

**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. **PARK TOUR:**

A. Tour of Lake Natoma Waterfront Trail - Due to inclement weather, the tour was cancelled.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 6:31p.m. with Acting Chair Walker presiding.

3. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members Present: Connolly, Romero, Walker, Jackson, Lott, Ross, Safford

Director Goss welcomed new commission member Chris Connolly who was recently appointed by Council Member Starsky whose term will run through November 2012. He stated that Commissioner Connolly is a local business owner and resident for the last 15 years.

Commission Member Connolly stated that he looks forward to participating on the commission.

Everyone stood for a moment of silence to honor Ken Grossfeld.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. August 2, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Romero to approve the August 2, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes.

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| AYES: | Commission Members: | Connolly, Romero, Walker, Jackson, Lott, Ross, Safford |
| NOES: | Commission Members: | None |
| ABSENT: | Commission Members: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | Commission Members: | None |

7. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

A. **STARS Program**

Scott Vontroba, Recreation Coordinator II provided a presentation on the STARS (Students Today Achieving Results) after school program. He presented the history of the program which is an after school program that provides a safe harbor for at-risks students that fosters education, recreation and enrichment programs. He also explained that the program started at Theodore Judah Elementary School three years ago and has expanded to Blanche Sprentz Elementary School this year. Due to the challenging economic times staff has had to seek out grants in order to continue supporting this free program. To date, two grants have been awarded from Kaiser Permanente and Micron totaling \$30,000, and that over \$10,000 has been raised in sponsorship money to allow the City and the school district to continue this successful program.

B. Folsom Sports Complex PV Project

Park Planning Manager Jim Simpson provided a presentation on the solar photovoltaic project that was recently completed at the Folsom Sports Complex. He explained that the project was funded through the U.S. Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant. The City received a total of \$656,100 in grant funding. The design was for 75 kW power PV panels on the roof of the sports complex and the estimated annual energy production is 114,113 kW per year. A total of 378 panels were placed on the roof this past summer along with wind deflectors. The annual energy saved is estimated to be between 35% - 40%.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary Fee Entry Increase

Director Goss presented the staff report and explained that due to the ongoing budget challenges staff is recommending a fee increase of fifty cents to the entrance fee for all ages and to raise the senior age from 55 to 65 beginning January 1, 2012. This will have an estimated \$25,000 net positive impact to this year's budget and for Fiscal Year 2012-13 approximately \$45,000.

Commissioner Romero made a motion to increase the fee by one dollar for adults only. The price for adults (ages 13-64) would increase to \$5.00 for weekdays and \$6.00 for weekends; the fee for children ages 2 – 12 would remain at \$3.00 for weekdays and \$4.00 for weekends; and the age for seniors would change to 65.

Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

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| AYES: | Commission Members: | Connolly, Romero, Walker, Jackson, Lott, Ross, Safford |
| NOES: | Commission Members: | None |
| ABSENT: | Commission Members: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | Commission Members: | None |

B. Lake Natoma Waterfront and Trail Access Enhancement Project

Senior Park Planner Jim Konopka presented a powerpoint showing pictures of the project as the commission was unable to tour the project due to the wet weather.

Joy Tite with Callander & Associates, the design consultant for the project presented a powerpoint of the different design alternative analysis for the project.

Speaker Jeremy Bernau stated that he is in favor of the project and supports Alternative #2A.

Speaker Jim Snook, president of the Folsom Historic District Association stated that the board is unanimously in favor of the project and supports Alternative #2A.

Speaker Bob Holderness stated that he is in support of Alternative #2A.

Speaker Jim Kirstein, president of the Friends of the Folsom Parkways stated he is in support of Alternative #2A.

Speaker Jim Michaels with California State Parks stated that State Parks is in favor of providing an accessible trail to Lake Natoma and since part of the project is on State Parks land they are in support of Alternative #2A.

Commissioner Ross inquired if State Parks has any indication of how much funding the City should provide to the State to operate and maintain the trail.

Mr. Michaels responded that they are waiting to see what the final project will look like. From a State Parks perspective this trail will connect with an existing State Park trail therefore they believe State Parks is the appropriate entity to operate and maintain the trail.

Motion by Commissioner Romero, second by Commissioner Ross to approve staff's recommendation of design Alternative #2A and to forward the recommendation to the City Council for approval.

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| AYES: | Commission Members: | Connolly, Romero, Walker, Jackson, Lott, Ross, Safford |
| NOES: | Commission Members: | None |
| ABSENT: | Commission Members: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | Commission Members: | None |

Speaker Kim O'Brien stated that this project will cut the trail that goes completely around Lake Natoma.

Senior Park Planner Konopka explains that the area Ms. O'Brien is referring to is actually private property.

Speaker Ms. O'Brien stated she is also concerned with lighting as she believes it will attract vandalism.

C. Folsom Municipal Code Revisions Related to Folsom Bike Trail Use

Park Planning Manager Simpson presented the staff report. He explained that there has been recent legislation that has come out on bicycle use and other changes to bicycles such as electric bicycles, power wheel chairs and scooters, as well as motorized bicycles and skateboards in addition to Segways that require updating the Folsom Municipal Code to bring it into alignment with the changes in the use. The second issue is the rules of the trail for users of trails. The City has recently enacted recommending that pedestrians walk on the left side against oncoming bicycle traffic which is also recommended by the American River Parkway Trail system. He explained that revisions to the municipal code will be under Title 9 - Public Peace, Morals and Safety, Chapter 9.68 Use of Park Facilities; Title 10 - Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.24 Bicycles, Chapter 10.25 Use and Riding of Skateboards and Skates, Chapter 10.26 Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, and Chapter 10.32 Off-Street Operation of Motor Vehicles. Staff will work with the City Attorney, the Police Department, and the Public Works Department to implement any recommended changes or additions that will need to be made to the municipal code and bring back to the commission for approval.

Acting Chair Walker appointed commissioners Ross, Safford and Connolly to a subcommittee to meet with staff and bring this item back at a future meeting with a recommendation.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Readerboard Advertising the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary
- B. Update on Community Youth Sports Leagues Memorandums of Understanding

Acting Chair Walker appointed Commissioner Romero to the subcommittee related to community youth sports leagues and use of facilities.

- C. Park Impact Fees Collected for Fiscal Year 2011-12
- D. Monthly Reports
- E. Director's Report

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Romero encouraged the new commissioners to look at opportunities to get involved. He also provided an update on various legislation items.

Commissioner Connolly stated he has homework to do and looks forward to being on the commission.

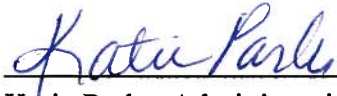
Commissioner Jackson stated she appreciated the discussion on to the Lake Natoma Waterfront Trail Enhancement project and understands it's hard to make everyone happy.

Acting Chair Walker stated that it is bittersweet for him to take over as Chair for the next couple of months and is honored to do it.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Katie Parks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Price Walker, Acting Chairperson