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CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)

Regular Meeting Agenda
July 30, 2018, 6:30 pm
City Council Chambers - 421 Main Street

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1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Roll Call
- 1.3. Swearing-in of New Commissioner – Megan Thomas Petty
- 1.4. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

2. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

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 6/25/17.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. PRESENTATION ON THE UPPER BIDWELL PARK ROAD SURVEY FINAL REPORT

Park & Natural Resources Manager will provide a presentation on the Final Report prepared by CSU, Chico Professor Dr. Schmidt of the results of the Upper Park Road public convenience survey.

Recommendation: The Park & Natural Resource Manager (P&NRM) requests that the BPPC forward further discussion of the Final Report and survey results to the BPPC Natural Resources Committee.:

5.2. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE 7/11/18 BPPC POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

At its meeting on 7/11/18, the Policy Advisory Committee discussed several items referred to them by the BPPC regarding regulations concerning closing times for all City Parks, the use of security cameras, whether to close Bidwell Bowl to reservations only, amplified sound, and speeding and other vehicle regulations for roads in Lower Bidwell Park.

Recommendations: The Committee unanimously voted (3-0) to recommend that the BPPC consider recommending City Council approval of the following:

A. CLOSING TIMES FOR ALL CITY PARKS AND GREENWAYS

1. Closing the following areas of Lower Bidwell Park and other City Parks at 7:00 p.m. from October 1 to March 31 and at 9:00 p.m. from April 1 to September 30 each year, which are the current seasonal gate closing hours of Lower Bidwell Park:
 - a. One Mile Recreation Area Group Picnic Area (12 tables at Oak Grove A& B)
 - b. Non-reservable (6-table) area of the One Mile Recreation Area
 - c. Children's Playground
 - d. Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater
 - e. Depot Park
 - f. Council Ring
2. Closing the following locations at 11:00 p.m., to be consistent with Middle and Upper Bidwell Park and the Chico Area Park and Recreation District (CARD) parks:
 - a. The remainder of Lower Bidwell Park, including Cedar Grove and the Five Mile Recreation Area.
 - b. City-owned greenways
 - c. Husa Ranch/Nob Hill Neighborhood Park
3. After consulting with the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA), closing City Plaza at 12: a.m. to 5:00 a.m. instead of 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
4. If approved by the City Council, conduct a public education campaign and provide a report to the BPPC on the effectiveness of the new park closure times after 12-months of implementation.

B. USE OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND LIMITING THE USE OF BIDWELL BOWL TO - PERMITTED EVENTS

1. Staff's proposal to install security cameras at the locations
 - a. One Mile Southside Restroom and Concession Area
 - b. One Mile Recreation Group Picnic Area (Oak Grove A&B)
 - c. Children's Playground and the Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater downtown.
 - d. And if funding allows, Caper Acres.
2. Waiting to see if the security cameras help conditions at Bidwell Bowl and to not limit use of the facility to events only at this time.

C. REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF AMPLIFIED SOUND

1. Provide better enforcement of the existing noise regulations, and more signage citing the CMC Code and to remind park users to be more courteous of others.

D. REGULATIONS REGARDING VEHICLE USE IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK

1. Proceed with conducting a speed survey and also assess the width of the road on Petersen and South Park Drives in Lower Park to determine the appropriate speed for vehicles.
2. Direct Staff to determine the feasibility of installing a buffered pedestrian lane on Petersen Drive, and installing a sign at the Petersen entrance gate cautioning drivers and bicyclists of pedestrians who also use the road.

6. 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.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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.

7.1. Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager.

7.2. Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager.

7.3. Park & Natural Resource Manager Report (**Verbal Report**), if applicable

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on 8/27/18 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center building located at 421 Main Street, Chico, California.



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