

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 138

Valley Center Parks and Recreation  
November 18, 2024, 3:00pm

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to order – 3:02 pm

Committee Member attendees: Bill Trok- Chair, Donna Hein, Karen Blair, and Irma Hernandez. Seat 2 currently vacant.

DPR Employees: Jake Enriquez, Amber Blackman, and Ivan Castilleja.

County Employees: Adrienne Cisneros-Selekman

Members of the Public: VC Rodeo Stampede board members, LaVonne Norwood- VC Planning Group. Pickleball proponents, Valley Center Tennis Club board members, Julie Picot - VC Vaqueros

2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by LaVonne Norwood

3. Approve October 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Irma 1<sup>st</sup>, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by all board members.

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. None

5. Butterfield Trails open house: 300 people attended during the event. Adrienne presented a proclamation to the donor. Jake extended a thank you to all booth participants. County Park Rangers hosted a touch table and raptor birds of prey talk. The purpose of the event was to start the public engagement process for undeveloped Valley Center park land (Butterfield Trails Park and Star Valley Park). A plaque acknowledging the Manuel Arango Foundation was fixed to a boulder and unveiled. Butterfield is currently not open to the public, but DPR will look for opportunities for the public to visit the property, i.e. outreach, tree plantings, and other volunteer opportunities. In early 2025, DPR will be planning a similar event at Star Valley Park to continue to gather public input.

6. 2024-25 PLDO Priority List discussion:

Bill Trok recommended not adding new concession stand/restrooms and Rodeo/Ag facility to the 24/25 priority list due to the amount of money that would be needed to develop these projects. Star Valley Park is also already included in the County Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA). Bill Trok made a motion to approve these items in the CSA No. 138 24/25 PDLO Priority list.

Project priority list:

1. VC Community Park - The installation of an additional Little League Field in the practice area east of the play structure.
2. Adams Park - The removal of the volleyball court and the installation of a Multi-Use Court with configurations for full-court basketball and pickleball (w/LED lighting).
3. Adams Park - Improvements to tennis courts #5 and #6 with ADA accessibility compliance.

Programming priority list:

1. Star Valley Park - Continued hosting of the VC Stampede Rodeo and Memorial Day Festival.
2. Year-round youth-focused programs, events, clinics, and camps focused on horsemanship and equine-related competitions; and the care, welfare, and showmanship of livestock.

Committee discussion. Donna would like to see an equestrian facility make the list to show that the Committee recognizes community input. Karen agreed that the Committee has received this input, but feels the Committee needs to wait for more public outreach and input. Jake provided a view of the CINA website showing Butterfield Ranch/ Star Valley Park development as being prioritized. Donna asked if a project isn't on the PDLO Priority List can it be included in the CINA? Bill Trok answered, yes. The Committee returned to the motion. Irma seconded the motion. 3 votes yay (Trok, Hernandez, Blair), 1 vote nay (Hein).

Motion passed. Additionally, Bill Trok is working to add a “Welcome to Valley Center” sign that includes recognition of the three Valley Center Queens who achieved Miss Rodeo California. He explained that he would need letters of support from community stakeholders, including CSA 138.

Donna - We were appointed to this Committee to represent the wants and needs of the community of Valley Center. Valley Center Rodeo, Valley Center Vaqueros, 4H, and FFA have attended multiple meetings, gave presentations, wrote letters, and invited our Committee members to their events with one goal in mind: An Equestrian Center at Star Valley Park.

7. Park Updates:

VC Community Park: New commercial refrigerator was purchased for the Hall kitchen. Overseeding of the fields will begin at the end of November and continue until the start of the Little League Spring season.

Adams Park: New Park host is doing a great job. The pool is receiving two new heaters. Valley Center High school is currently using the pool for water polo. Committee asked how much the heaters were. The heaters cost \$5k each plus installation.

Cole Grade: New wireless float tank sensor to be installed for the well. Overseeding occur this winter.

Scibilia Field: Overseeding to take place this winter.

Star Valley: Vegetation management is still ongoing.

8. Financial report: Reviewed. Irma asked about the GPR and commented how important these funds are. Thank you to Supervisor Desmond for supporting Valley Center.

9. New Business: Bill Trok asked that the Committee draft the letter of support for the “Welcome” signs. Bill Trok made a recommendation to go dark in December. Committee members all agreed. Next meeting will be on 1/27/2025. Karen asked that the Committee receive an update about the open CSA No. 138 seat.

10. Adjournment: Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Irma 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4:08pm