



CITY OF HEMET
Park Commission Minutes
Monday, July 31, 2006
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 Vice Chairperson Neales, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Commissioner Janet Neales
Commissioner Vigil
Council Member Roger Meadows

Members Absent: Commissioner Hoehne
Commissioner Wright

Staff Present: Mike Gow, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Jimmy Berryhill, Public Works Operations Director; Ross Cortz, Parks Supervisor; Perry Hewitt, Park Ranger; Kris Cannon, Management Assistant

1. Introduction of new Park Commissioner - Gabriel Vigil

Vice-Chairperson Neales introduced Commissioner Vigil.

Vice -Chairperson Neales reported that due to lack of a quorum, no formal action would be taken during the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2006, Park Commission Meeting.

Return Item 2A to August agenda, noting corrections of removing previous Commissioner Rojas from the minutes.

3. Park Use Requests:

- A. Herb Alarcon/Society of Creative Acronyms - Middle Ages Re-enactment Practice**
(Full-contact armored combat with wooden swords)
Every Sunday beginning 7/30/06 thru 8/27/06, 9am - 1pm
Weston Park [Grassy Area]
- B. Leonor Romero - Birthday Party - August 5th, 12pm - 8pm**
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1 / Jumper / DJ]
- C. Maria Aguilar - Birthday Party - August 12th, 12pm-8pm**
Mary Henley [Gazebo #3]
- D. Cynthia Garcia - Birthday Party - August 19th, 3pm - Dusk**
Brubaker [Gazebo #1 / Jumper]
- E. Tabitha Morgan - Birthday Party - August 19th, 9am - 6pm**

Gibbel [Gazebo #1 / Electricity / Water slide]

- F. Lori Eastman/Hemet Public Library Adult Literacy Services - BBQ and Picnic
September 30th, 9am - 3 pm
Gibbel [Gazebo #1 and grassy area / game booths]**

Staff will administratively carry forward time sensitive approvals related to reservations occurring before the next Commission meeting. Applicant for item 3E will be notified that water slides are not acceptable in City of Hemet Park facilities. Item 3A will be returned for discussion on August agenda.

4. Tree Removal and Other Requests from the Public:

- A. Tree Removal Request - 350 Carriage Circle
(Eric Gosch - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that oleanders in front of the automall display area on the south side of Florida Avenue are over grown. He further commented on the business owners' future plans for continuation of a wrought iron fence in this area, and the need for low growing plants.

Discussion ensued regarding future plans for gate installation.
No action taken. Return to August agenda.

- B. Tree Removal Request - 3614 Sydney St
(Grace Cusumano - Hemet)**

Cortz reported this sycamore tree is more than 1/2 dead and is a hazard.
No action taken. Return to August agenda.

- C. Tree Removal Request - 308 E. Acacia Ave
(John Bacher - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that many branches and dead limbs have broken off of this tree, and it is no longer aesthetically pleasing.
No action taken. Return to August agenda.

- D. Tree Removal Request - 1255 Basswood Way
(W.L. Anderson - Hemet)**

Mr. Anderson 1255 Basswood Way

Mr. Anderson reported multiple plumbing and sidewalk repairs caused by tree root problems over the past five years. He further commented on the proximity of the tree to the sewer line. He is requesting that the tree be removed.

Neales explained that the City of Hemet is a Tree City USA. She further covered staff recommendation to root prune on sidewalk side and install a root barrier.

Cortz commented that if tree is directly above the sewer line, then it should be removed. If not, staffs original recommendation to root prune and install a root barrier should be adequate.
No action taken. Return to August agenda.

5. Commission Comments, Reports, and Oral Communications:

- A. July 25th, 2006, Council Action on Park Commission Recommendations of June
26th, 2006**

Gow reported that all items were approved.

- B. Half-court Basketball Court - Heartland/KB Homes**

Gow reviewed the location of the park, described the existing facilities and reviewed options for placement of a 40 foot by 50 foot half-court basketball court. Gow reiterated that this is not a City owned or City maintained park, and any constructed improvements would need to be done with the permission of the developer. Staff reported construction costs of a 1/2 court basketball court to be approximately \$20,000.

Discussion ensued regarding various potential placements for a ½ court basketball court at this site.

Council Member Meadows will update commission at next meeting regarding upcoming meeting with staff and Council Members on this item..

C. Action Items List

No discussion.

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.

Gow reported on preliminary discussions with Metropolitan Water District (MWD) regarding construction involved with the proposed Dog Park. Concerns were raised related to permanent structures and activities at the park. Gow further commented that once the concerns are fully addressed between staff and MWD, construction of the park was anticipated to occur quickly.

Gow reported that improvements for Mary Henley park were out to bid with a bid opening date of 8/31/06. Award of bid will go to a City Council in September and Gow will update the Commission at the September meeting.

Gow reported that City Council approved an agreement with Riverside County Flood Control District regarding use of the basin at Yale Street and Columbia Street as a park.

Cortz commented on difficulty that staff was experiencing in finding a contractor willing to refurbish the Lawn Bowling Greens at Gibbel Park.

Council Member Meadows commented on replacing a portion of the Radio Station Building and relocating the lawn bowling greens.

Bob Raugust, Hemet Lawn Bowls Association

Mr. Raugust informed the Commission that he submitted soil samples from the Lawn Bowling Greens to UCR pathology and would update the Commission on problem findings at a future Commission meeting.

Susan Davidson-Davis, 1365 Beckett - Hemet

Mrs. Davidson requested an update on the proposal for additional ball fields at the Hemet Youth / Brubaker park site.

Ken Peterson, Hemet Lawn Bowls

Mr. Peterson requested to have the Lawn Bowling Greens added to next months agenda for discussion and offered to provide staff with additional cost information lawn bowls improvements. He further commented on the poor condition of the radio station building.

Council Member Meadows stated that the Radio Station Building would be on the agenda for the upcoming Public Works Committee meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items:

Return Items 2, 3A, and 4A through 4D to August 28th, 2006, agenda.

Add Lawn Bowling Greens per request from public.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm by chairperson Neales.

The next regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting will be held Monday,

August 28th, 2006, at 4:00PM in the City Council Chambers.