



**CITY OF BRAWLEY  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
October 16, 2018**

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 12:00 PM, Senior Center, 575 "J" Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

**The meeting was called to order by:** Garcia 12:10pm

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

**ABSENT:** Miller, Cornejo, Colace

**STAFF:** City Manager Moore, Perez, Mello, Self

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:**

Mello shared on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2018. A group of walkers would be walking from Westmorland to Brawley. The Veteran's Committee has planned to meet and greet the walkers at approximately 10:30am. At 11:00am they will have the Flag Salute and Taps to commemorate Veteran's Day. Garcia said BUHS gives the walkers a ride to Westmorland. The Veteran's Committee will attend the 1pm Rodeo where they and other Veteran's will be recognized.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for September 18, 2018 were approved as submitted. m/s/c: Benavides/Estrada

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a. Update on Parks:**

Perez reported all Parks are in use with soccer, travel softball and travel soccer teams. The department has had complaints regarding ants, but the department is trying to keep up with the placing pesticides on the fields but need to be careful due to all fields being used.

**b. Preparation for Cattle Call events:**

Parks crew is working on cleaning up the Terraces for Cattle Call and Republic Services worked on them as well. Mark Huber cleaned out the Southwest corner of the Park and made a Terrace.

Benavides expressed concern about rattlesnakes and if they were coming out since the ground was being disturbed. Perez stated they didn't see any, but signs are posted.

Perez mentioned the Parks crew is working on tree trimming the green area west of the big Arena. Tree trimming was contracted out for Malan/2<sup>nd</sup> & Malan/1<sup>st</sup> (CFD'S). Moore stated the heaters and Co2 tank has gone out to bid and the Volunteer Park Project pre-construction is scheduled and once awarded it is to be completed in 90 days. Perez added the department has received four ADA accessible portable bleachers out of the six that were purchased.

c. **Discussion for Movie Night on December 21, 2018 and License:**

Self reported the department will be showing "The Star". Colace has sponsored the showing fee of \$395.00. Hamby has donated funds for popcorn supplies and Garcia is donating water. Self asked if the other Commissioners would like to donate water as well.

d. **Senior Center garden plans and window blinds:**

Mello reported the Soroptimist Club has donated \$1,000.00 to purchase blinds for the Senior Center. There is a volunteer who wants to resurrect the Senior Center community garden. However, he doesn't have the support of the Senior Club. So, who would do the upkeep? The City doesn't have the resources for what the gentleman wants to do. Mello suggests the small area behind the meeting room and to have it above ground, maybe on pallets. Mello mentioned there is some concern about the ramp on the Main Hall side door area. The Seniors at this point can't access it due to not being A.D.A compliant. The Seniors like the access to go from the Main Hall to the meeting side. The access requires a 60x60 cement pad and it needs to have a certain amount of concrete per ramp space. The door swings out and it should swing in. Perez was speaking to Guillermo Sillas, Public Works Director, and Andy Miramontes, Public Works Engineer, to see if a panic bar is needed and what else could be done. This project is long term and we don't have funds to do it. Garcia mentioned maybe he and Jauregui could come up with a way to get funds via fundraiser and he asked for a quote.

e. **Pool Heater Plan:**

Moore stated the project has gone out to bid and it's a \$71,000.00 project. Hope is to have the pool heated by January 2019. Moore sent out letters to Brawley Elementary School District, Brawley Union High School and Imperial Valley Desert Aquatics regarding the MOU's and the price has doubled to maintain the pool. Her hope is the stakeholders will share in more of the cost recovery. Such as:

BUHS pays \$2,000.00

IVDA pays \$6,000.00

BESD pays \$600.00

The pool plastering is in the works as well and it's a \$470,000 project.

Perez said there were 21 lights that were replaced. He and Parks crew David Siqueiroz changed them out. They needed to be in the pool to replace them.

There are 9 lights left that need to be replaced. Garcia had an idea to contact IID to ask the Sheriff's Dive Team to assist as he works with them on different projects.

f. **Road Closure:**

Moore shared Parks and Recreation serves as the hub for all road closures. Mello stated there is a policy that all road closures are supposed to be charged what it costs or \$500.00. Users can ask the fee to be waived which the majority have been. The closures have doubled in requests and the overtime for employees have gone up as well. Garcia stated maybe they (members) need to spread the word of costs and he would like to continue the discussion next meeting. Mello stated that in the future we would be charging user groups (travel soccer, travel softball and other traveling teams).

**5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 1:15pm. m/s/c: Estrada/Jauregui

Next meeting will be voted on.

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**Rachel Zepeda, Administrative Secretary**