

## CSA-81

Fallbrook Local Parks Advisory Committee

February 20, 2025 9:00AM

Live Oak Park Visitor's Center 2746 Reche Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Draft Meeting Minutes

### In Attendance:

Committee members: Ricardo Favela, Sue Reed, Stephani Baxter, Jim Loge, David Throop.  
Absent Sean O'Callaghan and Kari Hoyer.

County staff: Nancy Sentillan, Lauren Raduc, Jake Enriquez. Virtual- Riley DeWitt Rickards

Community members: Bryan Hanewinkel from Fallbrook Sports Association (Ingold Park), Tim O'Leary and Jim Davis from Fallbrook Pickleball Players Association. Eric Thiess, developer

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02AM
2. **Open Agenda** - N/A
3. **Approval of January 2025 minutes.** Motion made by Ricardo, Stephani 2nd with minor pending grammatical corrections, to be made by Jake Enriquez. Motion passed
4. **Financials.** David.
  - New funds \$723,398
  - Encumbrances \$925, 851 (to close funding gap for the \$13M+ Village View Park)
  - Discussion about "Miscellaneous Expenses" line item. Jake explained it is for programming contractor reimbursement. This question has been repeatedly raised throughout the years as its usually a large percentage of the monthly budget with a broad description "Miscellaneous expenses".
5. **Fallbrook Pickleball Players Association.** Tim O'Leary and Jim Davis.
  - Pickleball is the fastest growing intergenerational sport in Fallbrook and most other communities.
  - Other communities are expanding and improving their pickleball amenities to accommodate for the sport's rapid growth.
  - Fallbrook is lacking in pickleball courts and amenities.
  - 2 tennis players can displace 16 pickleball players for hours at a time.
  - The ask to DPR is for more block time at the Community Center.
  - Currently the tennis courts are blocked out for pickleball Mondays 9AM-12PM, and Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-8PM. More time is needed.
  - Other issues include lack of signage and lack of enforcement for court times and rules
  - Ricardo mentioned there is one pickleball court at Rainbow Park
  - With the input of the Players, Region Manager Jake Enriquez committed to:
    - Create a sign
    - Provide a paddle rack
    - Number the courts

Jim Loge excused himself from the meeting. A quorum was maintained by the four remaining Committee members: Favela, Reed, Baxter and Throop.

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### 6. Park Updates

- Community Center - Nancy Santillan -
  - Lots of sports and wellness classes and programs.
  - Community center is thriving.
  - Upcoming events include breakfast w/ bunny and 10 weeks of Summer camps which always fill up with waiting lists.
- Rainbow, Clemens Lane and Don Dussault Parks - Lauren Radic - All parks are well visited and amenities are enjoyed.

### 7. Live Oak Park - Lauren Raduc

- Healthy, well visited and enjoyed.
- In January, the Live Oak Park Coalition voted to fund two box Sycamore trees for the Santa Margarita staging area.
- Upcoming at LOP is "Arts in the Park" April 27th, 2025.
- Stephani mentioned the upcoming annual "Kids in the Park" program for third graders. Schools will visit over several days during the month of May and volunteer docents are needed.

### 8. DPR Fee adjustment - Jake Enriquez.

- Park fee increased from \$3/car to \$5/car.
- Annual LOP fee is still \$50

### 9. Village View Park Update - Riley DeWitt-Rickards (Virtual)

- Stormwater facility held up well in the rains. There was some runoff on Golden Rd which was cleaned up.
- Prepping for traffic work on Fallbrook St. for crosswalk installation. Lane closure. Will give a heads up to the committee beforehand. Contractor will have a sign but not readable from drivers view.

### 10. PLDO Priority List discussion. None.

### 11. Other Business -

- Housing developer Eric Thiess attended to share his plans for a 120 townhome development at the old H Troop property (Formerly considered as possible parkland to acquire as an extension of Don Dussault Park).
  - 9 acres on Alturas Rd and Aviation and adjacent to Don Dussault Park.
  - Thiess came to discuss an opportunity for a land contribution to DPR to expand Don Dussault Park into the open space on his property, which will not be developed on because it's sensitive habitat area with a creek.
  - Possible trail extension?
  - Trail would be located within the 50' fire maintenance barrier zone.

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- Thiess expressed a willingness to donate the dedicated open space portion to DPR, as it surely has a better use for passive recreation public enjoyment rather than just existing idly. Thiess said he would donate the land AND sign an MOU to maintain it.
- Thiess asked for support in communicating to DPR and PDS community support for such a use.
- Committee discussed sending a letter to DPR and PDS in support of the end goal of providing more public trails for the area with native interpretive elements.
- Ballfields at North County Fire Station 1.
  - Bonsall Little League has leased the ball field for many years from NCFPD.
  - Talk around town has many questioning what the future use of this ballfield will be?
  - Ricardo drafted a letter to Supervisor Desmond in an effort to learn more information.
  - It was decided by the Committee to gather more information before sending any correspondence. Stephani committed to doing this.

12. The meeting adjourned at 10:22AM

Minutes respectfully recorded by Stephani Baxter [stephani.fallbrook@gmail.com](mailto:stephani.fallbrook@gmail.com)