

# **Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda**



**December 10, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**City of Turlock, Yosemite Room**

**156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California**

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Commission Chair

**Keristofer Seryani**

Commission Vice Chair

**Berent Bohlender**

Commissioners

**Barbara Jensen**

**Bob Holly**

**Lupe Aguilera**

**Rajpreet Sangha**

**Shehu Hassan**

Municipal Services Director

**Chris Fisher**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- 3. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Information concerning the consent items listed herein below has been forwarded to each Commissioner prior to this meeting for study. Unless the Chair, a Commissioner or member of the audience has questions concerning the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Commission. The action taken by the Commission in approving the consent items is set forth in the explanation of the individual items.

**CITY OF TURLOCK  
PARK, ARTS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

- A. Accepting the Minutes of the September 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, and the Minutes of the October 1, 2025 Special Board Meeting

**5. STAFF UPDATES**

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

This is the time set aside for members of the public to directly address the Parks, Arts & Recreation & Commission on any item of interest to the public, before or during the Commission's consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission. You will be allowed five (5) minutes for your comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Commission addresses the matter. No action or discussion may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Commission may refer the matter to staff or request it be placed on a future agenda.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8. SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- A. Considering an application for renaming Signh Walkway or Donnelly Park
- B. Considering a Public Artwork Permit Application for the Public Safety Facility

**9. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioners may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**



**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Keristofer Seryani, Barbara Jensen, Brent Bohlender, Lupe Aguilera, Rajpreet Sangha, Robert Holly, Shehu Hassan

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Crivelli, Alexa Teixeira, Kelly Renteria

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Seryani at 6:00 pm.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INTRODUCTIONS / CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A. Motion made by Vice Chair Bohlender to accept the minutes of the June 11th Regular Meeting. Second by Commissioner Aguilera. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATION:**

None

**5. STAFF UPDATES:**

A. Summer Updates

- a. Pedretti: From May – August, there has been a tournament at Pedretti every weekend with great turn outs.
- b. TYSA/Hourly rentals at Turlock Regional Sports Complex: There have been a ton of hourly rentals at our facility, including TYSA, utilizing our fields for practices and games.
- c. Summer Adult Softball: Fall session has started and this program is one of our turn key programs that has been successful.
- d. Swim Lessons/Recreation Swim: This year was our first year with Columbia Pool operating with aquatics, such as swim lesson, as well as Recreation Swim which is still currently happening on weekends only. Entry fees are \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child. We are working on what year-round will look like for the facility.
- e. Summer Camp: We had Summer Camp operating at Pitman High School and Turlock High School with approximately 100 students attending at each site over the summer.

**B. Events**

- a. Family Fun Night on 8/29/2025 was a success and we are looking to do a movie night at the Columbia Pool for the next Family Fun Night in September.
- b. Mark your calendar for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Trot occurring on November 22, 2025.
- c. Mark your calendar for the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Turlock Downtown Christmas Parade on December 5, 2025 at 6:30pm. The theme this year was determined by the community where everyone had the opportunity to vote for their favorite theme on Facebook. The theme is Gingerbread Dreamland!

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**7. PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

**8. SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

**C. Community Events and Activities Grant Application Round 2:**

- a. Motion made by Commissioner Jensen to reaffirm Turlock Mom's Club 2025/2026 Community Events and Activities Grant funding request and to transmit the following 2025/2026 Community Events and Activities Grant funding requests, with modified funding, for the following organizations: Turlock Senior Citizens Group – Open House, Turlock Senior Citizens Group – Dinner Series, Assyrian United Organization of California 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Assyrian State Convention – Nineveh Night, Assyrian United Organization of California 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Assyrian State Convention – Ishtar Night and to transmit the following 2025/2026 Community Events and Activities Grant funding requests, with no funding, to Stephanie Belly Dance LLC – Breast Cancer Awareness Celebration. Second by Commissioner Hassan. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Keristofer – Thank you staff and Commissioners for your hard work. It's great to see everything going on in Turlock with the Columbia Pool and events.

