



AGENDA # _____

CITY OF HEMET Park Commission Minutes Wednesday, September 26, 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: *All present*

1. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2005, Park Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Neales moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 4-0.

2. Park Use Requests:

A. Park Use Requests -

1. Salvador Ramos - Birthday Party - October 22nd, 3PM to 8PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1]
2. Michelle Kerlin/VIP Moms - Awareness Walk Fundraiser
November 6th (1st Choice) and November 13th (In case of rain on 3rd)
10:00AM to 3:00PM
Gibbel [Gazebo #1/Fire Department to do safety demonstration]

Commissioner Neales moved to approve all park use requests with a notation to Item 2A1 changing the approved time frame from 3:00PM to Dusk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 4-0.

3. Tree Removal and Other Requests from the Public:

A. Tree Removal Request - 1128 Buttonwood Ct.
(Robert W. Miller - Hemet)

Cortz reviewed this item and reported that staff recommendation is to remove the tree and replace it with a tree species on the City approved tree list.

Commissioner Silva moved to approve staff recommendation to remove the tree and replace it with a City approved tree species. Motion seconded by Commissioner Neales and carried 4-0.

**B. Tree Removal Request - 624 & 648 De Soto
(Floyd Nicholson - 632 De Soto)**

Mr. Nicholson requested that the trees on either side of his house be trimmed. Cortz reported staff recommendation is to trim both trees.

Commissioner Hoehne moved to approve staff recommendation to schedule trimming for both the Magnolia tree at 624 De Soto and the Camphor tree at 648 De Soto . Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva, and carried 4-0.

**C. Tree Removal Request - 3914 Paul Dr.
(Donna Mattson - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that the size of this Crape Myrtle is consistent with other trees in the area. Staff recommendation is to deny removal and schedule tree for a trim and root prune.

Commissioner Silva moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal and schedule the tree for a trim and root pruning. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 4-0.

4. Commission Comments, Reports, and Oral Communications:

A. September 13th Council Action on Park Commission Recommendations of August 29, 2005

Gow reported that all recommendations were approved by City Council.

B. Installing Gates at Mary Henley Parking Lot

Gow commented that this item has previously been discussed by the Commission with a recommendation to City Council to approve installation of ballards. That recommendation was not approved. He further stated that the issue of vehicles driving onto the grassy area of the park is still occurring. Staff suggested that the Commission consider gating off the parking lot entrances, and possibly placing barriers on the northeastern corner of the parking lot. Gow further commented that gated parking lot entrances would help to prevent vehicles from accessing the parking lot after hours, and would be an option that is consistent with other City parks.

Discussion ensued regarding potential costs and aesthetics of barriers and/or gates placed at the park. Discussion continued regarding the use of contracted security to close the gates at night.

Gow commented that parking lot gates could be constructed of painted metal tubing or chainlink fence.

Commissioner Neales moved to submit a recommendation to City Council to approve the installation of gates at both parking lot entrances at Mary Henley Park, and placement of ballards at the northeastern corner of the parking area at 10 foot intervals with chain linkage connecting them. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0.

C. Stoney Mountain Park

Gow invited the Park Commission to attend the dedication ceremony for a new park at Stoney Mountain Ranch on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 10:30am.

D. Update on Wildflower Tract Landscaping

Gow updated the Commission on an opportunity to reuse wood chips removed from another park to serve as ground cover for a bare landscaping area at the Wildflower tract.

E. Action Items List

Informational

5. Communications from the Public:

Mayor Meadows commented on the War Memorial at Gibbel Park.

6. Future Agenda Items

A. Tree Removal Policy - Amendments for Determining Hardship Criteria

7. Adjournment: *Meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.*

The next regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting will be held Monday, October 31, 2005, at 4:00PM in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kris Cannon
Management Assistant**