



**CITY OF HEMET**  
**Park Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, November 27, 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 4:02PM by Chairperson Neales, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Commissioner Taryn Hoehne  
Chairperson Janet Neales  
Commissioner Frank Souther  
Vice-Chairperson Jan Wright  
Council Liaison Roger Meadows

**Members Absent:** Council Liaison Roger Meadows  
Commissioner Gabriel Vigil

*Commissioner Wright moved to excuse Commissioner Vigil. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0.*

**Staff Present:** 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. Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2006, Park Commission Meeting.  
*Commissioner Souther move to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0.*

2. Park Use Requests:

A. Cindy Neudorff - Birthday Party - December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am - Dusk  
Stoney Mountain [Gazebo #1 / Jumper]

B. Marni Shorter/Holy Tabernacle - Birthday party - December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9pm - 3pm  
Mary Henley [Gazebo #1 / Jumper]

*Commissioner Hoehne moved to approve Items 2A and 2B. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wright, and carried 4-0.*

C. "12 Hours of Southern California" mountain bike series - January 2007  
Simpson Park - (Update)

Hewitt reported that Mr. Ranoa is postponing this event at this time. Berryhill reported that this item was discussed with the Public Works Committee and they support having these types of activities to generate interest in the City.

D. Riverside Recovery Resources - Thank You Letter  
Informational

3. Tree Removal and Other Requests from the Public:

**A. Tree Removal Request - 720 Via Casitas Dr.  
(Charles and Mona Cheek - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that this location had previously requested removal of this tree, and that the request had been denied. The tree is healthy and has normal tree fruit (spiny balls) and leaf drop. Cortz reported there was no current sidewalk damage, and stated that the trees have been trimmed regularly. Staff recommendation is to deny removal request with no further action.

Mrs. Cheek commented that the large trees are too big in the small yard and that she and her husband are unable to keep up with the clean up the tree requires, and are not able to hire gardeners. She further reported past problems with roots in the water lines and she is requesting that the tree be removed.

Mr. Cheek added that there are multiple utility lines that enter the property and the roots are causing problems. He further stated that these trees are in appropriate for a senior area, and most of their neighbors had simply cut their trees down. He also stated that these trees cause clean up issues for surrounding houses as well.

Commissioner Neales informed Mr. and Mrs. Cheek that the City of Hemet is a Tree City USA and has developed criteria for tree removal and reiterated that Park Commission recommendations would be reviewed by City Council on December 12, 2006, and invited them to attend that meeting.

***Commission Wright moved to approve staff recommendation to deny tree removal request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Souther, and carried 4-0.***

**B. Tree Removal Request - 490 San Mateo Circle  
(Pedro Arroyos - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that this is a large, healthy tree. Due to property layouts in this area, the tree in question is in City of Hemet right-of-way and in very close proximity to the neighbors back yard. The owner of the property where the tree is located had requested removal of the tree previously and his request was denied. City crews have previously cut sections out of surface roots to reduce problems. Staff recommendation is to remove surface roots and repair lock-rock damage at both of the properties.

Discussion ensued regarding removing surface roots on private property and the fact that the request was not owner generated.

***Commissioner Hoehne moved to deny removal request, obtain permission from both property owners remove surface roots, and repair lock-rock damage. Motion seconded by Commissioner Souther, and carried 4-0.***

*Move to Item 3D*

**C. Landscape Improvement Request - Johnston/Sanderson  
(Shannon Combs - Hemet)**

*Shannon Combs - 1021 Blackburn Way 92545*

Mrs. Combs commented on the condition of the monument planters at Johnston and Sanderson and requested that the planters be upgraded to match the community it represents. She further suggested that the outdated tile work be replaced with river rock, natural stone, or some other updated natural element.

Cortz reported this entry monument is currently maintained by a contract landscaper and was constructed many years prior to the development of the homes. There are drainage issues with the planters and staff concurs that changes should be made addressing the issue. This monument planters are part of a Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District. The southeast corner belongs to Terra Linda and the northeast corner is owned by a church who is planning to develop the property. Pricing for upgrades and availability of funding need to be addressed.

*Direction to staff to research project costs and return to a future agenda.*

**D. Tree Removal Request - 160 W. Westmont  
(Teresa Arana - Hemet)**

Cortz reported that this is a large, healthy mulberry next to the driveway approach and close to the water lines. Mulberry trees are present throughout this neighborhood and the trees are trimmed annually.

Staff recommendation is to deny removal, schedule root prune and barrier installation, and grind raised driveway area.

Discussion regarding depth of cut with root prune and invasiveness of roots.

**Commissioner Wright moved to approve staff recommendation to deny removal request, schedule tree for root pruning, and grind raised sidewalk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne, and carried 4-0.**

*Move to Item 3C.*

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

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

Berryhill reported this to be a successful event with much participation from City staff and volunteers.

**B. Consideration for Senior Park - Seven Hills  
(Commissioner Wright)**

Commissioner Wright presented the Commission and staff with pictures and brochures for a possible senior park in the Seven Hills area. She proposed to develop the park on property currently owned by the City of Hemet, and suggested the park include walking trails, exercise stations and a gazebo.

Berryhill reported that staff will review this request and return the item to a future agenda.

*Return item to future agenda.*

**C. Ethics Training**

Informational - Ethics training will be held at the second floor of the library on December 19, 2006, from 11:00am to 1:00pm for all City Council and Commission members. Training is mandatory and certificates of completion are due to the City Clerks office no later than December 29, 2006.

**D. Action Items List**

No Discussion

Berryhill suggested that staff and Commissioners schedule a time in early 2007 to review all items on the Action Item List. *Return item to future agenda.*

**5. 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.**

*Susan Davidson Davis - 1365 Beckett Ct., Hemet CA 92545*

Mrs. Davidson-Davis inquired about plans for the remaining acreage at Brubaker Park.

**6. Future Agenda Items:**

- A. Landscape Improvement Request - Johnston/Sanderson
- B. Review Action Item List - Staff/Commission Off-site
- C. Consideration for Senior Park - Seven Hills Area

***Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoehne and carried 4-0.***

**7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:36**

**The next regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting will be held Monday, December 18, 2006, at 4:00PM in the City Council Chambers.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kris Cannon - Management Assistant**