

CITY OF BRAWLEY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR January 17, 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: Chair Commissioner Mary Miller 12:06pm

PRESENT: Norma Kastner-Jauregui, Michael Walla, Mary Miller, Rusty Garcia

ABSENT: Freddy Cornejo

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted by m/s/c: Michael Walla/Norma Kastner-Jauregui

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Moved by Mary Miller to appoint Rusty Garcia as Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Commission m/s/c: Norma Kastner-Jauregui
Moved by Rusty Garcia to appoint Mary Miller as Vice Chairperson m/s/c: Norma Kastner-Jauregui
- b. December 22, 2017 Movie Night at the Lions Center Gymnasium: Linda reported there were 95 people whom attended. Everyone in attendance received popcorn and water. The community brought their own snacks as well. Santa made an appearance at the end of the movie and visited with the children. Michael Walla asked if we can have more movie nights such as every other month. Linda reported the only issue is when we show a movie there is a fee between \$385.00-\$500.00 from the SWANK Company. It was suggested that maybe movies could be shown four times per year to coincide with school breaks such as, one for Winter Break, Spring Break, Summer and before the school year begins. Possibly get a sponsor for the royalty cost of the movie. Commissioners will continue discussion on the next scheduled meeting.
- c. Finance Director/Interim Parks and Recreation Director Ruby Walla updated Commissioners on the discussion at City Council regarding the change of time Parks Restrooms will be open and closed unless an activity is scheduled such as softball practice, soccer practice, games, etc. Reason being the vandalism and theft that occurs at various Parks. Miguel Perez stated it will be approximately 2 weeks to implement new hours because we need to get signs that reflect hours.
- d. Rosanna reported that the Commission has vacancies with the departure of Mike Howell and resignation of John Hernandez. Ramon Sagredo has retired from the Imperial Valley Housing Authority therefore we will need to contact them for a replacement. A couple of applications were received and hopefully by the next Council Meeting Alma will have contacted them.

- e. Parks and Recreation transitions: Rosanna reported the structure of Parks & Recreation would change again due to the departure of Finance Director Ruby Walla. Ruby will be leaving City of Brawley in February. Parks & Recreation Department was placed under Ruby until the next fiscal year to see if a Director could be hired. At this point, it looks doubtful a director will be hired next fiscal year as well. It will look like Parks & Recreation will be placed under the Library Director so the Commissioners will have a point of contact.
- f. Luke Hamby has approached Rosanna regarding a project for Jeff Thornton Park upgrade. Rosanna B. Moore said this project would be on a private fund and not use the general fund monies.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Garcia reported how disappointed he was with Councilman Mr. Hamby's social media posts. He feels maybe as a Commission they could write a letter stating how this makes our City look bad. Rosanna suggested the Commission should speak to Mr. Hamby and voice their concerns. Commissioners were in agreement to change meeting dates to the third Tuesday of the month at 12pm. Next meeting will be on Tues. February 20, 2018

ADJOURNMENT @ 1:05pm by m/s/c: Rusty Garcia/Michael Walla

Rachel Zepeda, Administrative Secretary