

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 138  
Valley Center Parks and Recreation  
August 19, 2024, 3:00pm  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Rd, Room #5 @3:00pm

1. Call to order – Vice Chair

Committee Member attendees: Bill Trok - Chair, Donna Heim, Karen Blair, and Irma Hernandez. Excused absence: Carol Johnson

DPR Employees: Jake Enriquez, Amber Blackman, Ivan Castilleja, Luke Taylor (Virtual), and Mark Kieser (Virtual).  
Members of the public: Marla Helms (VC Tennis Club), Coach Seth (VC High School Tennis), VC Rodeo Stampede board members, Lavonne Norwood, VC Planning Group, Marianne Narick (Virtual), Adrienne Cisneros-Selekman, D5 (Virtual).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve June 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Karen 1<sup>st</sup>, Irma 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

4. Open agenda --- Opportunity for members of the public to speak on subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction, but not on today's agenda. Limit 2 minutes per item.

Marianne: Butterfield Trial Ranch. Would like to contribute in any way she can. Bill Trok let Marianne know that the public and community engagement will start later this calendar year. Marla Helm: Thank you for starting repair work on courts 5 and 6 at Adams Park. We would like these asphalt courts to eventually be replaced with concrete courts. Hopefully next year. Pickleball lines are currently on courts 5 & 6. We are ok with the pickleball lines remaining until permanent pickleball courts can be added in Valley Center. Maybe we can replace unutilized volleyball court with pickleball courts. Currently, courts 5 & 6 can't be used for competitive play due the asphalt separation. Coach Seth, VC High School Tennis Coach. VCHS needs 6 playable courts for CIF play. Noticed that pickleball is picking up and moving down to their courts that have no lines. This shows that we need more courts in VC. Lights are important for the courts. Irma reminded group that there is limited funding for all park improvements. Marla said she could assist with going out for funding. Jake – It would be helpful if the Committee incorporated this input into the annual PLDO priority letter due November 30, 2024. Irma asked what the cost would be for new tennis courts. Jake let the group know it would depend on the scope and construction costs at the time. Karen asked that if grants or outside funding came in, how much would need to be raised. Jake - It would take some scoping to get those numbers. The replacement of courts 5 & 6 would likely include replacement of the asphalt walkways and ADA improvements. The totality of this work would be in the 6 digits.

5. Park Updates:

VC Community Park- The acoustic ceiling paneling in lower meeting room is complete. The next Rancho Lilac meeting is planned for September. Staff is reorganizing the hall office.

Adams Park- We had a very successful summer swim program at the pool, including morning lap swim, swim lessons, and open afternoon rec swim. New rec swim passes were popular. DPR also implemented electronic payment methods at the pool. A new Park Host candidate was selected and is currently going through the onboarding process. DPR started repair work on courts 5 & 6. Some of the cracks are very deep. The summer heat is affecting the product cure time. This project is a priority. High School tennis meets begins August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Cole Grade- Sunday soccer still renting the field.

Scibilia Field- Farmer's Market: No new developments. The organizer has not submitted the paperwork to County Agriculture, Weights, and Measures. Adrienne from D5 asked why the front of the community hall wouldn't work. Jake explained that the prior farmer's market struggled. Also, the rental fees for the front of the Hall were more than the organizer was willing to pay, so he chose Scibilia Field.

Star Valley- Not much since the rodeo wrapped up. Neighbors have informed DPR that vehicles are driving through the opening in the pipe fencing afterhours. The fencing needs to be put back to its pre-rodeo alignment.

6. Rancho Lilac update – DPR Resource Management Division

Update from Beth Principe and Emily Pacholski: 79 participants attended July 11 meeting. Input gathered will be used to develop the public access plan for the preserve. The next Rancho Lilac public meeting is scheduled for September 12 at VC Hall from 6-7pm. Beth and Emily are the primary contacts for any questions or comments regarding the project. [Bethany.principe@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Bethany.principe@sdcounty.ca.gov) or [Emily.pacholski@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Emily.pacholski@sdcounty.ca.gov)

- 7. **Capital Improvements Update – Luke Taylor, DPR Project Manager**  
All construction punch list items were completed, and all areas are open for public use. County DPR has completed a total of \$4.4 million in major maintenance and capital improvements since absorbing the Valley Center local parks. CSA board thanked Luke for all his hard work to improve these parks.
- 8. **Intergenerational Center / Park Land Development – Luke Taylor, DPR Project Manager**  
DPR will begin the public engagement process this fall to gather input on what recreation opportunities they would like to see at Star Valley and Butterfield Trails Ranch. DPR is exploring opportunities to host an input gathering open house at Butterfield so the public can see the property and provide input. No exact date yet. Luke will let CSA know once a date is available. Irma asked if a consultant has been hired. Luke - not yet. Marianne wants to know how it will be advertised. Luke will be reaching out to the CSA Committee, Planning Group, stakeholder groups, and general public. The information will also be advertised via flyers, social media, and DPR website [www.sdparcs.org](http://www.sdparcs.org).

9. 2024 PLDO Priority List

<b>FY2023-24 CSA 138 Valley Center Community Service Area (CSA) PLDO Project Priority List (List in order of priority)</b>
1. Remove volleyball court at Adams Park and install basketball court with overhead LED lights.
2. Rehabilitate commercial kitchen at Valley Center Community Hall.
3. Install LED feild lights at Valley Center Community Park ballfields #3, #4 and #5.

- 10. **CSA -138 Operating Budget**  
Jake to request the financial document in time for the September meeting.
- 11. **New Business**  
Is there any update on the Heritage Park transfer? The maintenance driveway easement is being finalized and recorded. Irma reminded the committee that per the Brown Act that they cannot do park tours as a committee. Organized Committee activities would need to be advertised and open to the public. Ivan wanted to let the Vaqueros and Stampede Rodeo know that DPR will be mowing Star again in September. All VC parking lots have been restriped.
- 12. **Adjournment**  
Bill motion to adjourn at 4:04pm. Karen second.