



CITY OF BRAWLEY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 18, 2026

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 12:00 p.m., Lions Center admin office located at 225 "A" St., Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for holding said meeting.

Meeting called to order @ 12:02 PM

Present: Joel Gonazlez, Joseph Galvan, Jenny Benavides, Richard Diaz, Mike Dickerson, Raymond Gonzalez, Richard Rubio

Absent: Mike Dickerson

Staff: Duarte, Hodgson, Smith, Alvarez

City Manager:

Assistant City Manager: Emmet Fried

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. m/s/c

Jenny Benavides/JJ Galvan / 4-0/ Absent Dickerson

2. Public Appearance

Patricia Ochoa IVUSA Soccer

3. Patricia attended the meeting to represent the Brawley teams that participate in the IVUSA soccer league. She expressed concerns regarding the new fees the City is adopting and implementing. Patricia stated that many members are accustomed to paying only league fees, as the City of El Centro provides lights for their organization at no cost.
4. She also mentioned having had difficulties working with previous Parks and Recreation administration and expressed a desire to work collaboratively moving forward. Patricia indicated she would be willing to submit a fee waiver request in order to continue access to the fields.

5. Consent agenda m/s/c

Jenny Benavides/Raymond Gonzalez/4-0/ J. Absent Dickerson

6. New Business

- a. Hodgson provided a update on one seat remaining vacant on this board. It was noted to encourage any interested parties to apply.
- b. New Parks and Recreation Manger was introduced April Hodgson.

Regular Business

F. Parks Update –Jesus updated although all lights had been replaced at Weist, a few of the ballasts were bad and needed to be replaced as well. There was also an update given for the cement work at Jeff Thorton basketball court. The slab needs to be smoothed out and painted. Horseshoe pit at Hino has been updated for upcoming event New sand has been poured, and new fencing has been installed. Bathrooms at Hino have also



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been updated to include new fixtures and new flooring Parks crew hopes to update all park bathrooms in years to come.

- G. Recreation Update- Hodgson updated current girls softball rec program has opened and the numbers are low but we are still planning to continue with the program. MLS Soccer numbers are slowly picking up but would like to see more numbers by the end of registration. Hodgson mentioned she will be working with City of El Centro to host lifeguard classes in preparation for our pool opening later this year.
- H. City Update City- Mayor Galvan provided pool updates as follows. Rebar has been placed concrete will be poured this week. So far the construction has been ahead of schedule but hoping for May of 2026 for opening.
- I. BUHS Update- Gonzalez updated distant future, the district plans to acquire land that daycare on A Street behind DVHS to expand DVHS. City is working with high school on Weist Field, season is set to kick off on Saturday. Field across from Lion Center remains available for use for all sports but still does not have lights.
- J. BESD Update- Dickerson no updates.
- K. **Other Announcements**

- L. **Adjournment** 12:46 Jenny Benavides/ Raymond Gonzalez

Next scheduled meeting March 18th 2026.