



**CITY OF FOLSOM  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
6:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
50 NATOMA STREET, FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA  
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members: Matt Hedges, Brian Wallace, Sandy Econome, Jim Ortega, Dustin Silva, Alayna Wagner, Dean Williams
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - A. April 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes
6. **ACTION ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:**
  - A. Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan Budget – Brad Nelson, Parks and Trails Planning Manager
  - B. Cummings Family Skate and Bike Park Petition and Operations – Tom Hellmann, Recreation and Community Services Manager
7. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**
  - A. Folsom Disc Golf Club – Chris Salcone, Board Member/Chris McCole, Vice President
  - B. Kids Play Park Community Awareness Campaign – Brad Nelson, Parks and Trails Planning Manager/Joanne Brausch
  - C. Community Partnership Program – Tom Hellmann, Recreation and Community Services Manager
  - D. May is National Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month – Tom Hellmann, Recreation and Community Services Manager



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**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Budget/Finance (**Ortega**, Hedges, and Silva)
- B. Planning, Development & Renovations (Econome, Williams, and **Wallace**)
- C. Operations (Ortega, Silva, and Wagner)
- D. Zoo Sanctuary Ad Hoc Committee (**Econome**, Hedges, and Wallace)

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Monthly Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
- B. Parks & Recreation Director Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2025, 6:30 PM  
DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks & Recreation Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members: Chair Matt Hedges, Vice Chair Brian Wallace, Sandy Econome, Jim Ortega, Dustin Silva, Alayna Wagner, Dean Williams

Commission Members Absent: None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** No Cards
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - A. March 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Wagner, second by Commissioner Ortega to approve April 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

**AYES:** Commission Members: Hedges, Wallace, Econome, Ortega, Silva, Wagner, Williams  
**NOES:** Commission Members: None  
**ABSENT:** Commission Members: None  
**ABSTAIN:** Commission Members: None

6. **ACTION ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:**
  - A. Review and Discussion of Subcommittees

*This item was moved until after item 9 with a vote with all Commissioners agreeing. During the discussion committee members were moved around on some of the subcommittees and agreed upon with a formal vote with all Commissioners in agreement*

7. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**
  - A. Community Champion – Group – Jocelyn Smeltzer, Zoo Sanctuary Manager
  - B. Friends of the Folsom Zoo – Peggy Plett, President
  - C. Pickle Ball Club Update, Duane Chinnow, Folsom Pickleball Club President
  - D. Folsom Teen Council, Tom Hellmann, Rec & Community Services Manager
  - E. Senior Services & Center, Tom Hellmann, Rec & Community Services Manager
  - F. FY 2025-26 CIP Budget Overview, Brad Nelson, Park Planning Manager

*Jocelyn Smeltzer, Zoo Sanctuary Manager, introduced representatives from Blue Shield of California. She and Chair Hedges presented them with an award for Community Champion for all their volunteer work for the Zoo.*

*Jocelyn Smeltzer, Zoo Sanctuary Manager, introduced Peggy Plett, President of Friends of Folsom Zoo, who gave the Commission an overview of the work and fundraising Friends of Folsom Zoo has done.*

*Derik Perez, Recreation Supervisor, introduced Duanne Chinnow from the Folsom Pickle Ball Club. Duanne gave the Commission an overview of current happenings at the Lembi Park Pickle Ball courts. These courts are in need of resurfacing and Duanne explained why that is and the costs.*

*Frankie Nelson, Senior Recreation Coordinator, introduced the current President and the incoming president of the Teen Council. Both representatives stated their Mission Statement and the volunteering they had done of the last year.*

*Tom Hellmann, Recreation & Cultural Services Manager, introduced Daniel Kimpel, Recreation Coordinator II, for the Senior Center. Daniel educated the Commission on what the Senior Center provides for the large Seniors in our community.*

*Brad Nelson, Parks & Trails Planning Manager, gave a presentation on current park projects and where they stand.*

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Budget/Finance (Ortega, Silva, and Wagner)
- B. Planning, Development & Renovations (Silva, Wagner, and Williams)
- C. Operations (Econome, Williams, and Ortega)
- D. Zoo Sanctuary Ad Hoc Committee (Econome, Hedges, and Wallace)

*Chair Ortega, Budget/Finance Committee gave a brief description about the recommendation that may be going to City Council that was discussed.*

*Chair Econome, Zoo Sanctuary Ad Hoc Committee, briefly described the behind the scene tour the subcommittee was given of the zoo. Learning all about the zoo's workings*

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Monthly Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
- B. Parks & Recreation Director Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

*Monthly, and Director's Report were highlighted by Director Gonzalez.*

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

*Co-Chair Wallace made comments about the subcommittees and ideas of how they should be staffed.*

*Commissioner Wagner asked about the plaque at Prospector Park and when it will be installed. Brad Nelson stated it was about 2 weeks out.*

*Chair Wagner wanted to make sure that the new commissioners were not shy on the committees. Speak up, their new ideas are valuable.*

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Parks & Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Matt Hedges, Chairperson

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**TO:** Parks & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

**BY:** Brad Nelson, Park Planning Manager

**SUBJECT: Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan Budget**

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**BACKGROUND**

Each year as a part of the fiscal year (FY) budget process, the Parks & Recreation Commission is asked to establish capital improvement project (CIP) recommendations for the City Council. For the FY 2025–26 budget cycle, staff is recommending funding allocations to support priority park and trail projects. These include an additional \$400,000 for the existing Livermore Park Phase 5A CIP project, \$650,000 to initiate design and engineering for Folsom Plan Area Neighborhood Park #2, an additional \$420,000 for the Mangini Ranch Class I trails project, final payment of \$46,044 for the Sutter Middle School Gym, and \$400,000 to support the Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing project.

**DISCUSSION**

For FY 2025-26, there are nine projects staff will be working on. These projects are:

- Benevento Family Park – Phase 1
- Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience
- Kids Play Park Renovation
- Livermore Community Park - Phase 5A
- Andy Morin Sports Complex
- Folsom Plan Area Neighborhood Park #2
- Mangini Ranch Trails
- Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail
- Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing

There are additional CIP projects that were funded in previous years, however, due to staffing resources, they are currently not being worked on.

- Bud & Artie Davies Park
- Hazel McFarland Park – