

Bidwell Park & Playground Commission

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Bidwell Park & Playground Commission Information

1. Duties. Has power and duty to operate and maintain all parks and playgrounds owned by the City; provide for the propagation, planting, replanting, removing, pruning and caring for the trees and shrubbery on the streets and along the sidewalks of the City; enter into leases and contracts for up to 15 years; and confirm the appointment of the Park Director made by the City Manager. (Charter Sec. 1006.1)
2. Donations. In the name of the City, may accept donations, legacies or bequests for the aid and improvement of the parks and playgrounds under its supervision, provided that all moneys derived from such donations, legacies or bequests, be deposited in the treasury of the City to the credit of the Commission. (Charter Sec. 1006.2)
3. Composition. Consists of seven members. (CMC Sec. 2.40.010)
4. Meetings. Currently meets monthly on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street. Subsequent to the biennial appointment of new commission members, the commission sets a weekday and a time for regular monthly meetings to begin no earlier than 6:00 p.m. (CMC Sec. 2.40.030 and 2.40.040, and AP&P #10-1)
5. Potential Conflicts of Interest. Members of the Airport Commission and the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission are defined as City officers (CMC Sec. 2.04.010) and may not have a financial interest in any contract, sale, purchase, lease or transfer of real or personal property to which the City is a party.

Except in certain circumstances, these provisions may preclude an individual from serving on the Airport or Park Commission where the individual, or his/her employer, is involved in a financial arrangement with the City. Because of the many variations in the law, individuals applying to or serving on these commissions who are now, or may enter into a situation as described above, should contact the City Attorney's Office for advice concerning their particular situation.

6. Other. See Page 14 for general provisions.