



**CITY OF HEMET**  
**Park Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, September 25, 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 Commissioner Wright , who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Commissioner Taryn Hoehne  
Commissioner Frank Souther  
Commissioner Gabriel Vigil  
Commissioner Jan Wright  
Council Member Roger Meadows

**Members Absent:** *Chairperson Janet Neales*

**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

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

1. **Introduction of New Park Commissioner - Frank Souther**  
Commissioner Wright introduced new Park Commissioner, Frank Souther. Commissioner Souther shared his experience and back ground with the Park Commission.
2. **Appointment of Vice Chairperson**  
*Commissioner Hoehne nominated Commissioner Wright as Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Wright accepted the nomination.*  
**Commissioner Vigil moved to approve the appointment of Commissioner Wright to the position of Park Commission Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2006, Park Commission Meeting.**  
**Commissioner Hoehne moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vigil, and carried 4-0.**
4. **Park Use Requests:**
  - A. **Mary Zavala - Birthday party - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 8pm**  
**Mary Henley [Gazebo #1 / Jumper]**
  - B. **Claudia Garcia - Birthday Party - October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 6pm**  
**Gibbel [Gazebo #2 / Jumper]**
  - C. **Sherice Davis - Birthday Party - October 7<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 7pm**  
**Brubaker [Gazebo #1 / Jumper]**

- D. **Pastor Dr. Maureen Jacobs/Healing Hands Community Ministries  
Barbeque / Fundraiser - October 14<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 4pm  
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]**
- E. **Judith Mejia - Birthday Party - October 15<sup>th</sup>, 12pm - 4pm  
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1 / Jumper]**
- F. **Amy Wells - Birthday Party - October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am - 3pm  
Brubaker [Gazebo #1 / Jumpers (2) ]**
- G. **Maria Rodriguez - Birthday Party - November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm - 8pm**
- H. **Jason Ranoa - "12 hours of Southern California" mountain bike race series  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (proposed race dates)  
Simpson Park**

***Chairperson Wright moved to add urgency Item 4I, Park Use Request from Art Hernandez, to the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vigil and carried 4-0.***

- I. **Art Hernandez / Prayer Fellowship & Youth Network - Christian Youth Concert  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 3-6pm Possibly 500 attendees  
Weston Park [ Entire Park / Electricity]**

Commissioner Hoehne requested that the applicants of Item 4A and 4G be notified of Park closure at dusk.

Hewitt commented on Item 4H and the available parking for only 60 vehicles and the restroom capacity for use by 200 people. He further stated that 500 people is a realistic number for the event as that number encompasses the total number of bodies expected, and not just the number of racers. Gow suggested that the applicant be required to meet with the Park Ranger no less than two times prior to the event for planning purposes.

***Commissioner Hoehne moved to approved Items 4A through 4G with the following notations: Item 4A and 4G end time to be dusk; and tentatively approve Item 4I with the stipulation that applicant meet with Park Ranger for event planning and finalization prior to event. Motion seconded by Commissioner Souther, and carried 4-0.***

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

- A. **Tree Removal Request - 940 N Palm Ave.  
(Don Stewart - Hemet)**

*Don Stewart 940 N. Palm Ave*

Mr. Stewart commented on the trees that he is requesting removal of, stating they pose line-of-sight problems when exiting his property.

Cortz reported that the Olive trees sucker all year round and require constant trimming, in addition to possibly affecting visibility. Cortz further reported a revised recommendation from staff to approve removal of both Olive trees without replacement.

***Commissioner Vigil moved to approve staff's amended recommendation to remove both trees without replacement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 4-0.***

- B. **Tree Removal Request - 621 E Acacia  
(Alex Nuno / Southern California Edison - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that a letter received from Edison is requesting removal of a palm tree that has grown directly above power lines. The tree has created power outage problems during storms and windy weather. Edison is offering to remove the tree at their cost. Staff recommendation is to approve Edison's request to remove the tree at their expense.

***Commissioner Souther moved to approve staff recommendation to allow Southern California Edison to remove the palm tree at their expense and not replace this tree. Motion seconded by Commission Hoehne and carried 4-0.***

*Move to Agenda Item 8.*

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

**A. September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Council Action on Park Commission Recommendations of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Gow reported all items were approved.

Meadows requested that staff contact the memorial tree request customer regarding appropriate timing for memorial tree planting. Cortz to contact applicant when appropriate.

**B. POW/MIA Memorial - Update**

Gow reported that site foundation improvements are currently under construction and scheduled to be complete by end of October. Monument installation will occur prior to November 11, 2006, event.

**C. Mary Henley Park - Update**

Gow updated the commission on bid pricing received, Public Works Committee recommended changes to the project, and sources of funding for this project. The item will be work studied with City Council on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Public Works Committee recommends reducing the scope of work at Mary Henley to include restroom and sewer line construction, installation of a new tot lot (equivalent in size to proposed tot lot at Stoney Mountain park) and rehabilitation of the existing tot lot. Use of rubberized surface material recommended only for newly constructed tot lot at Mary Henley.

**D. Stoney Mountain Park - Update**

Gow reported that recommendations from the Public Works Committee maintain construction of a tot lot at this park in conjunction with the Mary Henley improvement project.

**E. Action Items List**

No Discussion

**8. 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.**

*Ken Peterson, Hemet Lawn Bowls*

Mr. Peterson inquired about the previous recommendations for the lawn bowling greens.

Berryhill commented that the lawn bowling greens will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee Meeting on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 12:00pm in the Sister City Board Room at City Hall. He further invited Mr. Peterson to attend.

*Return to Item 6.*

**9. Future Agenda Items:**

- A. Drought Tolerant Garden Proposal**
- B. Regal Cinemas Landscaping on West of Building**

**10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.**

**The next regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting will be held Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 4:00PM in the City Council Chambers.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kris Cannon**  
**Park Commission Secretary**