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**BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2009
Conference Room 2, 421 Main Street, Chico
6:00 p.m.**

(Commissioners Ober, Skaggs, and Turney, Chair)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. REGULAR AGENDA** - All items listed under the Regular Agenda are in the order which is believed are of interest to the public or which require Committee action at this meeting. The items will be considered in the order listed unless the Committee members request a change. Any person may speak on items on the Regular Agenda.

2.1 REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHICO CAT COALITION'S CURRENT ACTIVITIES

At its meeting of 10/26/09, the Park and Playground Commission referred a discussion of the abandon/ferral cats in Bidwell Park and the Chico Cat Coalition to the Volunteer Committee.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

4. ADJOURN

cc: Susan Mason
Susan Holtz
Kathy Casamajor



BPPC Volunteer Committee Report

Meeting Date: 11/18/09

DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2009
TO: VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE (Commissioners Ober, Skaggs, and Turney, Chair)
FROM: DENNIS BEARDLEY, GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, 896-7801
RE: UPDATE ON CHICO CAT COALITION'S CURRENT STATUS

BACKGROUND:

At the 10/26/09 Bidwell Park and Playground Commission meeting, Susan Mason of Friends of Bidwell Park, stated that the feral cat population in Bidwell Park has been increasing again and the Chico Cat Coalition needs assistance. The Commission directed the issue of the Park's cat population to the Volunteer Committee for consideration.

Since 1998, the Chico Cat Coalition (CCC) has helped capture, house, care for, and attempt to adopt out feral cats that are found in Bidwell Park. The CCC has received annual support from the City of Chico. In the Spring of 2009, the City Council extended funding to various non-profits as part of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Community Organization Funding Program in the General Fund/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) category. The CCC is slated to receive a total of \$9,500 during Fiscal Year 09-10.

The number of cats that can be taken out of Bidwell Park by CCC is currently very limited because of a lack of people willing to adopt and foster cats, and they struggle for room at their facility. The CCC is not a shelter and refers individuals finding cats or who need to surrender their pet to the Butte Humane Society.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee has been asked to review the current status of the Chico Cat Coalition and see if there might be some ways to help in their efforts to reduce the growing feral cat problem in Bidwell Park.

DISTRIBUTION:

Susan Mason
Chico Cat Coalition
Butte Humane Society