



CITY OF BRAWLEY

July 16, 2019

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.

Commission Miller called meeting to order @ 12:10pm.

PRESENT: Jauregui, Garcia, Hamby, Benavides, Estrada, Dickerson

ABSENT: Miller, Colace

STAFF: Perez, Self, Mello

CITY MANAGER: Rosanna Bayon Moore

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Benavides, Jauregui 6-2

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for June 17, 2019 were **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Benavides/Jauregui 6-2

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. **Dive-In Movie:**

Recreation Coordinator Self thanked the Commission for helping make the event a success. Miller and her two daughters assisted in serving the public. Estrada sent someone to run the movie and there were 395 people that attended.

b. **Potential Fencing Project:**

Parks Coordinator Perez reported the girls travel ball teams at Meserve have approached him about placing a fence between the two fields. Mr. Mireles from the Wildcats Team and other teams would like to fundraise for an outfield fence so that when they have games, the ball will have a stopping point as other cities have. It would be a 10ft fence, but the irrigation would need to be re-established. City Manager Moore liked the idea of there being a standard size field for play.

c. **Parks Update:**

Parks Coordinator Perez reported Gonzales Park west side fence will be completed by July 19, 2019. The new basketball hoops are in and will be installed in September. The Parks crew has been trimming Palm Trees and 280 are completed to date. Pat Williams is pending completion. The bluffs at Cattle Call have been cleaned up. There was a broken solenoid at the Kiosk that was repaired. The ultra violet light system at the Splash Pad has been having issues and the chemical room, that was designed by the Aquatic Design Group, is not climate controlled so it's difficult to balance the chemicals. Perez stated the playgrounds are still missing parts, but we are trying to fix them. The Transit Station has been striped, and lighting repairs have been addressed. With reference to the trees that were planted with the El Centro regional grant, some are struggling but they are still alive. Staff confirmed that the trees planted on Western Avenue west

of Sunset Drive are watered automatically. City Manager reported that Robin Williams and community members are looking to re-landscape South Plaza in front of the Library Store. The Police Department landscaping project has been initiated with volunteers from PD and BUHS ROP. The project will soon be completed.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Jauregui stated someone approached him at 7-11 Store regarding how bad the sign looked at Kissee Park. Coordinator Perez said sign replacement is in the works for Kissee Park, as well as Soto, Meserve, Gonzales and Pat Williams Parks. Commissioner Jauregui expressed concern that Jeff Thornton has large spots with no grass. Perez said there are broken valves that need to be fixed. Jauregui asked about the grant funds Calxico is applying for and if the City of Brawley will be doing the same. City Manager Moore said that this is a Prop 68 Grant with a focus on economically distressed census tracts. The City is planning to seek funding after this first cycle. The City is still working to close out its last State grant for Alyce Gereaux Park. The Lions Center Pool replastering and Lions Center roof are possible projects, although the census tract may not qualify, and an appeal may be necessary. It was stated that another project the City might consider is Meserve Park tennis courts or additional improvements at Pat Williams Park.

Councilman Hamby received complaints about the large salt cedar trees at Cattle Call and he inquired about cutting down. City Manager stated officers were notified about the concerns of the public. Perez said they can't cut salt cedars in that location because of the fear of erosion of the bluff.

City Manager Moore stated a redesign of the North and South Plaza Safety and Lighting project is underway with a chance to realize cost savings with some changes. The project will provide power for special events which will help with other limitations in the plaza. The improvement project should go out to bid in 3-6 months.

6. ADJOURNMENT @ 1:25pm

Rachel Zepeda, Administrative Secretary