

CITY OF BRAWLEY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
March 20, 2018

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 12:00 PM, Lions Center Small Meeting Room, 225 A Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Garcia 12:07pm

PRESENT: Rusty Garcia, Luke Hamby, Victor Estrada, Julio Jauregui, Jenny Benavides, Miguel Perez, Linda Self, and Marjo Mello.

ABSENT: Freddy Cornejo, Mary Miller, Michael Walla

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted m/s/c: Benavides/Jauregui

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for March 20, 2018 were approved as submitted. m/s/c: _____

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Update on prepping Wiest Field and Volunteer Field damages:

Interim parks coordinator Perez discussed the installment of 8 feet of fencing to divide stadium seating and players and sod installation with the help of Brawley High School at Wiest Field. Looped water line from 2' to 1" line instead of multiple lines. Realigned bleacher seating to make one large seating area. Pressure washed whole netting and changed 6 light bulbs. 5 ballasts are still out with an estimated cost of \$ 5,000.00. Volunteer Park had 52 light bulbs installed that were under warranty and the issue of windows replaced at the snack bar area were estimated to cost \$2,500.00. Oh My Glass made custom windows for the cost of \$ 450.00. The three quotes for the locks at the building are as follows: Primus \$ 1,800.00, Credit Card System \$ 5,000.00 and C&D Locks from El Centro \$748.00. At times, the Little League has left the doors unlocked. Jenny Benavides asked who the board members are. Steven Green is President, Shaeley Franks is Vice-President and Aaron Tuck is Field Maintenance. Little League is looking at ways to make sure the facilities are locked. Chairman Garcia mentioned there was a lot of time and effort placed at Wiest Field. The BUHS ROP Class worked at Wiest Field on the backstop, painted, installed crusher fines and installed turf in practice area. The netting is to be installed in the future. Perez had 5 keys made for Little League prior to opening ceremonies. Over the weekend they used a sod cutter on Volunteer Park and 21 sprinklers were cut into. Chairman Garcia mentioned new maintenance field people need to take a class in prepping fields.

b. Volunteer Park parking lot and other projects

City Manager Moore discussed 98% design is complete and available funds are short by \$87,000. The City requested the Imperial County Air Pollution Control Board to keep the project on track for

May/June. City reserve expenditure may be used for the short fall if more money is not available from the ICAPCB, who are the primary funders.

c. Senior Center Project and Hinojosa Park Project

City Manager Moore announced that the Hinojosa Park remodel and ADA improvements were awarded to Masters Construction. Users such as T-Ball were given notice that their activities would be moved to Gonzales Park. Hinojosa Park will have ADA accessibility, basketball court will be removed and replaced. The northeast corner will have fitness equipment with shaded area and the restrooms are already accessible. The project is \$800,000 worth of work. The Senior Center renovation is funded by a revolving loan fund program. George Mitchell Construction Company was awarded the project. Scope of work entails roof replacement, ceiling and appliances.

d. Registration for Girls Softball and Men Basketball Leagues

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Self announced Men's Basketball has 5 teams. Girls Softball has 5 5th-9th grade teams, and 3 teams for 2nd – 4th grades. Men's Basketball play on Friday's beginning April 6, 2018 and Girls Softball will play Tuesdays and Thursdays.

e. Meserve Park Bleachers

The bleachers are not ADA compliant. Hinojosa and Gonzales Parks were replaced first. Developer Impact fees may be used for new bleachers and playground equipment. Sets of bleachers that are safe are needed. Staff are evaluating the situation for the next fiscal year.

f. Change of Meeting date and time

Discussed and approved to move the commission's regular meetings to the third Tuesday of the month at 12pm. m/s/c: Benavides/Estrada.

g. Beechey Field

Bleachers need to be addressed, dugouts have locks that Little League leaves unlocked and it was discussed to fill the dugouts flat with cement. The City and Little League are looking for a solution. The snack bar at Beechey Field is no longer used as a snack bar and users would need to go over to Volunteer Park to purchase items. Brawley Youth Football took over the Beechey Field snack bar area.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Jauregui asked who has usage of fields and scheduling. It was discussed there is a schedule in which users call daily to schedule field usage for the day. Any team that has Brawley resident girls has access to the fields. Perez mentioned Jeff Thornton needs pick up after your dog signs.

ADJOURNMENT @ 1:20pm. m/s/c: Benavides/Estrada

Rachel Zepeda, Administrative Secretary