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Community members meet, discuss state of city parks

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More than 100 community members and city and park officials attended a meeting Sunday at Our Lady of Soledad to discuss the status of city parks.

The meeting was organized by the church's community organization, a member of Inland Congregations United for Change, and intended as a follow-up to a 2006 meeting during which church members called for better parks.

Since then, the city has spent millions on park improvements to Bagdouma Park and Dateland Park, including creation of a new skate park.

Items that church members called for that remain to be completed, but are in the works:

A memorandum of understanding between the city and the Coachella Valley Recreation and Parks District

Investigating a parks-specific tax.

During the meeting community organization members pushed for a contract between the city and parks district by Sept 1, a survey completed next month to gauge success of a park tax, and a funding plan for recently purchased parkland that would include another skate park.
