



CITY OF BRAWLEY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 17 , 2025

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.

Called the meeting to order @ 12:03 PM

Present: Joel Gonzalez, Victor Estrada, Joseph Galvan, Jenny Benavides, Raymond Gonzalez, Mike Dickerson

Absent: Richard Rubio, Richard Diaz

Staff: Alvarez, Duarte, Hodgson, Tang, Smith,
City Manager:

Assistant City Manager: Emmet Fried

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

Victor Estrada/Joseph Galvan /4-0/ Rubio, R- Diaz -Absent

2. Public Appearance

3. Consent agenda m/s/c

Victor Estrada/Jenny Benavides /4-0/ Diaz, Rubio- Absent

4. New Business

- A. John Tang and Jesus Alvarez spoke about the plans in place for securing our city facilities. The recent break in at Volunteer building prompted more urgency for security measures. Little League board would like to donate cameras for building. SD electric would be willing to donate labor of installing lights for more security at Volunteer building. Plans are in place to obtain quotes for cameras on City behalf. A question arose about LL permission on storing items at our facility, will look into contracts and permissions.
- B. Joel Gonzalez brought up pickleball waivers. IVPA approached Joel in regards to fee waivers for Lion center for tournament to raise money for Meserve pickleball courts. Gonzalez suggested maybe finding a way to prove the legitimacy of fund raisers geared towards such a project, if they are sincere with intentions it would be a good idea to approve waivers.

Regular Business

- A. Parks Update – Alvarez provided a park update on the Hinojosa bathroom updates. He explained it was approved and plans for the work were in progress. Jesus explained the work to be done were interior and exterior paint, sinks, toilets, and urinals would be replaced as well. An update was given for Plaza irrigation project, parks are switching over to automated watering for the Plaza area. Parks were also pending approval for fertilizer at both south and north Plaza in preparation of Cattle Call festivities.
- B. Recreation Update- Hodgson provided an update for upcoming events. Eric Reyes hosting an event on Sept 27th at Alyce G park. All plans have been finalized and organizer has all necessary requirements. Hodgson



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updated that Daniel Nuñez submitted a request to host a Veterans Day event at Honor wall and the city would be collaborating with Elks for this event. Cattle Call planning is also underway.

- C. City Update-. Emmet Fried presented press release that was uploaded to all City social media. The press release was highlights from City Council meeting held on September 16th. JJ Galvan gave an update on pool construction, plans and designs have been submitted to the County. County has promised to expedite our request and we are still on track for a Spring 2026 completion.
- D. BUHS Update- Gonzalez updated fencing project at JV field was on a pause. The high school is unsure if they will use any portion of this field as parking but do plan to host large events at this field. Irrigation will take place after fencing resumes and is complete. New gates and more security huts have been put up at the high school. Key card access has also been implemented. More security has been added as far as cameras and facial recognition features. Gonzalez updated that after 2 years Palmers Auditorium has finally re opened.
- E. BESD Update- Dickerson updated that same school projects are still going on. The TK mod is still underway at Oakley school. Athletic field lighting is also coming along. The school district is working closely with the City for traffic concerns mainly at Cesar Chavez and Malan. A solution for this is in the works.

5. Other Announcements

6. Adjournment @ 12:32 p.m. Victor Estrada, Joseph Galvan

Next scheduled meeting November 19, 2025.