



CITY OF BRAWLEY

October 15, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Commission 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.

Chairperson Garcia called meeting to order @ 12:08pm.

PRESENT: Garcia, Hamby, Benavides, Estrada, Dickerson, Colace, Miller

ABSENT: Jauregui

STAFF: Perez, Self, Mello

CITY MANAGER: Rosanna Bayon Moore

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Miller, Benavides 7-1

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for July 16, 2019 were **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Miller /Benavides 7-1

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. **Parks Update:**

Guadalupe Park/Sidewalk Library:

City Manager Moore reported on the Diocese of San Diego who owns the property that is Guadalupe Park. There has been a contract between the City of Brawley and the Diocese. The City of Brawley uses the property as a Park. The Diocese does not want to enter into another written agreement, but they are allowing the City use of the Park for two more years. The City in turn pays the property tax and the Diocese is not interested in a long-term agreement. Also, the Brawley Elementary School District has a "sidewalk Library" receptacle they want to place at Alyce Gereaux Park.

Parks Coordinator Perez stated the Park is mainly used by soccer organizations such as 2 days of youth soccer and 3 days of adult soccer. On the weekends the Park is mostly used for birthday parties or other family gatherings. Regarding Alyce Gereaux, a picture was demonstrated of where the placement of the receptacle "sidewalk Library" would be situated, and it would be in site of a camera.

Interim Director Mello stated the Friends of the Library would start up the project by providing the books.

Commissioner Colace asked, what was the purpose of the temporary fencing around the splash pad and if there would be plans for a permanent fence. **Moore** mentioned the temporary fencing was placed to guide the community to wash-off before entering the splash pad. **Perez** said that when the State visited the Park, they wanted an open park rather than fenced in.

Special events and road closure requests:

City Manager Moore reported there has been special requests to close the streets for nonprofit groups and in previous years there were fee waivers. However, the Council has opted to charge a minimum of \$500.00. The only activity that does not have a road closure fee is the Cattle Call events. **Perez** shared with the Commission there will be hand washing signs placed around the Arena at the request of the Cattle Call Committee. **Moore** continued, the signs were requested because of the e-coli breakout from the Del Mar

Fair. They want to remind the public to wash their hands because on Sunday of the Rodeo, they have a petting zoo and they want to be proactive.

b. **Recreation Update:**

Soccer Season:

Recreation Coordinator Self reported there are 400 children registered for the City's youth soccer league. There are 8 teams in the 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 age groups. There are four 10-11-year-old teams for a total of 28 teams. October 15, 2019 is the first day of games. Games are held at Del Rio for the 4-5 yr. olds at 5:30pm, Gonzales Park hosts the 6-7 yr. olds at 5:30pm or 7pm, Hinojosa Park hosts 8-9 yr. olds at 5:30pm or 7pm, Alyce Gereaux Park hosts 10-11 yr. olds at 5:30pm or 7pm. We were able to get coaches for all teams including Commissioner Garcia who is coaching a 4-5 yr. old team.

Boys & Girls Club Letter of Interest:

City Manager Moore reported the Teen Center came about in the early 2000's because the City wrote a grant in cooperation with the BBGC. BBGC vacated the lease agreement because they couldn't maintain the building. The Club has recently asked to use the building exclusively for Teen programming. They are currently using two rooms in the building but are growing and would like more space. They want to staff the facility and they want the City to continue to maintain the building. The City offers a drop-in center for teens to have a safe space to go. There is discussion of what the purpose of the building can be used for because the City rents it out and there are other users. **Self** mentioned Calvary Kaleo Church uses the facility on Sundays, and we have Karate 2 days a week. The building is also used for Baby Showers and Birthday parties, but it has not been rented out due to the need of two air conditioning units that need to be replaced. Commissioner Garcia expressed having an issue with the "exclusive" use. The City doesn't allow others to have exclusive use of any facility or park. For example, the BUHS are not able to have exclusive use for Wiest Field. He suggested that the Commission invite the BBGC representative to the next meeting. Commissioner Garcia moved to have the next meeting in November at the Teen Center and to invite the BBGC representative to join the meeting. m/s/c: Garcia/Miller

c. **City updates:**

MOUs with IVDA, SunStrokers, BUHS and BESD:

Coordinator Self reported that Nikki Lopez who oversees the IVDA year-round swim team has signed the MOU. They use the pool Monday through Friday, 4am-6am/4pm-8pm. They pay a \$500.00 fee monthly. The Brawley Sunstrokers use the pool in the summer season for two months and they pay a \$500.00 monthly fee. The sunstrokers representative will be signing the MOU in the coming week.

City Manager Moore reported BESD and BUHS are still in the process of going over the MOU. BESD would like to sign a 2-year agreement. The Council has voted on and adopted a resolution for cost recovery.

5. Commission Member Comments

6. Other Announcements

- Community Clean-Up Day is October 10, 2019
- 2019 Cattle Call events was passed out before the meeting.
- Cattle Call Chair protocol was given at the last meeting
- Movie Night at the Lions Center is scheduled for December 20, 2019 at 6pm
- November 16, 2019 is tree planting at Hinojosa Park

7. ADJOURNMENT @ 1:15pm

Rachel Zepeda, Administrative Secretary