



AGENDA # _____

CITY OF HEMET Park Commission Minutes Wednesday, June 27, 2005 4:00 PM

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
Mayor Roger Meadows

Members Absent: None

1. Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2005, Park Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Neales moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 4-0.
2. Park Use Requests:
 - A. Park Use Requests -
 1. Michael & Terri Russell - Birthday Party - July 2nd, 10:00AM-6:00PM
Brubaker [Gazebo # 1]
 2. Sarah Bloom - Birthday Party - July 2nd, 1:00PM-4:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]
 3. Heidi Jacobsen - Birthday Party - July 2nd, 11:00AM - 5:00PM
Weston Park [Picnic Area Near Restrooms]
 4. Larry Shea/Westside Vineyard - Picnic - July 3rd, 12:00pm - 5:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]
 5. Chelsey Hernandez - Birthday Party - July 3rd, 11:00AM - 6:00PM
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1/Jumper]
 6. Cecilia Bungay - Birthday Party - July 9th, 9:00AM-Dusk
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1/Jumper]
 7. Perla Remus - Party - July 16th, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #2]

8. **Rachel Griffin - Birthday Party - July 16th, 12:00PM - Dusk
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1]**
9. **Don Sandahl/Stewart Fellowship - Supper Picnic - July 22nd 4PM-8PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #2]**
10. **Irene Arkeus - Baby Shower - July 23rd, 11:00AM - 5:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]**
11. **Dave or Debbie Miller/Church of the Nazarine - Picnic
August 10th, 7:00AM - 4:00PM
Weston Park [Park area by playground/Open Restrooms]**
12. **William Romine, Sr./Valle Hermosa HOA - Picnic/Meeting
September 24th, 7:00AM-4:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #2]**
13. **John Cahill/Riverside Recovery Resources - BBQ/Fundraiser
September 24th, 6:00AM - 4:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1 / Bball ½ court / grassy area - need water & power]**

Chairperson Rojas opened the floor for questions or comments. Cannon reported that the requestor for Item 2A4 had requested to change the reservation time to 3:00PM to 8:00PM.

Gow requested that an item be added to the agenda for the City of Hemet to reserve a portion of Gibbel Park on August 11, 2005 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM. He reported the area to be used to be Gazebo #2, the horseshoe pits, and the grassy area near both.

Chairperson Rojas suggested that this be added as Item 2A14.

14. **City of Hemet - Employee Picnic - August 11th, 3PM - 6PM
Gibbel #2 [Horseshoe pits and grassy area]**

Commissioner Neales moved to add Item 2A14 to the agenda and approve Items 2A1 through Item 2A14, including the time change on Item 2A4. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0

3. Tree Removal and Other Requests from the Public:

A. Tree Removal Request - 629 E. Florida Ave (Gary Spranger - Aloha Village Insurance Services - Hemet)

Cortz reported staff recommendation is to remove the tree and replace it with another species from the City approved tree list. He further reported the tree had been topped by Edison, had a fungus on its base, and is no longer aesthetically pleasing.

Commissioner Neales moved to approve staff recommendation to remove the tree and replace it with another tree from the City's approved tree list. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva and carried 4-0.

**B. Tree Removal Request - 1556 Carlotta Drive
(Catherine Colman - Hemet)**

Chairperson Rojas reviewed staff recommendation to deny the removal of the Magnolia tree, and remove the California Bay with no replacement.

Cortz commented that trimming the Magnolia would best help it flourish, but the California Bay is half dead and has not grown since it was planted.

Commissioner Neales moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal of the Magnolia and schedule it for trimming; remove the California Bay and do not replace. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva and carried 4-0.

**C. Tree Removal Request - 4130 Park Avenue
(Tom & Christine Guy - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that the tree on the left side of driveway has a hole in the trunk and bees have infested the tree deep into its base. He further commented that sucker growth on both of the trees has the potential to be a site hazard to people exiting the driveway. Staff recommendation is to remove both trees and not replace them due to lack of irrigation.

Commissioner Silva moved to approve staff recommendation to remove both trees with no replacement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0

**D. Tree Removal Request - Walden Lane
(Harold & Barbara Robertson; Eugene & Theresa Gladu - Hemet)**

Harold Robertson 1761 Walden

Mr. Robertson commented on sidewalk problems and the tree's large root system. He requested that the tree be removed and stated he was not against have a replacement tree planted.

Cortz reported that this is one of approximately 800 Ash trees in Hemet that are experiencing problems with Anthracnose and aphid infestation. He further reviewed the effects of warm weather on killing the disease, and stated that the City would be spraying in Mr. Robertson's neighborhood for aphids this week.

1780 Walden Grace Ledou

Mrs. Ledou commented on root problems and sap problems she is experiencing from the Ash trees .

Cortz reiterated that staff would be in her neighborhood to wash down trees and sidewalks. Discussion ensued regarding the non-existence of true preventative measures for future fungus and infestation.