Barbara – Thank you Juan for all the updates. It's fun to see all the positive things going on in Turlock.

Bob – I have 1 more meeting with you all and I appreciate being apart of the Commission all these years. Thank you staff and Commissioners.

Brent – I encourage everyone to take a look at Elk Grove District 56 again. It is a great facility that offers indoor and outdoor activities and it's a neat place.

Shehu – Thank you staff and Commission.

Raj – Thank you staff for your preparation, hard work and support on this.

Lupe – My grandson participated in the swim lessons and it was amazing. The staff, facility and everything about it was great. I also went to the recent Family Fun Night in August and what staff does there is awesome; we loved it.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm. Motion by Commissioner Holly and a Second by Commissioner Aguilera.

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# Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes



October 1, 2025

6:00 PM

City of Turlock, Yosemite Room

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy City Clerk Kelly Renteria convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, the body proceeded with the election of a Chair Pro Tem to preside over the meeting.

**Action:** Electing Commissioner Holly as Chair Pro Tem, motioned by Commissioner Hassan, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Commissioner Sangha	Commissioner Hassan	Vice Chair Bohlender	Commissioner Holly	Commissioner Jensen	Commissioner Aguilera	Chair Seryani
Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

**Action:** Approved Motion

## 2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Present: Commissioners Shehu Hassan, Rajpreet Sangha, Bob Holly, Barbara Jensen, and Lupe Aguilera,

Absent: Vice Chair Brent Bohlender and Chair Keristofer Seryani

Commissioner Sangha	Commissioner Hassan	Vice Chair Bohlender	Commissioner Holly	Commissioner Jensen	Commissioner Aguilera	Chair Seryani
Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

## 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - LIMITED TO ITEMS DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE FOR THIS MEETING

Chair Pro Tem Holly opened the item for public comment. There were no comments from the public, and Chair Pro Tem Holly closed public comment.

## 4. SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A. Community Events and Activities Grant awards totaling \$7,000 through Tourism Fund (Recreation)

The item was presented by Recreation Superintendent Juan Vargas.

Chair Pro Tem Holly opened the item for public comment. There were no comments from the public, and Chair Pro Tem Holly closed public comment.

**CITY OF TURLOCK  
PARK, ARTS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 1, 2025**

Motion: Affirming and approving the recommendation to the City Council of the award to the Turlock Mom’s Club for \$2,000, the Turlock Senior Citizens – Dinner Series for \$1,250, the Turlock Senior Citizens – Open House for \$1,250, the Assyrian United Organization of California 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Assyrian State Convention – Nineveh Night for \$1,250 and the Assyrian United Organization of California 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Assyrian State Convention – Ishtar Night for \$1,250, as motioned by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Aguilera, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Commissioner Sangha	Commissioner Hassan	Vice Chair Bohlender	Commissioner Holly	Commissioner Jensen	Commissioner Aguilera	Chair Seryani
Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

**Action:** Approved Motion

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Adjourn meeting by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Aguilera and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Commissioner Sangha	Commissioner Hassan	Vice Chair Bohlender	Commissioner Holly	Commissioner Jensen	Commissioner Aguilera	Chair Seryani
Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

**Action:** Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly Renteria, Deputy City Clerk

# **Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Staff Report**

**December 10, 2025**



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From: Juan Vargas, Recreation Superintendent  
Prepared by: Juan Vargas, Recreation Superintendent  
Agendized by: Christopher Fisher, Municipal Services Director

## **1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

Motion: Denying or Accepting the Reequst to Rename Singh Walkway or Donnelly Park.

## **2. NARRATIVE:**

Staff received an application from Raminder Attwal requesting the renaming of either Singh Walkway or Donnelly Park in honor of her late father, Avtar Singh Attwal. The proposed names are “Avtar Singh Attwal Walkway” or “Avtar Singh Attwal Park.” The application includes letters of support highlighting Mr. Attwal’s long-standing public service and community involvement. Mr. Attwal served as a U.S. Postal Worker for 38 years and was well-known for his leadership within the Sikh community and his contributions to local charitable efforts, including food drives, clothing, and the donation of goods.

