-standing free community event for five years. Staff will request additional BPPC approval if there are any substantial changes to this event during the 5-year approval period.

Recommendation: Conditional approval of the permit to hold this event for 5 years (2020 to 2024).

2.4. PERMIT TO HOLD VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND BIDWELL BOWL FROM 6/22/20 THRU 6/26/20.

Jenna Christophersen, from Bidwell Presbyterian Church (Applicant) requests a permit to hold their 14th Annual Vacation Bible Experience at Children's Playground. This program is for 5 consecutive days at Children's Playground and Bidwell Bowl. The Applicant has requested to use the lawn areas for the event and anticipates 200 attendees daily.

Recommendation: Conditional approval.

2.5. PERMIT FOR BUTTE COUNTY CORRECTION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A WALK/ RUN IN ONE MILE PICNIC AREA IN LOWER PARK (6/13/20)

Eric Willadsen from the Butte County Correctional Officer Association (Applicant) requests to hold a Walk/Run at the One Mile picnic area in Lower Bidwell Park along with a safety presentation at Sycamore Field on June 13, 2020. Sycamore Field will have multiple public safety vehicles and two helicopters on display. Applicant has reserved Sycamore Field with CARD.

Recommendation: *Conditional approval.*

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. UPDATE ON THE PEREGRINE POINT DISC GOLF COURSE MITIGATION & MONITORING

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) will consider the 2019 biological monitoring reports prepared by the City's consultant, the 2019 annual report from the Outside Recreation Advocacy Inc, (ORAI), and an update on the mitigation measures for the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course (PPDG). The BPPC will also begin its five-year review of the PPDG Operating Agreement with ORAI. (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager**)

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resources Manager recommends the BPPC direct its Natural Resource Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the Consultant's monitoring recommendations, and whether to extend the ORAI Agreement for another five years.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 2/12/20 BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Natural Resource Committee will provide a report on the following agenda items that were discussed at its 2/20/20 meeting (**Report – Anna Moore, Committee Chair**):

5.2.1. CONSIDERATION OF TEICHERT PONDS PEACE PARK PROPOSAL

At its 5/20/19 BPPC meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) received a status update on the activities that have taken place at Teichert Ponds and considered a proposal from Mr. Dick Cory to designate Teichert Ponds as a "Peace Park". The BPPC forwarded discussion of Mr. Cory's proposal to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC).

Recommendation: *The Committee recommends the BPPC rename Teichert Ponds as the "Peace Ponds Nature Area".*

5.2.2. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 2020.

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) reviewed the status of previous priorities discussion items pertinent to the Committee's responsibilities (e.g. changes in policies, codes, finances, etc.), and considered additional discussion items for 2020.

Recommendation: *The Committee recommends BPPC approval of the following proposed Policy Advisory Committee work plan discussion items (listed in order of priority) for 2020:*

1. Determine feasibility of re-establishing a non-sworn Ranger program, including a Junior Ranger program.
2. Continue to research and identify potential revenue sources for the Park Division.
3. Review and update the Park Division's donation policy.
4. Review and update the current fees and policies for filming in City parks and greenways.

5.3. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT FROM THE 2/19/20 BPPC NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Natural Resource Committee will provide a report on the following agenda items that were discussed at its 2/19/20 meeting (**Report – Scott Grist, Committee Chair**):

5.3.1. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF A REVISED “TAKE A HIKE” BROCHURE

The City has partnered with Explore Butte County, CARD, and the Chico Chamber of Commerce to revise the existing “Take a Hike” brochure highlighting trails in Upper Bidwell Park. The Committee reviewed a draft of a revised and redesigned “Explore Bidwell Park” brochure.

Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to provide comments on the redesigned brochure.

5.3.2. DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGE TO CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS

At its 9/30/19 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission approved Commissioner Haar’s request to discuss environmental degradation in Bidwell Park and other City parks and greenways from trash, disorderly conduct, and vandalism. The BPPC also approved discussing fencing at the Humboldt Avenue (Windchime) Park.

Recommendation: None at this time.

5.3.3. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE 2020 WORK PLAN

The Natural Resource Committee reviewed the status of previous discussion items pertinent to the Committee’s responsibilities (e.g. vegetation management, trails, etc.), and considered additional discussion items for 2020.

Recommendation: *The Committee recommends BPPC approval of the following proposed Natural Resource Committee work plan items (listed in order of priority) for 2020:*

1. Review of Peregrine Point Disc Golf mitigation and monitoring.
2. Completion of the restoration plan for the Nature Center area.
3. Review of Vegetative Fuels Management Plan (Cal Fire grant).
4. Review of the proposed updated Trails Plan.
5. Review of the CEQA policies and procedures.

5 BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members from 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 is prohibited from taking action, except for a brief response from the Commission or staff, on any comments or requests made under this section of the agenda.

6 REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission’s information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on 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.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **3/30/20 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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