

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 138  
Valley Center Parks and Recreation  
October 21, 2024, 3:00pm  
Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to order – Chair

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

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

Members of the Public: VC Rodeo Stampede board members, Lavonne Norwood-VC Planning Group, Pickleball proponents, Valley Center 4H, Julie Picot- VC Vaqueros

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve September 16, 2023 meeting minutes. Irma 1<sup>st</sup>, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by all present 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.

Lavonne Norwood- reported that TV in lower meeting room did not work at the planning group meeting. Bill Trok let Ms. Norwood know that she can communicate this with the office staff.

Community members wanted to inquire how the CSA 138 board members seats are filled. Jake Enriquez announced that County advisory committee seat vacancy notices are posted on the County Clerk of the Boards website and at the Valley Center Hall kiosks. Per Board Policy vacancy announcements are posted or a minimum of 30 days. Interested parties can apply at the Clerk of the Board website. Any application that was turned in 24 months or less, will be reviewed and considered. The Clerk vacancy announcement was distributed, which includes website address and instructions. Appointment recommendations are made by Supervisor Desmond's office and approved by Board of Supervisors vote – usually a consent item grouped with other citizen appointments. Any persons interested in applying must live in the CSA 138 boundary.

Billy Wagner-VC Rodeo Stampede- Wanted to recap that the VC Stampede Rodeo presentation made a few months ago. The purpose of the presentation was to recommend that the rodeo be added to the 24-25 PDLO and programs priority lists. The VC Stampede Rodeo would like to see the Memorial Day Festival protected since it is a free community event. VC Stampede Rodeo Committee would also like to see the Star Valley Rodeo Grounds added to the PDLO priority list. Looking at the priority list for 2023/2024, are we removing the Intergenerational Facility at Star Valley? Answer: With the acquisition of Butterfield Trails Park, the community has two undeveloped park sites to consider. PLDO has approximately \$2 million and can be used for new recreation amenities.

Jay West, VC Stampede Rodeo - Capital Improvement Projects, is it possible to change the CINA funds that is being invested to Butterfield Ranch/Star Valley? Are the funds going to be divided between the two sites?

Julie Picot, VC Vaqueros- I emailed the board regarding being added to the PDLO list as well as the SoCal Young Bull Riders. Currently this group has to commute to Riverside to ride. Our two groups would like to see a rodeo arena added to Star Valley Park.

Amy, VC 4H- Our group would love to see a livestock area and programming at Star Valley Park. We would like to have an area in Valley Center for mini fairs so that our group doesn't have to travel to the Del Mar fairgrounds.

Patrick, Pickleball proponent- Could we see a possible pickleball court at Butterfield? Bill Trok- I would encourage you to go the community input meetings to share this.

Stampede Rodeo- How would/when a community interest group go about giving money for projects or express the want of giving money. Jake – A organization or entity can inform the County of a potential donation at any point.

5. Park Updates:

VC Community Park- Baseball rehab is in full swing. Team has addressed just about every concern. Reseeding will begin in November after Fall ball.

Adams Park- Tennis courts, including the new pickleball lines, has been completed.

There has been an uptick in facility reservations since the construction projects were completed.

Cole Grade - Sunday soccer still in full swing. A new tank float sensor, booster pump and motor will be installed in the coming weeks.

Scibilia Field – The well is supplying water to the Cole Grade irrigation tanks. These system are connected and supply water to both Colle Grade and Scibilia.

Star Valley- Business as usual, tree maintenance, mowing.

6. CSA 138 financial report- Moved to next month

7. November 16 Butterfield Trails open house - Luke Taylor is working with various stakeholders that include Rincon, VC Stampede Rodeo, the VC Vaqueros. Rincon will be doing a land acknowledgement. Butterfield Trails Ranch caretaking "Nacho" will be doing guided walk. The event is from 10am-1pm. The biggest need is for the public to be able to provide input for both Butterfield and Star Valley parks. Irma wants to know if we have a website where people can give input - Yes. An event at Star Valley Park will be planned for early 2025. DPR will have a website/portal. Has a consultant been hired? No, but we wanted to get started on gathering public input. Can the public go on Butterfield now? The public is encouraged to attend the November 16 event to see the property. At this time DPR has not established regular open park operations. Lavonne- If someone wants to use it, how to they gain access? It is possible for DPR to host more events like bird watching and tree plantings so the public can see the property. Jay West- Is there someone from DPR available to attend the 2025 Stampede Rodeo to collect public input? Yes, DPR is happy to do this.

8. 2024 PLDO Priority List

FY2023-24 CSA 138 Valley Center Community Service Area (CSA) PLDO Project Priority List (List in order of priority)	
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.	

Committee discussion: VC Little League expressed concern about field space for upcoming seasons and has proposed improving the field where the current dirt space is between fields 1 and 2. Little League also expressed the need for updated concession stand and restrooms. Remove #2 since DPR is already making improvements to the Hall kitchen. Remove LED lighting project as this will be achieved through a County wide energy efficiency program. Consider adding equestrian and livestock area to Star Valley Park. Programming idea - Support the Memorial Day Festival and Stampede Rodeo at Star Valley Park. Support livestock and youth 4H programming at Star Valley Park.

Committee consensus that items #2 and #3 on the 23-24 priority list can be removed. Edit #1 on current list to read Convert volleyball courts at Adams Park to multiuse courts (tennis, pickleball, and basketball). Add - Convert empty dirt field space at Valley Center Community Park to an additional baseball field. Add improvements to Adams Park tennis courts 5 and 6, walkways, LED lighting, and ADA access improvements. Concession/restrooms at Valley Center Community Park. Programming: Support year-round equestrian activities at Star Valley Park, support livestock programming that teach showmanship and leadership to Valley Center youth. Jake typed up all draft PLDO park projects and programming priorities on the TV monitor as the committee had discussion and took public input.

Irma Hernandez motioned to accept the items listed above. Karen Blair 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion was had regarding this list. Donna Heim recommended supporting an equestrian center and livestock area at Star Valley Park. The Committee did not come to a consensus on this item. Bill Trok suggested finalizing this discussion at the November 18 meeting. Bill Trok made the motion to table the 24-25 priority submittal and continue the discussion at the November 18 meeting. Karen Blair 2<sup>nd</sup>. All committee members voted in favor.

9. New Business- None

10. Adjournment- 5:06pm