



**CITY OF HEMET**  
**Park Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, January 30, 2006**  
**4:00 PM**

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**City Council Chambers**  
**450 E. Latham Avenue**  
**Hemet, CA 92543**

The regular meeting of the City of Hemet Park Commission was called to order at 4:00PM by Chairperson Rojas, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Commissioner Taryn Hoehne  
Commissioner Janet Neales  
Chairperson Joe Rojas  
Commissioner Joel Silva  
Commissioner Jan Wright  
Mayor Roger Meadows

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mike Gow, Deputy Public Works Director; Ross Cortz; Park Supervisor; Kris Cannon, Management Assistant

**1. Introduction of New Commissioner**  
New Commissioner Jan Wright was introduced.

**2. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2005, Park Commission Meeting.**  
*Commissioner Silva moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 5-0.*

**3. Park Use Requests:**

**A. Jamie Abel - Birthday Party - February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM - Dusk**  
**Brubaker [Gazebo #1/Jumper]**

**B. Milo Saak - Monthly Art Show - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month beginning February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**10AM to 4PM (weather permitting)**  
**Weston [South section of park/Artist vendors/Liability insurance attached]**

Milo Saak, 41105 Whittier Ave

Mr. Saak stated that he is the Chairman of Ways and Means for Hemet Valley Art Association. He is requesting use of the south end of Weston Park on the first Sunday of every month, in addition to coordinating for shows during the Ramona Pageant season.

Council Member Meadows suggested that Mr. Saak speak with the contact heading up the Ramona Pageant parade events

The Commission discussed a four month approval for this item beginning February, 2006, through May, 2006.

**C. Martha Pantoja - Birthday Party - February 11<sup>th</sup>, 11AM to 7PM**  
**Gibbel [Gazebo #1/Jumper]**

- D. Keith Eli - Birthday Party - February 19<sup>th</sup>, 10AM to 5PM  
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1/Jumper]
- E. Heather Long - Birthday Party - February 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1/Jumper]
- F. Shirley Maddox & Stephanie Borders/Party Planners - April 22<sup>nd</sup> - All day  
Community Event following Ramona Pageant Parade  
Weston [Entire park]  

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| <u>EVENTS:</u>      | <u>SPECIAL NEEDS:</u>     |
| Vendors/Non-profits | Support of COH Parks Crew |
| Food                | Electricity               |
| Games               | Water                     |
| Exhibitions         | Portable Restrooms        |
| Petting Zoo         |                           |

Stephanie Borders, 450 Terry Lane

Mrs. Borders stated that she would be the contact for Mr. Saak to work with for the Ramona Pageant season parade event.

- G. Marsha Spell/Center Against Sexual Assault - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Candle Light Vigil  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:45PM to 9:00PM  
Welch Green [Cabana/Glow sticks, not candles, will be used]
- H. Tanya Ransdell - Wedding - May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Simpson Park [Covered bench area]

**Commissioner Wright moved to approve Items A through H, noting the following changes: Item B only approved for four month period of February through May, and Item C event end will be dusk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 5-0.**

**4. Tree Removal and Other Requests from the Public:**

- A. Tree Removal Request - 3823 Roxbury  
(Betty and Lewis Neubarth - Escondido)

Cortz reported sidewalk lifted by this tree's roots has been grinded by City crews previously. Staff recommendation is to deny the tree removal request, schedule a root prune and root barrier installation and remove and replace the raised sidewalk.

**Commissioner Hoehne moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal request, schedule root prune and barrier placement, and remove and replace raised sidewalk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 5-0.**

- B. Tree Removal Request -431 Val Verde  
(Donald and Madeline Locey - Hemet)

Cortz reported staff recommendation is to deny the removal request, schedule tree for trim, root prune, removal of surface roots, and remove and replace raised sidewalk.

**Commissioner Neales moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal request, schedule trim, schedule root prune and removal of surface roots, and replace raised sidewalk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 5-0.**

- C. Tree Removal Request - 2030 Avenida Olivos  
(Atsuko Meston - Hemet)

Atsuko Meston, 2030 Avenida Olivos

Mrs. Meston commented on recent plumbing issues and requested that the tree next to her water meter be removed.

Discussion ensued regarding removal this tree and the existence of a second City tree at this property.

Cortz reported that this tree was placed approximately 30 years ago without a root barrier. He further reported that standard tree planting procedures now include the placement of a root barrier. Staff recommendation is to deny the removal request, trim tree and schedule a root prune and barrier placement.

***Commissioner Wright moved to deny staff recommendation and recommended to approve the removal of tree closest to the water meter, without replacement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 5-0.***

**D. Tree Removal Request - 2273 Cristobal  
(Mr. and Mrs. Cybruck - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that this tree is healthy, but needs to be trimmed.

***Commissioner Wright moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal request and schedule tree for trimming. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 5-0***

**E. Tree Removal Request - 1660 San Vicente  
(Donna Davis - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that this is a healthy tree which drops flowery debris. Staff recommendation is to deny removal request

***Commissioner Neales moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 5-0.***

**F. Tree Removal Request - 2319 El Rancho  
(Blanche Filiau - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that this is a large Oak tree that could be removed per the City of Hemet Oak Tree Removal Policy. Cortz was unable to contact the resident to get a verbal commitment to water a replacement tree.

***Commissioner Silva moved to approve staff recommendation to remove Oak Tree Per City Oak Tree Removal Policy, contingent upon homeowner's agreement to water a replacement tree. Motion seconded by Commissioner Neales, and carried 5-0.***

**G. Tree Removal Request - Southeast c/o Taquitz & Mayberry  
(Mark Hotchkis / Access Homes - Carson, CA)**

Cortz reported that the party requesting the tree removal is not the current owner of the property. Requestor is looking for commitment from City to remove the trees if he purchases the property.

No Action taken as removal requestor is not lawful owner of the property in question.

**5. Commission Comments, Reports, and Oral Communications:**

**A. January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, Council Action on Park Commission Recommendations of December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Gow reported that all items were approved.

**B. Lighted Holiday Tree in Each Park**

Commissioner Rojas opened the floor for this Item, and commented that he would like to see a lighted tree in each park during the holidays.

Cortz reported on staff concerns with vandalism, lack of trees having the capacity to hold weight of decorations. Discussion ensued regarding other decorative options for parks.

Staff to research other cities for options used, and item to be returned to a future agenda.

**C. Action Items List**

Gow commented on the continued considerations for siting a dog park. Discussion ensued regarding park development and potential property uses on the east and south sides of town.

**6. Communications from the Public:**

**Anyone who wishes to address the Commission regarding items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Presentations are limited to three (3) minutes in consideration of others who are here for Agenda items. When you are recognized, please give your name, spelling of last name, an address for accurate recording in the minutes.**

**7. Future Agenda Items:**

- A. Eucalyptus Trees at Mary Henley Park**
- B. Park Requirements -Review Timing**

**8. Adjournment: 4:53pm**

**The next regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting will be held Monday, February 27, 2006, at 4:00PM in the City Council Chambers.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kris Cannon  
Management Assistant**