For context, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) and City Council have reviewed several park and facility naming requests in the past. On August 14, 2013, PARC received a request from Pet Extreme, a local business owned by the Swanson Family, to donate \$35,000 toward the construction of a dog park at Centennial Park and to rename the park “Swanson Park”. After discussion, the Commission expressed a desire to retain the centennial milestone associated with the park’s name and proposed an alternative—“Swanson Centennial Park”. The Swanson Family and the Commission agreed to the compromise, and the City Council approved the renaming on November 13, 2013. In addition to their donation, the Swanson Family paid for the replacement of the existing park sign.

On October 9, 2013, PARC received a request from Dr. Ram Saini to name the walkway in the northeast storm basin area “Singh Walkway”. The Singh name was selected to recognize the contributions of the Indian American community in Turlock, as “Singh” is a common and representative surname. After evaluating multiple locations and ensuring conformance with City policies and practices, the Commission determined that the northeast basin walkway was the most appropriate site. Dr. Saini funded the cost of the new sign, and the City Council approved the naming recommendation on March 11, 2014.

On February 12, 2014, PARC considered a request from Mrs. Donna Pierce to rename Sunnyview Park in memory of the late Mayor Quaille Norton to recognize his extensive contributions to the community. After reviewing multiple sites, staff determined that Sunnyview Park was the most appropriate location, as its amenities reflected Mayor Norton’s community vision. The Commission approved the renaming, with Mrs. Norton funding the cost of the new park sign, and the City Council granted final approval on June 10, 2014.

The City of Turlock differentiates between community parks and neighborhood parks. Community parks are larger, offering broader amenities designed for the entire community, while neighborhood parks are smaller and serve nearby residents. Historically, renaming

efforts have applied primarily to neighborhood parks, not community parks, even when significant contributions or memorial recognitions have been made.

For example, at Donnelly Park—a community park—Augusta Bates led a major fundraising effort for the wooden play structure, which was named the “Augusta Bates Children’s Playpark.” Similarly, when the Brandon Koch Memorial Skate Park was relocated and rebuilt at Donnelly Park, only the skate park carried the commemorative name, and the park itself retained its original name. These examples illustrate the City’s consistent practice of assigning commemorative names to individual features within community parks rather than renaming the parks themselves.

Based on these precedents and established practices, staff does not recommend renaming Donnelly Park, as it is a community park that has historically retained its original name even when memorial elements have been added. Likewise, staff does not recommend renaming Singh Walkway, as it was intentionally named to honor the broader Indian American community at the request of Dr. Saini.

Staff appreciates the contributions of the late Avtar Singh Attwal and the desire of his family to honor his legacy; however, consistent with past practices, staff does not support the renaming requests included in this application.

**3. FISCAL IMPACT / BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

N/A

**4. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

N/A

**5. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Park Naming Request



Public Works Department
FACILITIES & PARKS NAMING APPLICATION

144 S. BROADWAY | TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA 95380 | PHONE 209-668-5594 | FAX 209-668-5619

The City of Turlock recognizes individuals, groups and organizations who have made significant contributions to the Turlock community by naming or possibly renaming City Buildings, Parks, or Facilities in their honor.

The provided information will play a vital role in making a determination to name a facility or park. All nominations will first be presented to the Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission who will then make their recommendation to the City Council.

[ ] Naming of Facility [x] Naming of Park

APPLICANT

Form with fields: Name (Raminder Atwal), Relationship to Nominee (Daughter), Address (Turlock CA 95382), Phone, Email.

ALTERNATIVE CONTACT

Form with fields: Contact Name (Iqbalinder Roshawa), Phone, Email.