John Crossman - 1741 Walden Lane

Mr. Crossman inquired about staffs decision to spray the area.

Commissioner Rojas reviewed that staff recommendation is to spray the tree at 1741 Walden, spray and root prune the tree at 1761 Walden; and spray the tree at 1781 Walden.

Commissioner Silva moved to approve staff recommendation to deny the removal requests; spray all of the trees; and root prune the tree at 1761 Walden. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0.

Cortz reminded the Commission that although these three locations were addressed specifically in this item, spraying would occur on the entire street of Walden Lane.

**E. Tree Removal Request - 940 Marion Avenue
(Brian & Lydia McDonald - Hemet)**

Chairperson Rojas reviewed staff recommendation to remove the Magnolia in the rocks and deny removal, but schedule trimming of the Magnolia in grassy area.

Brian McDonald - 940 Marion

Mr. McDonald commented on the current lack of pleasing aesthetics of the trees, the lag in growth time for a replacement Magnolia, and suggested he be allowed to replace them with Queen Palms.

Discussion ensued regarding growth rates, irrigation availability and the removal of dead wood from the trees.

Commissioner Neales moved to approve staff recommendation to remove the tree in the rock area; deny the request to removal the tree in the grassy area, and instead schedule that tree to be trimmed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 4-0.

**F. Tree Removal Request - 941 Leslie Drive
(David Atkins - Hemet)**

Chairperson Rojas reviewed staff recommendation to deny the removal, schedule the tree to be trimmed and root pruned, and removal and replacement of the damaged sidewalk, curb and gutter.

David Atkins - 941 Leslie Drive

Mr. Atkins commented on the tree being unlike any other on the block, the debris from the tree, and water coming out of the ground by the tree.

Cortz reported that root pruning and barrier placement would prevent future damage to sidewalk and curb and gutter. Commissioner Silva commented that the water origin by tree will be able to be addressed during work performed.

Commissioner Hoehne moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal request; schedule root prune and root barrier installation; and remove and replace damaged sidewalk, curb and gutter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Neales, and carried 4-0.

**G. Tree Removal Request - 657 Palos Drive
(George Petteys - Hemet)**

George Petteys - 657 Palos Dr.

Mr. Petteys commented on his health background and reported that he is no longer physically able to care for the tree.

Rojas reviewed staff recommendation to deny the removal request, and schedule the tree to be trimmed. Discussion ensued regarding a more appropriate tree for the senior area.

Commissioner Neales moved to deny staff recommendation and approve removal of the tree with no replacement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 4-0.

4. Commission Comments, Reports, and Oral Communications:

A. June 14, 2005, Council Action on Park Commission Recommendations of April 25, 2005, and May 23, 2005, Parks Commission Meetings

Gow reported all items were approved by Council.

B. Park Naming - on Wesley bet/Griffith & Central

Gow reported that residents had petitioned the City Council to make this lot a park and incorporate it into the City's park system. He further reported Council direction to staff was to improve the lot with irrigation. Gow is looking to get recommendations from the Commission for a name for this park.

Discussion ensued regarding potential names and space availability for a monument sign. Staff to initiate creation of a list of potential names of people who have contributed to the community for future park naming opportunities.

Through consensus, the Park Commission determined the following names should be submitted to City Council for consideration as a name for the park on Wesley between Griffith and Central; they are listed in order of preference:

David R. Oltman Green
Sally C. Berger Green
Wesley Green

C. Additional Basketball ½ Court at Gibbel Park

Discussion ensued regarding placement of a ½ court basketball court north of Gazebo#2 and east of the tennis courts.

Commissioner Neales moved to recommend to City Council that a ½ court basketball court be installed at Gibbel Park, north of Gazebo #2 and east of the tennis courts. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 4-0.

D. Dog Park Optional Sites

Gow reviewed the possible dog park sites previously discussed and the potential positive and negative aspects of each. Discussion ensued regarding areas surrounding these sites, barrier necessities, ground cover, and potential costs of various sites.

Gow introduced a possible third site for consideration on Cawston and Fruitvale. Discussion ensued regarding possible limitations and existing features available for the Fruitvale/Cawston site.

Gow commented that staff would draw up conceptual plans for each of the three sites, and confirmed that the Park Commission would like staff to include the Cawston/Fruitvale site as the third site.

Chairperson Rojas requested that staff provide the Commission with one or two dog parks in other cities that the commissioner may be able to visit. Mayor Meadows to photograph a park in Palm Springs over the next week.

Gow will bring conceptual plan back for the Cawston/Fruitvale property.

E. Action Items List

Gow updated the Commission on the progress at Cawston Community Park and reported that it is anticipated to be open in late July.

Gow updated the Commission on the Gibbel Park Veterans Memorial and reported that there will be a trip to the foundry scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

5. Communications from the Public:

No communications

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:09PM.

The next regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting will be held Monday, July 25, 2005, at 4:00PM in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Cannon
Park Commission Secretary