TO: City Council

FROM: Erik Gustafson, Director of Public Works O&M, (894-4202)

RE: CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION REGARDING PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE RESTROOMS.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

At its 11/25/19 meeting, the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) discussed the feasibility and costs to provide eight additional portable restrooms in City Parks and greenways. After reviewing whether to place 4, 6, or 8 portable restrooms along Lindo Channel, Big Chico Creek, and Little Chico Creek, the Commission recommended that the City Council consider placing five portable restrooms at various locations on each creek or greenway.

**Recommendation:** The Bidwell Park and Playground Commission recommends (4-1-2) that the City Council approve:

1. Placing five (5) portable restrooms in City parks and greenways at the following locations (listed in order of priority):
   a. Comanche Creek at Otterson Drive near the bridge.
   b. Peterson Drive in Bidwell Park, at Madrone.
   c. Bridge over Lindo Channel at the Esplanade.
   d. First Street entrance to the Annie's Glen near Orient Street.
   e. Humboldt (Windchime) Park.

2. Allocating $83,500.00 in funding for this project to help cover any additional damages or cleaning costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated monthly and annual costs for five (5) portable ADA restroom, cleaned 5 times a week, is as follows:

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<th>Unit Cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>ADA Toilet</td>
<td>$176.00/Month</td>
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<td>$2,118.00</td>
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<td>Sink</td>
<td>$96.50/Month</td>
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<td>$1,158.00</td>
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<td>Cleaning (both units 5 days/week for 52 weeks)</td>
<td>$25/Unit/Service</td>
<td>$1,083.33</td>
<td>$13,000.00</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,356.33</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,276.00</strong></td>
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**TOTALS FOR FIVE RESTROOMS**

|                  | $6,781.65 | $81,380.00 |

Based on portable restrooms at the Transit Center and Depot Park, the contractor is also needing to charge an additional fee of $20 for excess trash in the restroom units at least 3-4 times a month at each location, which may increase the monthly costs. There could also be additional costs for replacement for any damages to the restrooms and facilities, such as dispensers or locks, which will be charged each time damage occurs.

BACKGROUND:

Over several meetings, the BPPC discussed adding additional portable restrooms in Bidwell Park and along the City’s four greenways. In particular, the Commission discussed placing restrooms at the following locations:

1. The bridge over Lindo Channel at the north end of Madrone.
2. The bicycle/footbridge over Lindo Channel at the end of Downing.
3. The crossing adjacent to Hwy 99 on Lindo Channel.
4. The bridge over Lindo Channel at the Esplanade.
5. The bridge over Little Chico Creek at Teichert Pond.
6. The bridge over Big Chico Creek at Annie's Glen.
7. The bridge over Little Chico Creek at El Monte/ Notre Dame.
8. The footbridge over Comanche Creek at Meyers Street.

Staff was directed to contact the City's portable restroom contractor, who was obtained through a competitive bid process, to determine the costs and the feasibility of placing 4, 6 and 8 portable restrooms at locations that along Lindo Channel, Big Chico Creek, and Little Chico Creek. The contractor also advised that the restrooms need to have at least 20 feet of clearance and be on a paved surface for them to be serviced by their pump truck. The truck also cannot drive across pedestrian/bicycle bridges. The company also did not recommend that the portable restrooms be located near creeks as they are often vandalized and tipped over. Staff offered to review the pros and cons of each location again, particularly for the best access for the contractor, and to rank them in order of priority for the BPPC's consideration.

**DISCUSSION:**

On 11/25/19, the BPPC reviewed Staff's following prioritized list of restroom locations and the reasons for the rankings.

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<th>Reasons</th>
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<td>Comanche Creek at Otterson Drive near the bridge</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Middle of a greenway entirely on City property, more room and easy access for contractor. No restrooms currently available for greenway users and passing through bicyclists.</td>
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<td>Peterson Drive in Bidwell Park, at Madrone</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Middle of a park, easy access for contractor, entirely on City property. Provides additional restrooms on south side for all park users.</td>
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<td>Bridge over Lindo Channel at the Esplanade</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Accessible to contractor, offers facilities for the nearby busy bike path.</td>
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<td>Bridge over Big Chico Creek at Annie's Glen</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>On busy street. If chosen, recommend move it to 1st Street entrance near parking stalls instead of bridge for access by contractor.</td>
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<td>Humboldt Park</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>No restrooms currently available for park users. Accessible to contractor. Entirely on City property. Mixed business and residential neighborhood.</td>
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<td>Crossing adjacent to Hwy 99 on Lindo Channel</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Difficult access for contractor, steep slopes, busy traffic area</td>
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<td>Bicycle/footbridge over Lindo Channel at the end of Downing</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Needs to be placed on residential streets.</td>
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<td>Bridge over Lindo Channel at the north end of Madrone</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Needs to be placed on residential streets. In the middle of neighborhoods, on school bike route.</td>
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<td>Bridge over Little Chico Creek at El Monte/ Notre Dame</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>No access for contractor, near school bike route.</td>
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The BPPC discussed all the locations and the costs for eight restrooms. The City’s contractor advised that due to their experiences with portable restrooms at Depot Park and the Transit Center that the restrooms should be cleaned five (5) times a week. They also advised that if handwashing facilities were desired that separate handwash stations would need to be provided since the restrooms with wash station inside would no longer be ADA compliant. With these suggestions in mind, the total cost to provide and clean eight restrooms and hand washing stations was estimated at $171,840 per year.

The Commission also discussed the viability of obtaining grant funding to help pay for the restrooms. Both Staff and the BPPC members agreed to research this option. Due to the costs, the BPPC recommended (4-1-2, with Commission Glatz voting no and Commissioners McReynolds and Moore absent) that the City Council approve placing five (5) portable restrooms at the following top ranked locations:

1. Comanche Creek at Otterson Drive near the bridge.
2. Peterson Drive in Bidwell Park, at Madrone.
3. Bridge over Lindo Channel at the Esplanade.
4. First Street entrance to the Annie’s Glen near Orient Street.
5. Humboldt (Windchime) Park.

PUBLIC CONTACT:

All the BPPC meetings when this item was discussed were publicly noticed. In addition, notices of the 1/21/20 City Council meeting were sent to property owners within 500 feet of the proposed restroom locations.

Reviewed By:

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