

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 138
Valley Center Parks and Recreation
April 21, 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, Donna Hein, and Karen Blair
Absent: Bill Trok,
DPR Employees: Jake Enriquez, Amber Blackman, Adriene Cisneros-Selekman (Virtual)
Members of the Public: Melissa Guiliano VCLL and Lisa Stehly
2. Pledge-Alma Plancarte
3. March Meeting Minutes- Approved 4-0.
4. Park Updates-
 - a. VC Community Park: Little League is gearing up for the end of the season. Their closing ceremonies will be on 5/17.
 - b. Scibilia Field: Recycled old refrigerator and freezers. The overseeding was successful and the field is looking good. Fence cap installed.
 - c. Cole Grade Park: The field has reopened. Latin American soccer league has resumed their Sunday field use. Soccer Saints youth soccer program began on 4/15.
 - d. Adams Park: Picnic area rentals have increased.
 - e. Star Valley: Rodeo has begun setting up and getting ready. DPR has been mowing and line trimming in preparation for the rodeo. The VC Chamber of Commerce April sundowner was held on April 17, hosted by DPR, Valley Center Vaqueros, and Stampede Rodeo.
5. Financial Report: Fund Balance is \$75k. \$279K for services and supplies expenses. There was some savings in staffing costs from the Office Assistant vacancy earlier in the fiscal year. Property tax revenue is \$126K and Parks and Rec Revenue is \$121K. The annual general purpose revenue contribution is \$397K. Karen Blair asked if DPR

has a marketing strategy. Jake/Amber explained to the group that DPR utilizes the program guides and DPR website. Amber to email program guide to the Committee. It was suggested that DPR uses the Valley Center Roadrunner.

6. **Harvest Park-** DPR has conducted two site inspections with the developer. The park transfer is targeted for June 2025. Harvest Park is not funded via the CSA 138 operating budget. The Harvest Park ongoing operations and maintenance are funded by a special tax call the Park Circle County Facility District. Jake will provide an update on the Harvest Park operating budget.

7. **Adams Park PLDO Improvements-** PLDO balance is approximately \$2 million. DPR has received community feedback regarding the tennis court complex at Adams Park. In the last four years DPR has crack filled and recoated courts 5 and 6 twice. Because courts 5 & 6 are asphalt on natural topsoil, the asphalt will continue to separate causing cracks on the playing surface. The CSA 138 Committee members are being asked to consider using PDLO funds to make new tennis/pickleball court improvements. Improvements would include ADA access from the parking lot to the complex. The cost will likely be in the six digits, which would include environmental, design, and construction. These courts are VCHS and VC Tennis Club homes courts. They are also open for public drop in use.

Questions from CSA Committee – Could two pickleball courts be added where the volleyball courts are now? Can we re-stripe all the courts to have both tennis and pickleball? What is the total funding recommendation?

Response- Adding new pickleball courts is a growing priority and the volleyball court area is an opportunity. Ideally, the community supports multi-use courts and shared playing time. DPR would like the Committee to be aware of community and stakeholder input and available resources, mostly PLDO, maybe some County ADA funds, and grants. DPR did a court assessment with the US Tennis Association. DPR will bring forward a project recommendation to the CSA 138 Committee, including a scope of work and approximate budget range. The CSA 138 Committee would like the Valley Center Tennis Club to also provide funding (i.e. funding towards site amenities, BBQ, drinking fountain)

8. **Open Agenda-** Lisa Stehly- 40-year resident who uses tennis courts regularly. Jake was able to give Ms. Stehly an insight into the tennis courts maintenance. Ms. Stehly conveyed that courts 5 & 6 are developing new cracks in the asphalt. Ms. Stehly is encouraging CSA 138 to stop spending money on repairs and that replacing court 5

& 6 is preferred. Since the courts are VCHS's home courts, CSA 138 should encourage the school to provide funds to build new courts. Ms. Stehly would also like to see more pickleball courts.

Melissa Gray- VCLL Hit a thon is not getting as many donations as they have in the past. VCLL's goal is \$40K and they have only raised about \$19K. CSA Committee members are willing to share on their personal Facebook pages to help get the word out. Committee members also recommend using the Valley Center Roadrunner to advertise.

9. **New Business-** Donna Hein- Arbor Day event at Butterfield will be on Saturday April 26th from 9am-12pm. This event is a partnership between DPR, VC Trails Association and Friends of Hellhole Canyon. VC Art Gallery is hosting a Meet the Artist at Harvest Park and Night at the Museum on May 3rd.

10. **Adjournment-4:30pm**