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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
 Regular Meeting Agenda
 April 26, 2021, 6:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Zoom Platform

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Meeting Name: **BIDWELL PARK & PLAYGROUND COMMISSION MEETING 4-26-2021**
 Date/Time: Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm
 Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/99787874510?pwd=UklnVGJIME9Sa0pnRHRLcUVXSUVhUT09>
 Meeting ID#: 997 8787 4510
 Password: BPPC
 Call-in Number: 1-669-900-6833 or 877 853 5247 (Toll-free) Call-in Password: 228729

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 3/29/21.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A NEW SIGN FOR THE VERBENA FIELDS KIOSK.

CSU, Chico Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) have been volunteering time with the Mechoopda Tribe of Chico Rancheria to remove invasive vegetation at Verbena Fields, a City-owned natural

Park at 1st and Verbena Avenues. Catherine Carkhuff from CAVE will present their proposal to donate a new sign to replace the existing weathered sign in the kiosk at Verbena Fields. **(Report – Shane Romain, Park Services Coordinator).**

Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to review, comment, and provide a recommendation on the proposed new sign design.

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE ALCOHOL ANONYMOUS GOD SQUAD FOR DISCOUNTED PARK FEES TO RESERVE THE COUNCIL RING ON WEEKLY BASIS.

Tanny Johnson from Alcohol Anonymous (AA) God Squad (Applicant) submitted an application to reserve the Council Ring in Lower Bidwell Park on Sundays for their weekly meetings from 5/02/2021 through 10/31/2021 (27 meetings). The meetings are scheduled from 9:00am to 11:00am with approximately 50 members attending each week. Due to the recently approved increased reservation fees, the Applicant is requesting the Commission consider approving a discounted rate for these recurring weekly reservations. **(Report –Linda Herman, P&NRM).**

Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to provide direction on this fee reduction request. The P&NRM also requests, if the Commission approves such a request, that clear guidelines and conditions be established to determine whether or when to apply similar fee discounts to other applicants who may reserve park facilities for recurring dates in the future.

5.3. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PEREGRINE POINT DISC GOLF OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH OUTSIDE RECREATION ADVOCATES, INC (ORAI).

At its 9/28/20 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) considered the Natural Resources Committee's recommendation to amend the Peregrine Point Disc Golf (PPDG) Operating Agreement with Outside Recreation Advocates, Inc. (ORAI) to better reflect existing maintenance practices, a revised biological monitoring schedule, and ORAI's capacity to maintain the course. The BPPC will consider Staff's proposed amendments to the Agreement. **(Report –Linda Herman, P&NRM).**

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resources Manager requests the BPPC recommend City Council approval of the following proposed amendments to the ORAI Agreement .

1. Extending the Agreement term for the remaining 5-year term until 6/30/25.
2. Revising the monitoring survey frequency of Blue Oaks to five (5) years, and the surveys for the Checkerbloom and Knotweed to every three (3) years, all of which to be paid by the City.
3. Requiring ORAI to contribute up to \$5,000 of in-kind volunteer labor or costs of supplies, materials, or services each year to continue to maintain and be stewards of the PPDG course.
4. Revising Exhibit B to the Agreement to include the above proposed amendments and to reflect only the current remaining required monitoring tasks.

5.4. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITYWIDE AREA AND A BIDWELL PARK BURN PLANS.

As one of the deliverables under the CalFire grant for the Vegetative Fuels Management Plan, a Citywide Area Burn Plan and a separate, more specific Burn Plan for Bidwell Park was prepared by the City's consultant Deer Creek Resources. The purpose of the Burn Plans is to provide a framework to help the City determine where, when and how to conduct prescribed burns on city-owned properties if desired in the future. **(Report – Linda Herman, P&NRM).**

Recommendation: The BPPC is requested to review, provide comments, and approve the Burn Plans.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Commission via Zoom or by email at parkpubliccomment@chicoca.gov at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes or as determined by the Chair. The Committee cannot take any action on requests made under this section of the agenda at this meeting.

7. 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

8. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the Commission is needed in order to agendaize these items for discussion at a future meeting. At this meeting, public comment may be taken only whether to agendaize these items. If approved to be agendaized, public comment regarding the items themselves will be taken at a future BPPC meeting.

8.1. By email dated 3/31/21, Commissioner Moore requests to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss increasing revenue for Bidwell Park.

8.2. By email dated 4/19/21, Commissioner Thomas-Petty requests to agendaize discussion of recruitment, retention and remuneration issues for Parks Division employees (specifically Park Rangers), and Urban Forestry/Street Trees Division employees.

8.3. By email dated 4/23/21, Chair Glatz requests to agendaize discussion of the following topics:

8.3.1. Adjusting park closures at different areas of Bidwell Park to reduce vandalism, graffiti. And for public safety.

8.3.2. Creating zero tolerance or enhanced drug free zones in parks, especially around areas where children play.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **5/24/21** at **6:00 p.m.** at a location or format to be determined. ***Please note this meeting is not on the last Monday of the month due to the Memorial Day holiday.***



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