



CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
May 30, 2017, 6:30 pm
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Council Chamber

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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 3/27/17 and 4/24/17.

2.2. APPLICATION FOR WEDDING CEREMONY AT REDWOOD GROVE, PICNIC SITE #37 (10/21/17)

Applicant Jenna Tubbs would like to reserve Redwood Grove, Picnic Site #37, in Lower Bidwell Park for her wedding ceremony. **Recommendation:** *Conditional approval.*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITIONING NON-SWORN PARK RANGERS TO SWORN STATUS

The City is considering empowering Park Rangers as sworn, armed Park Rangers and changing the reporting structure from Public Works to the Chico Police Department. The Commission will discuss several alternative options for City Council consideration.

Recommendation: City staff requests the Commission:

- 1) Provide their thoughts, perspectives, concerns, or any other input on the proposed Hybrid Program recognizing that it is only conceptual and recently considered; and
- 2) Provide their perspective on the three potential options below.

Option 1 Full Conversion: The existing three Park Ranger positions would convert to sworn Park Ranger status and be moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018.

Option 2 Hybrid: Two existing Park Rangers would be converted to sworn Park Rangers and moved into the Police Department effective July 1, 2018. One Park Ranger would be retained within Public Works to coordinate all park ranger activity between Police and Public Works and to oversee a

Reserve Park Ranger program which will predominately provide non-enforcement related education, interpretation, and service to the parks and greenways.

Option 3 No Change: No change to current Park Ranger Program.

4.2. PRIORITIZATION OF CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE REVISIONS

The Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) is being provided copies of certain Chico Municipal Code (CMC) regulations pertaining to City Parks and trees that may be in need of revision. Review of CMC Chapters 12.08 and 12R.10 regarding Park reservations have already been approved by the Commission as part of its annual Work Plan. The Commission is asked to review the other regulations provided by staff for areas of concern and potential revisions.

Recommendation: Interim Park & Natural Resource Manager recommends that the Commission:

- 1) Forward Chapters 12R.08 and 12R.10 to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation, and
- 2) Each provide to Staff by June 15, 2017 top priority CMC topics they would like to review over the next fiscal year for discussion at the June BPPC meeting.

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 AND COMMUNICATION

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. Parks and Tree Division Report

6.2 Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (***Verbal Report–Linda Herman, Interim Park and Natural Resource Manager***)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **June 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).



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