Form with fields: Current Name or Use of Facility/Park (Singh Walkway / Donnelly Park), Address or Location (600 Pedras Rd or Singhirway / N. Berkeley, Turlock CA), Recommended Name of Facility/Park (Avtar Singh Atwal Park or Park way).

**NOMINEE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization/Club
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Name: Avtar Singh Atwal	Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Total years of Residency: 45 years	Date of Death (if applicable): 2-23-25

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION (Attach at least 3 letters of support)**

Name and Email: Iqbalinder Randhawa	[REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED]
Name and Email: Shuman Randhawa	[REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED]
Name and Email: Bobby Atwal	[REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED]

Please describe the time the nominee spent in community service, contributions to the City, field of work and his/her or organization's accomplishments.

See attached letters for support (6 # letters in total).

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TURLOCK  
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Staff Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed	Date: _____ Initials: _____
Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline
Date of Meeting: _____		
City Council Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline
Date of Meeting: _____		

Dear City Council Members,

Avtar Singh Attwal dedicated over four decades to the Turlock community through unwavering public service, philanthropy, and leadership. After immigrating to the United States and settling in Turlock, he worked for 38 years at the U.S. Postal Service, where he served the public with dedication and pride.

Beyond his professional life, Avtar was a pillar of the community—spending over 45 years actively involved in efforts to uplift and unify Turlock's diverse residents. He was instrumental in organizing food drives for the unhoused community around Broadway Park and regularly donated clothes and goods to local organizations like the Goodwill Donation Site. He helped countless individuals find employment, food, and shelter, always putting others before himself.

Avtar played a vital role in establishing the Turlock Sikh Gurdwara, a place of worship and cultural unity, after previously helping to establish the Livingston Gurdwara. His leadership was critical in uniting the Sikh community in the region and fostering interfaith and cultural understanding. As General Secretary of India Congress Overseas, Avtar also worked on a global level, advocating for Indian immigrants' rights and connecting communities both locally and abroad. His passion for civic service extended to his native village of Chak Sangha in Punjab, where he led projects to build paved roads, install clean water systems, and promote girls' education.

He was also a long-time supporter of charitable causes such as St. Jude Children's Hospital, demonstrating a consistent commitment to improving lives across borders. Avtar Singh Attwal's life was marked by generosity, leadership, and a relentless drive to give back. His legacy continues through the lives he touched and the community he helped build. He exemplified the values of hard work, compassion, and civic duty, making him a highly deserving candidate to have a public facility or park named in his honor.

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Sincerely,

  
Raminder Attwal



Dear City Council/Committee Members,

I am writing to recommend Avtar Singh Attwal for the naming of a public facility or park in Turlock in recognition of his exceptional contributions to our city.

Avtar served in the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years, where he earned the respect and gratitude of countless residents. However, his public service went far beyond his job. He led food and clothing drives for those in need, supported local organizations like Goodwill, and personally helped many individuals secure basic necessities and employment.

He was central to the creation of the Turlock Sikh Gurdwara and played a leadership role in uniting communities through faith and service. Internationally, he led development projects in his native village in Punjab, championing infrastructure improvements and education—especially for girls.

His role as General Secretary of India Congress Overseas highlights his global advocacy for immigrant rights, and his regular support of institutions like St. Jude Children's Hospital reflects his lifelong commitment to service.

Avtar Singh Attwal gave generously, led with purpose, and left a legacy of unity and compassion. A park or facility in his name would not only honor him but inspire future generations to serve as he did.

Sincerely,

Bobby Attwal



To Whom It May Concern,

Avtar Singh Attwal was more than a public servant—he was the heart of the Turlock community for over four decades.

He worked 38 years at the U.S. Postal Service, always with pride and dedication. Outside of work, he tirelessly helped the unhoused, supported local charities, and organized food and clothing drives to serve the most vulnerable.

He played a key role in building the Turlock Sikh Gurdwara and uniting the community through interfaith efforts. Globally, he uplifted his home village in Punjab with clean water, paved roads, and education projects.

