



**CITY OF BRAWLEY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
November 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: Miller 12:10pm

PRESENT: Estrada, Jauregui, Hamby, Miller

ABSENT: Colace, Cornejo, Garcia, Benavides

STAFF: Perez, Mello, Self

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted m/s/c: all in consensus to approve agenda

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for October 16, 2018 were approved as submitted. m/s/c: Estrada/Jauregui

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Update on Parks:

Mello reported Parks crew are wrapping lights on the trees at the Plaza. There will be a tree lighting ceremony at the Plaza on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6pm. Alma Benavides goes out to local businesses and receives donations for hot chocolate and cookies for the ceremony. The Parks crew light up the trees, the Christmas tree and the event itself. Santa and Ms. Claus arrive on the City Fire Department Truck and take photos as they hand out candy canes. We are also looking at different options for crowd control. On Thursday, December 6, 2018 the Library will be hosting its Annual Angel Tea at 5:30pm and there will be a Tamale Dinner.

b. Recreation Update:

Self reported the Movie Night event will still be on Friday, December 21, 2018 at 6pm. Commissioners were asked if they would like to donate their time or a case of water. One Commissioner donated the fee to show the movie, which was \$393.00 and another donated to purchase popcorn supplies. Estrada and his son will be donating the sound system for the movie just as they did for the Dive-In Movie.

c. Senior Center garden plans:

Mello reported there is an interest in starting-up the garden again. Two individuals want to begin work on planting, Mr. Sample and Mr. Hernandez, and there are different types of garden plans to be considered. A suggested plan would be to place it near the Senior Center meeting room. It has water accessibility, it's a large enough space and it could be accessed by wheelchairs and walkers. It is only in the designing phase stages and we will give more information as it becomes available. Mello reported Mr. Sample had an idea called "Holiday on Wheels" which consists of a contest to decorate wheelchairs for the holidays. This event would be done at the Senior Center Christmas Party on December 21, 2018 at 10am-12pm, but it will not be limited to wheelchairs, it would include walking canes and walkers. Hamby asked, "what happened with the door on the southside that the Seniors had concerns about not being able to access?" Mello expressed it was on the list of projects that needed to be done and it would get done as soon as possible. Hamby expressed the landing needs to be bigger and the handrail needs to be redone. The landing needs to be extended out to where the guardrail is now. Mello stated she would communicate with Guillermo from Public Works to investigate what is needed to be done. The threshold at the front door is being fixed because it was hard for wheelchairs to access. At this point the threshold has been ordered and as soon as it becomes available it will be installed. Hamby suggested a door bottom shoe for sealing the threshold.

d. **Road Closures and other user fees:**

Mello reported the City has been operating street closures and not charging even though it is stated on the regulations that we charge a minimum of \$500.00 or the cost of the closure. The City is looking into cost recovery for services. An example would be for soccer, instead of \$40.00 per child we would charge \$60.00 to help offset the costs to run the league. Mello stated she's hoping to have a check list available to the public, so they can see what the registration fee is supposed to pay for. She also stated other leagues such as Little League, Brawley Youth Football, softball travel teams and soccer will need to start paying for lights. Hamby stated he understood cost recovery but has also discussed with Council that with the passing of Measure W, there will be some backlash so if the public is informed it won't be so much of a shock. Mello explained an example of cost recovery would be in the summer. So instead of Summer Day Camp we offer Open Gym for 10 weeks at a cost of \$10.00 per day and rather than have 33 employees we would hire 8-10. The only program that would be affected would be Mini-Camp (3-5 yr. old) and we probably couldn't offer the program.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Jauregui commented that during Cattle Call he parked his car the day before not knowing south Plaza was going to be closed off for vendors. So, the day of the Parade one vendor told him some unkind words. Jauregui stated that maybe next year some "No Parking" signs should be posted sooner. Mello agreed, and Self mentioned that the Brawley Chamber changed the plan at the last minute that Friday and did not inform the City until late Friday, so signs were posted late afternoon on that day. Miller expressed she noticed the Parks are greener and look good. The Commissioners agreed to go dark in December but asked for a reminder to be sent about the Movie Night event.

ADJOURNMENT @ 1:10pm. m/s/c: Estrada/Jauregui

Rachel Zepeda, Administrative Secretary