

CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION AGENDA
MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2009
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street - Council Chamber
6:30 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 ROLL CALL.

1.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS (Regarding items not on the agenda).

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA** - All items listed below are to be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. Resolutions and Ordinances will be read by title only in compliance with Section 611 of the City Charter. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Commission or persons in the audience request specific items to be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to a Commission vote on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. The item(s), if any, will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

2.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETINGS OF 9/26/09

The General Services Director recommends approval of the minutes as submitted.

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 COMMUNITY FORUM ON UPPER BIDWELL PARK TRAIL CONDITIONS AND USE

Powerpoint Presentation and Discussion

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

4.2 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF HWY 32 DISC GOLF COURSE AREA/TRAILHEAD

The General Services Director will provide an update to the Commission on the management and status of the site. *No recommendations are being made.*

4.3 UPDATE ON WET WEATHER USE PLAN – BIDWELL PARK

At its 9/26/09 meeting, the Commission reviewed and discussed a new procedure to determine whether trails for equestrian and bicycle use should be curtailed during wet weather in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park. The methodology uses available information on amount rain fall, soil moisture and on-site analysis for a site in the Horseshoe Lake area for Middle and Upper Bidwell Park and the Trailhead/Disc Golf Site on Highway 32. *No recommendations are being made.*

a. Overview and Status of Wet Weather Use Program

b. Commissioner Turney's email of 10/19/09 to the City Council regarding the wet weather policy and the management of the Hwy 32 site.

4.4 RECONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTION REGARDING A STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMIT - 176 E. SACRAMENTO AVENUE

At its 9/26/09 the Commission denied (4-3) an appeal for a tree removal permit application from Mr. Dick Sullivan to remove a "Little Leaf Linden" (*Tilia cordata*) tree located at 176 East Sacramento Avenue. Staff denied the permit due to the excellent condition of the tree, and because the tree is not hazardous and has environmental and aesthetic value to the community. Mr. Sullivan requested an appeal hearing before the Commission to review this decision. In denying the appeal, the Commission requested a status report on Mr. Sullivan's efforts to resolve parking issues adjacent his home.

Staff has received a request from Commissioner Watts for a reconsideration of the Commission's 9/26/09 decision. The Commission will need to take action on Commissioner Watts' request for reconsideration. In the event the Commission does agree to reconsider, staff has prepared an update on the permit application and provides additional background information. *The General Services Director recommends the Commission not reconsider the appeal.*

4.5 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CONCESSIONS AT ONE MILE RECREATION AREA

The Ad Hoc Committee on Concessions will provide an update to the Commission on the creation of a request for proposals (RFP) for a concession stand at One Mile Recreation Area. The Committee met on 10/1/09 and 10/21/09 to discuss and draft the RFP. *The Ad-Hoc Committee on Concessions recommends (3-0) that the Commission approve a Request For Proposals regarding a concession at the One Mile Recreation Area as presented or revised.*

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following reports and communication items are provided for the Commission's information. No action can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them in a subsequent posted agenda.

5.1 Director's Report.

- a. Update on Verbena Fields
- b. Restroom at One Mile Recreation Area
- c. Arundo Donax Project Restarts

The General Services Director will provide a verbal report of these items and on any other items that occurred after the posting of this agenda.

5.2 Park Crews/Rangers Report.

5.3 Urban Forest Manager/Street Trees Report.

5.4 Volunteer Program Report.

5.5 Correspondence-Communication. – None

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

7. ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting is adjourned to the Commission's regular meeting on November 30, 2009 at **6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center at 421 Main Street, Chico.

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