Avtar's entire life was devoted to helping others. Naming a park or facility after him would be a beautiful way to ensure his legacy continues to uplift future generations.

Sincerely,

Shawn Randhawa

To Whom It May Concern,

In the heart of Turlock lived a man whose impact cannot be measured by titles or accolades, but by the lives he touched—Avtar Singh Attwal.

After immigrating to the United States, Avtar dedicated 38 years to the U.S. Postal Service. Yet, his work didn't stop when he clocked out. For more than 45 years, he served Turlock in every way imaginable—organizing food drives for the unhoused, donating to local causes, and helping people find shelter and jobs when they had nowhere else to turn.

He was a builder of community in every sense. From laying the foundation of the Turlock Sikh Gurdwara to creating spaces of unity and faith, Avtar was a guiding force. His leadership stretched beyond city lines—he worked globally to improve lives in Punjab, India, where he brought clean water, roads, and access to education.

Even in his personal philanthropy, he remained humble—donating regularly to St. Jude Children's Hospital and countless local efforts.

Avtar Singh Attwal lived for others. Naming a public space after him wouldn't just preserve his name—it would remind us all of what one person can do with compassion, vision, and commitment.

Warm regards,

Mohinder Attwal

**To Whom It May Concern,**

I write to express my strongest support for honoring Mr. Avtar Singh Attwal by naming a public facility or park in his memory. Mr. Attwal devoted over forty years to public service, community building, and philanthropic efforts in the City of Turlock.

A dedicated employee of the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years, Mr. Attwal served the community with professionalism and pride. Outside of work, he was a deeply engaged citizen who organized food drives, assisted unhoused individuals, and supported local charities such as the Goodwill Donation Site.

Mr. Attwal played a foundational role in establishing both the Turlock and Livingston Sikh Gurdwaras, promoting cultural harmony and unity. As General Secretary of India Congress Overseas, his influence extended beyond borders, as he championed Indian immigrants' rights and spearheaded development projects in his native village in Punjab, including clean water and education initiatives.

His consistent support for charitable causes such as St. Jude Children's Hospital further reflects his compassion and civic spirit.

Avtar Singh Attwal exemplified a life of service, humility, and leadership. His lasting contributions to the Turlock community and beyond make him an ideal candidate for this honor.

Sincerely,

Calvin Randhawa

Dear Community Leaders,

I urge you to consider honoring the life of Avtar Singh Attwal by naming a local park or public space after him—a man whose legacy is woven into the very fabric of Turlock.

For more than 40 years, Avtar served Turlock with unwavering commitment. He spent nearly four decades at the U.S. Postal Service, always showing up with pride and a sense of duty. But it was his work beyond his job that truly set him apart.

He was a constant presence in efforts to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and offer shelter and hope to those who had none. Whether it was organizing food drives near Broadway Park or supporting local donation centers, he gave from the heart—quietly and consistently.

Avtar was also a spiritual and cultural leader. He helped establish two Sikh Gurdwaras, bringing people together and creating safe spaces for worship and cultural exchange. As General Secretary of India Congress Overseas, he bridged communities, promoted immigrant rights, and championed rural development in India, including projects for clean water and girls' education.

Naming a public space after Avtar Singh Attwal would be a fitting tribute to a man who gave everything to serve others. His legacy deserves a place where future generations can reflect and be inspired.

With gratitude,

Iqbinder Randhawa

# ***Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Staff Report***

***December 10, 2025***



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From: Juan Vargas, Recreation Superintendent  
Prepared by: Juan Vargas, Recreation Superintendent  
Agendized by: Christopher Fisher, Municipal Services Director

**1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

Motion: Approving or Denying the application for Public Artwork at 244 N Broadway, Public Safety Facility.

