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Hemet City Council Approves Gibbel Park Skate Plaza

HEMET, CA – At the February 28, 2023 City Council Meeting, the Hemet City Council awarded a building contract to C.S. Legacy Construction of Pomona, CA in the amount of \$2,216,687 to construct the long anticipated skatepark plaza at Gibbel Park. C.S Legacy will bring its skatepark expertise to Hemet and work locally with city staff and members of the community to bring the plaza to reality.

“Our objective for the development of the skatepark is to execute our vision for a healthy and engaging lifestyle for the people we serve,” stated Mayor Joe Males. “We value our kids in our community and know they are the future of our country. We want them to grow up in a healthy environment where they have outside activities that will keep them active. The skatepark will not only be a state-of-the-art facility for skaters but create a connection with our residents and visitors in a positive way.”

The skatepark came into fruition after a 2018 feasibility study was conducted by Stantec Consulting to assess how the City can improve its community engagement; results presented a heavy desire for a skatepark. In 2020, the Council awarded New Line Skate Parks, Inc. an agreement to complete the final design of the Gibbel Park Skate Plaza. In 2022, the Council authorized the appropriation of \$1,950,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the project and in the same year, a final design was approved.

“With C.S. Legacy Construction and the team they have compiled, we are confident that they will implement the design by New Line Skate Parks to bring skateboarding in Hemet to a new level and will attract residents and skaters from around the region. Hemet will have another place for friends and families to meet and spend their time practicing their passion,” declared Public Works Department Director Noah Rau.

A groundbreaking event will be coordinated in early Spring to celebrate the skate plaza construction for its estimated completion time in Fall of 2023. For more information and questions, please contact Public Works Director Noah Rau at (951) 765-2360.

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