

**City of Hemet
Park Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2005**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
EXCUSE ABSENT COMMISSIONERS**

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 Bob Craig
Commissioner Taryn Hoehne
Commissioner Janet Neales
Chairperson Joe Rojas
Mayor Roger Meadows

Members Absent: Commissioner Joel Silva
Commissioner Neales moved to excuse Commissioner Silva. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and was carried 4-0.

Also Present: Mike Gow, Deputy Public Works Director
Jimmy Berryhill, Deputy Public Works Director - Operations
Ross Cortz, Parks Supervisor
Kristen Cannon, Management Assistant

1. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2005, Park Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Craig moved to accept minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Neales, and carried 4-0.

Commissioner Silva arrived at 4:03pm.

2. Park Use Requests:
 - A. Park Use Requests -
 1. R.B. Adams - Mental Health Walk-A-Thon - Phoenix Skill Center
May 27th, 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Gibbel Park [Gazebo #1]
 2. Esmeralda Gonzalez - Baptism May 28th, 12:00PM - Dusk
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1]
 3. Perla Martinez - Birthday Party - May 28th, 10:00AM - 7:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #2]
 4. Patricia Diaz - Birthday Party - May 28th, 12:00PM - 7:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]
 5. Lorraine Noriega - Birthday Party - May 28th, 10:00AM - 6:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #4]
 6. Olga Cortez - Baby Shower - May 28th, 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #5]

7. **Sheryl Gregory/Bev Juarez - Family Reunion - May 29th, 9AM - 7PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1]**
8. **Nicole Walker - Memorial Holiday Picnic - May 29th, 11:00AM - 7:00PM
Gibbel Park [Gazebo #2/Open area by baseball field]**
9. **Terry Medina - Party - June 4th, 6:00AM - 6:00PM
Gibbel Park [Gazebo #1]**
10. **Perla Martinez - Birthday Party - June 4th, 10:00AM - 7:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #2]**
11. **Marcum/Medina - Birthday Party - June 4th, 11:00AM - 6:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]**
12. **Vivian Wagaman - Family Gathering - June 4th, 10:00AM - 7:00PM
Simpson Park [Barbeque]**
13. **Leonor Romero - Birthday Party - June 11th, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1]**
14. **Patricia Diaz - Birthday Party - June 11th, 1:00PM - 8:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #2]**
15. **Socorro Valites - Birthday Party - June 11th, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]**
16. **Brian & Sayra Owen - Baby Shower - June 11th, 12:00PM - 6:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo # 5]**
17. **Heather Dickens - Birthday Party - June 12th, 11:00AM - 4:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]**
18. **Angie Hernandez - Birthday Party - June 12th, 2:00PM - Dusk
Mary Henley - [Gazebo #3 / Will have a Jumper]**
19. **Paul Bailey/West Valley High School - Annual Senior Picnic -
June 13th, 10:00AM - 2:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1 / Basketball Courts]**
20. **Susan Atkinson/Harmony Elementary School - Orienteering Course
June 15th, 8:30AM - 11:30AM
Brubaker [Gazebo #1 & Park (not baseball area)]**
21. **Deborah Sloan - Wedding Reception - June 17th, 8:00AM - 10:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]**
22. **Dallas & Ann Dengate - Family Reunion - June 18th, 9:00AM - 4:00AM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]**
23. **Betty Hendershott - Family Reunion - June 18th, 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

- Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]
24. Marty Boyajian - Shuffleboard Tournament - June 20th, 21st, and 22nd
11:30AM - 1:30PM Daily
Weston Park [Basket Ball Court area/Concrete Slab]
 25. Michelle Camarillo - Baby Shower - June 25th, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]
 26. Leonor Romero - Picnic - June 25th, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #5]
 27. Angie Hernandez - Birthday Party - June 26th, 2:00PM - Dusk
Mary Henley - [Gazebo #3 / Will have a Jumper]
 28. Larry Marcum - Family Picnic - July 4th, 11:00AM - 4:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]
 29. Stephanie Flores - Birthday Party - July 10th, 9:00AM - 7:30PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #2 / Jumper]
 30. Cynthia McCrary - Picnic - July 11th, 2:30PM - 6:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #2]
 31. Linda Walker / Recovering Alumni of Hemet - 4th Annual Picnic
July 16th, 7:00AM - 6:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1 / Water / Electric]
 32. Patricia Geissert - Baby Shower - July 17th, 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]
 33. Alice Roquemore - Family Reunion - July 30th, 9:00AM - Dusk
Gibbel Park [Gazebo #1 & Play Area]

Discussion regarding jumpers in the park and restricting jumper use at Mary Henley to Gazebo #1. Through consensus, the Commission agreed that authorized jumper use at Mary Henley Park should be restricted to Gazebo #1.

