



CITY OF BRAWLEY
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

Chairperson Garcia called the meeting to order @ 12:10 p.m.

PRESENT:	Garcia, Miller, Diaz, Benavides, Hamby
ABSENT:	Dickerson, Estrada, Jauregui
STAFF:	Fonseca, Self
CITY MANAGER:	Salcido

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved and as submitted. m/s/c Miller-Benavides 5-2

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Rachel Fonseca, Parks and Recreation Manager, introduced herself to the commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Garcia asked to table the approval of the Parks and Recreation minutes from February 18, 2020 until the next meeting. The commission agreed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. **IID Grant:**

Fonseca stated that she had applied for the I.I.D. Local Entity Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for a new A.D.A chair and new lifeguard chairs for the pool. The Department should be notified in July if a grant was awarded.

b. **Boxing Re-opening Event:**

Fonseca stated that on Monday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m., La Gente Boxing Club with the cooperation of the City of Brawley would be grand re-opening the Elks Youth Building. There will be demonstrations and exhibitions by the youth that are in the boxing program.

c. **Soap Box Derby:**

Fonseca stated that Best Step Forward would like to have a Soap Box Derby at Cattle Call Park on Saturday, August 7th. The event will be sponsored by Katy Santillan. There would be 20 participants. The course would start at the exit hill and go until the boxcars lose their momentum. Garcia asked the event has a great deal of liability, who would be responsible? Fonseca responded that Best Step Forward would be in charge of the event and assume all liability.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Parks Update:

Fonseca stated that the Splash Pad opened to the public on May 28 with over 100 people and has continued to have many people visiting daily.

b. Recreation Update:

Self stated that Lap swim had started on May 26. Many people have purchased passes and it has 6-10 people but would probably pick up once summer hours start, there would probably be more people.

Public Swim started June 14 and there were 53 people who attended and mostly teenagers. Family Swim had 70 people for the first day. Self said she expected more to be coming once the public knows that the pool is open.

Summer Day Camp will be starting on July 6 with less children than in previous years due to Covid-19 regulations.

c. City Update:

Hamby stated that a topic that there was a cell tower that was previously approved by the City Council to be place at Wiest Field with batting cage refurbishing to be done with this agreement. However, the public has had issues with the location and it most likely would be discussed during the public comment portion of the City council meeting later that day. The City budget looks better now than before COVID-19. The budget for the next fiscal year should be passed soon.

6. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. L.A.M.B.S.

Fonseca stated that the L.A.M.B.S. program was using the Teen Center as an office space.

b. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/TEEN CENTER:

Fonseca stated that the Brawley Boys and Girls Club has expressed interest in using the Teen Center for their Teen Program again. Fonseca was waiting to hear from the Director to finalize the M.O.U.

c. BUHS PURCHASE OF ARMORY PROPERTY

Garcia stated that the Brawley Union High School District is in stages to purchase the Armory property on Magnolia St. The property will be possibly used for classrooms or to park busses.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 12 noon in the Parks and Recreation Office.

7. Adjournment @ 12:45 p.m.

Rachel Fonseca - Parks and Recreation Manager