**2. NARRATIVE:**

On November 14, 2025, staff received a Public Artwork Permit Application from Officer Jacob Young on behalf of the Turlock SWAT Association and artist Brodin Studios. The application recognizes the Turlock Public Safety Facility as a focal point for honoring military veterans. At the south end of the parking lot there are military service flags that are prominently displayed, and the center appears to be a location appropriate for a commemorative statue. This project proposes the installation of a single, life-size bronze statue atop the existing pedestal in the middle of the military service flags. The statue will depict a modern American warfighter representing service members of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, reflecting the contemporary era associated with the construction of the Public Safety Facility. The statue will be positioned standing and saluting, oriented north toward the United States Flag situated between the Public Safety Facility and Carnegie Arts Center. Application is attached for reference.

**3. FISCAL IMPACT / BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

None. The project will be funded by Turlock SWAT and other donors.

**4. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

N/A

**5. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Public Artwork Application - Brodin Studios

**CITY OF TUROCK**

144 S. Broadway • Turlock, CA 95380 • 209-668-5594 • <http://www.cityofturlock.org>

**Public Artwork Permit Application**

**APPLICANT:** Complete all sections below that apply to the proposal. Please print legibly.

Application Date NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Artwork Installation Street Address 244 N BROADWAY (PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY)

Sponsor Name TURLOCK SWAT ASSOCIATION

Mailing Address 244 N BROADWAY TURLOCK, CA 95380

Is proposed artwork permanent or temporary? If temporary how long will the artwork be displayed \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Name (Artist must attach a bio that includes their experience / background as it pertains to the proposed work) BRODIN STUDIOS

Mailing Address 70127 330TH STREET

City KIMBALL State MN Zip Code 55353

Day Phone 320-398-4304 FAX 320-398-4305 E-mail nickc@aqrvig.net

**Project Description:** Please describe the proposed artwork and attach a picture to this application.

The Public Safety Facility has long served as a focal point for honoring military veterans each November. At the south end of the parking lot, the military service flags are prominently displayed; however, the central pedestal between the flagpoles remains unoccupied and appears intended for a commemorative statue. With numerous veterans currently employed by the City of Turlock—and with strong and consistent support for the military from both the City and its residents—it is an appropriate and meaningful time to enhance this space in their honor.

This project proposes the installation of a single, life-size bronze statue atop the existing pedestal located between the military service flags. The statue will depict a modern American warfighter, representing service members of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, reflecting the contemporary era associated with the construction of the Public Safety Facility. The figure will be positioned standing and saluting, oriented north toward the United States Flag situated between the Public Safety Facility and the Carnegie Arts Center.

Photographs have been included with this application for reference.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Sponsor and Artist must acknowledge the following terms as consideration for issuance of a Public Artwork Permit.

Sponsor	Artist	
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	1. Art must be completed or supervised by an artist with prior experience.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	2. Artist must attach a bio that includes their experience / background as it pertains to the proposed work.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	3. Review of proposed art design and location must be approved by both City Staff and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission before final consideration from the Turlock City Council.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	4. Prior to final approval by the Turlock City Council the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission will host a public hearing where all addresses within 1000ft. will be notified and given the opportunity to provide feedback on the project.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	5. Artist will be expected to design work that will be complimentary with the surrounding area.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	6. The artwork will not portray themes that may be interpreted as derogatory as to race religion, sexual orientation, natural origin, or physical or mental disability.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	7. All projects will be directly sponsored, managed and controlled by the city itself, with the rules or guidelines about acceptable works published in advance
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	8. The composition of the artwork shall be of a permanent durable and weather resistant material that requires a low level of maintenance. Maintenance requirements shall be provided.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	9. Workmanship: Any support/attachments must be approved by a professional structural engineer; work on site must be supervised and approved by artist.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	10. Artwork shall not serve as an advertisement of any product, service or company name in violation of City of Turlock Municipal Code.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	11. Public art permit or approval does not warrant or guarantee that, after installation, the art work will be preserved or remain intact for the expected life span. If the artist or sponsor wishes to preserve the artwork, it is his or her responsibility to reach an agreement regarding maintenance, and preservation. Approval by the Turlock City Council does not constitute an indication or promise of any conservation or restoration funds from the City of Turlock.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	12. If vandalism/graffiti to the artwork occurs, it is the responsibility of the artist or sponsor to remove graffiti within 5 days after written notification from the city, (consistent with TMC 4-14-405). If the graffiti is not removed and the mural is not repaired by the artist, City of Turlock can remove the graffiti vandalism using their standard removal techniques/materials.
<u>JCY</u>	<u><i>Lu</i></u>	13. It is the responsibility of the artist to create and maintain their artwork. The City of Turlock requires that the artwork will be kept in good repair with periodic maintenance to be performed by the artist as needed. By submitting the application both the artist and sponsor agree that should the artwork be defaced and/or not repaired, maintained, preserved and/or conserved to the satisfaction of the City of Turlock, the City of Turlock has, in its sole discretion, the authority to repair, maintain, preserve, and/or conserve the artwork, or alternatively, the City of Turlock has the authority to remove, alter, or destroy the artwork at the cost of the artist and/or sponsor.