Commissioner Neales moved to approve all Items with the exception of Items 2A12, 2A18, 2A27, 2A29 and 2A33. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 5-0.

Commissioner Neales moved to approve Items 2A18, 2A27 and 2A29 contingent upon moving their reservation to Gazebo #1, or maintaining original Gazebo reservation without the use of a jumper; and approve Item 2A33 for reservation of the Gazebo #1, but deny reservation of the play area. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 5-0.

Discussion regarding the possible start of fire season, resulting in the closure of Simpson Park.

Commissioner Silva moved to approve Item 2A12 contingent upon Simpson Park remaining open; and use of barbeque is contingent upon the California Department of Forestry calling the start of fire season. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 5-0

Staff to contact requestor of Item 2A12 by phone and in writing regarding reservation approval contingencies.

3. Tree Removal and Other Requests from the Public:

A. Tree Removal Request - 1720 Walden Lane (Alvin Lacy - 1720 Walden Lane)

Cortz reported that the tree in question is an Ash tree and that many of the Ash trees throughout the City are infected with this fungus. He further reported that staff is not spraying for the fungus this year, like they did in previous years, in order to wait for warmer weather to arrive and kill the fungus naturally. He also reported that the tree in question has recently been trimmed, but roots are lifting the sidewalk.

Discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of spraying the trees and the problems with injecting the tree to prevent the fungus.

Commissioner Neales moved approve staff recommendation to deny removal request and allow warmer weather to dry out fungus; schedule root prune; and remove and replace displace sidewalk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 5-0.

B. Tree Removal Request - 683 Jonquil Street (Arthur Albert - Hemet)

Mr. Albert reported that he had spoken to a staff member who said that the City would not remove the tree. He stated that the leaves are brown and falling off of the tree, and that he was requesting input from the Commission on what he could do. Commissioner Rojas reiterated that now that hot weather is here, the fungus will go away and that waiting for that to happen was the most effective means of treatment.

Commissioner Neales moved to accept staff recommendation to deny request to remove the tree; schedule trim; and allow improved air flow and warmer weather to dry out fungus. Motion seconded by Commissioner Craig, and carried 5-0.

C. Hemet Lawn Bowls Club - Robert Raugust Sr.

1. Metal Table Replacement

Cortz reported that the requestor was looking to have metal tables replaced with concrete tables. He further reported inspecting the tables and found only a couple of damaged areas that could be repaired with existing replacement parts. Staff recommendation is to not replace the table and instead make necessary repairs.

Commissioner Silva Moved to accept staff recommendation to deny request to replace the metal tables and to replace only damaged areas. Motion seconded by Commissioner Craig and carried 5-0.

2. Streetlights

Mayor Meadows reported that he had driven by the Lawn Bowl courts to check the light and that there were tree branches in front of one light. He suggested that staff look into trimming the tree.

Discussion of what kind of lights to install. Gow reported solar lights were available for installation and that the request would be handled administratively.

4. Commission Comments, Reports, and Oral Communications:

A. Updated Park Maps

Informational

B. 10 Additional African Sumac Trees at Gibbel Park Horseshoe Pits

Gow reported that planting trees at the ends of the horseshoe pits is a project that staff has been wanting to pursue. Staff is requesting for Commission input to take to Council. Grant funds awarded to PAL will be used to offset cost of purchasing one or two trees.

Chairperson Rojas suggested adding 2 more trees to be planted between the new gazebo and the horseshoe pits.

Commissioner Neales motioned to approve the planting of 12 additional African Sumac trees near horseshoe pits at Gibbel Park; 5 trees to be planted on each end of the horseshoe pits (10 total); 2 to be planted between the gazebo and the horseshoe pits. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 5-0.

C. Cawston Community Park (Devonshire/Cawston)

Gow reported that staff is working with a company to create and install a sign at the new park.

Discussion ensued regarding water meter installation and concrete for basketball courts.

D. Durango Park

The Commissioner reviewed photos of Durango Park in San Jacinto taken by staff and discussion ensued about the perimeter fencing at the park.

E. Action Items List

Informational

E. Communications from the Public:

Commissioner Rojas requested to add "Additional Basketball ½ Court at Gibbel Park" to future agenda items.

Perimeter Fencing at Mary Henley to be added to Public Work Committee Agenda.

Chairperson Rojas reported that Commissioner Craig will be moving to Texas and that today is his final day with the Parks Commission. Commissioner Craig commented that it has been a pleasure serving the City of Hemet. Mayor Meadows reported that the City is already advertising for a new Commissioner.

**F. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:47 by Chairperson Rojas
The next regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting will be held Monday, June 27, 2005, at 4:00PM in the City Council Chambers.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cannon
Management Assistant**