

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 138
Valley Center Parks and Recreation
March 17, 2025, 3:00pm

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to order at 3:03pm

Committee Member attendees: Irma Hernandez- Chair, Alma Plancarte, Bill Trok, Donna Hein, and Karen Blair

DPR Employees: Jake Enriquez, Amber Blackman, Ivan Castilleja (Virtual), Luke Taylor

Members of the Public: Melissa Guiliano VCLL, Andy Bilodeau VCLL, Rodeo Stampede board members, Jay West, Mary Hope Hodson (Virtual), VC Vaqueros, Cami Cline, Leah Bjerknes

2. Pledge-Irma Hernandez

3. Approve Feb meeting minutes- Approved 5-0.

4. Introduction of Alma Plancarte to the CSA 138 Committee Board- 5-year resident, real estate broker, single mom with a 15-year-old son.

5. Park Updates-

a. VC Community Park: Shade sails added to Field #3. Opening Day ceremony was February 28 – good turnout. Western Days will be held at the end of May.

b. Scibilia Field: Wireless float sensor installed. Overseeding is complete. Fence cap installed. New trash cans added. Field reopened on March 14.

c. Cole Grade Park: Overseeding in process. Temporary fencing put up to keep players off field so that grass can grow. Rec soccer will begin 4/15. Two age groups; 3-5 years and 6-10 years.

d. Adams Park: VCHS competitive swim in season. We have seen an increase in park rentals.

e. Star Valley: Sundown Social meeting planned for April 17 in partnership with the VC Vaqueros and Chamber of Commerce. VC Stampede Rodeo May 23 & 24.

6. Valley Center Little League: Getting a new field is a priority. Current field space is a premium due to increase in players. Can VCLL have access to the back gate for better flow of traffic. Spoke to VCFPD and VC water district and they were ok with VCLL have a lock on the gate. Jake said VCLL can add a lock (daisy-chained) to the Old Road gate. Jake advised Andy to contact the VC Hall office for smaller

operational needs. VCLL stated they have potential funding for field improvements and ball-netting for field #5. Jake informed Andy that the netting would need to be installed by a professional. CSA 138 does not have the funding to install a new net at this time, but DPR will work with VCLL to explore options. More ADA improvements are needed at the ballfield complex, which can be included in a larger capital improvement project such as a new restroom/concession building.

7. **Rodeo Survey-** Jay West, 545 people completed the rodeo 2024 survey. 93% highly favor/somewhat favor an equestrian facility in Valley Center. 95% were in favor for Western heritage. Can Luke Taylor send DPR survey questions so that they can be included in the rodeo survey. Luke is waiting to get the green light on the DPR questions. Billy Wager asked if it was wise to spend funding on an outreach consultant when the County's budget is so tight, and the new parks likely won't be developed for 3-5 years. The 4H and FFA should also be considered at Star Valley.
8. **Financial Report-** Jake will email out to the group when the report is ready. PLDO Funding- these funds are not part of the regular budget. Current balance is \$2.1 million. PLDO funds are allocated by the Board of Supervisors. The funds accrue from building permits.
9. **Open Agenda-** Jay West- Attended the February DPR Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. Butterfield Park and Star Valley Park were listed in the CINA report. The report stated that \$3 million are allocated for the environmental study. Currently the County is reporting a \$138 million funding gap.
10. **New Business-** List PLDO Programming list with agenda moving forward
11. **Adjournment-**4:20pm