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14. If for any reason the artwork placed on public property is removed, altered, or destroyed by the sponsor and/or artist, the sponsor and/or artist are responsible for restoring the property to the original condition.

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15. An independent appraisal or other evidence of value, such as an artist's price quote or bill of sale must be provided for liability purposes.

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16. The City of Turlock will be acting as a speaker and a patron of the arts and has sole discretion to select those messages it wants to promote

With my signature below, I attest that each of the above initialed items is true, and I agree to each of these terms. I understand that I am contractually bound by these terms for the life of the artwork. Violations of any of the above initialed terms, or regulations will be enforced by the City of Turlock.

Sponsor Name (printed) JACOB YOUNG, TURLOCK SWAT ASSOCIATION

Sponsor Signature [Signature] Date 11/13/2025

Artist Name (printed) Brooklyn Studios, Inc

Artist Signature [Signature] Date 11/14/25

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## **Professional Summary**

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Brodin Studios is a nationally recognized bronze sculpture studio with more than 40 years of experience creating custom memorials that honor the service, sacrifice, and dedication of America’s military personnel and public safety professionals. With over 350 bronze sculptures installed across the United States and Canada, the studio has become a trusted partner for municipalities, government agencies, veterans’ organizations, and public art committees seeking meaningful, accurate, and enduring memorial artwork.

Founded on a mission to preserve history and honor those who serve, Brodin Studios specializes in lifelike, highly detailed figures—ranging from saluting soldiers to battlefield scenes, police and firefighter memorials, and community-based public art. The studio’s long-standing commitment to military tribute work includes extensive experience sculpting modern U.S. soldiers, uniforms, and equipment with exceptional accuracy, ensuring each memorial reflects the dignity and professionalism of today’s service members.

Brodin Studios operates as a turn-key provider, handling every stage of the process in-house—including concept development, digital modeling, sculpting, bronze casting, patination, delivery, and installation. The team draws from backgrounds in art, mechanical design, and engineering to ensure each sculpture is not only visually powerful, but structurally sound and engineered for long-term outdoor display. The studio casts in Everdur silicon bronze and has developed a reputation for excellence in finish quality, durability, and attention to lifelike detail.

With a proven history of successful installations for local, state, and federal agencies, Brodin Studios brings an unmatched ability to collaborate with committees, honor community vision, and deliver memorials that resonate deeply with the public. Each sculpture is created with the highest respect for the individuals it represents, embodying the core values of service, courage, integrity, and sacrifice.

For the City of Turlock, Brodin Studios is uniquely qualified to create a modern-day soldier saluting in fatigues, offering decades of experience in military memorials, advanced modeling capabilities for precise representation, and a long record of producing powerful, lasting tributes that become landmarks within the communities they serve.

## **Pricing**

Life-size Saluting Soldier Statue in Fatigues: \$45,000

24" x 36" Standard Bronze Plaque on steel powder coated stand: \$6,500

Crating & Shipping: \$3,000 - \$4,000 (based on fuel rates at time of shipment)

