



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
January 30, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- 1.3. 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 12/12/11.

- 2.2. Consideration of a Permit for the Bidwell Bump Mountain Bike Race.

Applicant requests a permit to host a mountain bike race in Upper Park on established trails on 8/25/12. Routes would be on the north and south side of the park. This application is being considered by the Commission because the group is requesting the use of trails in Bidwell Park that are not considered intensive use areas. **Recommendation:** Approval of the permit use application with conditions.

- 2.3. Consideration of a Permit for a Wedding at City Plaza.

Applicant requests a permit to host a wedding in City Plaza on 6/30/12. This application requires BPPC consideration as the applicant is requesting the exclusive use of non-exclusive use area.

Recommendation: Approval of the permit use application with conditions.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – if any

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4.1. Consideration and Input to Internal Affairs Committee on Smoke-Free City Parks.

On 11/08/11, the Council's Internal Affairs Committee referred the issue of no-smoking in City parks to the BPPC for consideration and possible recommendation. The Policy Advisory Committee accepted public input on the issue at its 1/19/12 meeting. **Recommendation:** BPPC provide input and a recommendation to the City Council's Internal Affairs Committee. If the BPPC recommends additional restrictions, then staff suggests that the BPPC forward a list of considerations to help shape the policy.

- 4.2. Consideration of the Comanche Creek Greenway Management Plan, Comanche Creek Greenway Improvement Project, and Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The Comanche Creek Greenway includes property north and south of Comanche Creek between Midway and Estes Road. City staff have met regularly with the Southwest Neighborhood Association to develop a vision for the recreational use of the Greenway as documented in the Comanche Creek Greenway Management Plan and the Improvement Project. The documents will guide future management and improvements in Comanche Creek Greenway, making it accessible to the public as funding permits.

Recommendation: Park and Planning Staff recommend that Commission adopt Resolution 12-01: RESOLUTION OF THE BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE COMANCHE CREEK GREENWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND COMANCHE CREEK GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND APPROVING BOTH THE PLAN AND PROJECT.

4.3. Consideration of demolition of current restroom and construction of new announcer box and storage area at Hooker Oak's Doryland Fields.

In October 2011, CARD completed construction of an upgraded, accessible restroom at Hooker Oak Recreation Area. The new restroom is ADA compliant and is also connected to the City of Chico sewer line. CARD now seeks to demolish the old restroom and announcer box and to construct a new building for storage and a new announcer area. The new building materials will match the new restroom facility.

Recommendation: Staff recommends BPPC approval of CARD's demolition of the Hooker Oak's Doryland Fields old announcer box and restroom and the construction of a building for a new announcer box and storage area.

4.4. Consideration of the Policy Advisory Committee's revision of the Park Donations Policy.

The PAC has met four times to review and make editions to the Park Donations Policy. At it's 1/19/12 PAC meeting, the Committee and staff finalized the donation policy for submittal to the BPPC.

Recommendation: PAC requests BPPC review and adoption of the Park Donation Policy to the BPPC for adoption.

4.5. Discussion of Committee Assignments and the 2012 Meeting Calendar.

BPPC members serve on the Policy Advisory, Natural Resources, Street Trees Committees and the City's ad hoc Bicycle Advisory Committee. The Committees allow more detailed consideration of issues. Findings or recommendations are then reported to the entire BPPC. Assignments are at the BPPC Chair's prerogative with staff recommendations. In addition, the Commission will consider the Committee and BPPC meeting schedules for 2012. **Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the BPPC make Committee Assignments; and review and approve 2012 calendar for Committee Meetings and BPPC Annual schedule.

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**

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. Special Report: Urban Forest and Street Tree Annual Report
- 6.2. Special Report: Annual Lessee Reports
- 6.3. Tree Committee Report – Clay Craig, Acting-Chair
- 6.4. Natural Resources Committee – Mary Brentwood, Chair
- 6.5. Policy Advisory Committee – Lisa Emmerich, Chair
- 6.6. Urban Forest Manager's Report - Denice Britton, Urban Forest Manager
- 6.7. Park and Natural Resources Manager's Report - Dan Efseaff, Park and Natural Resource Manager.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on February 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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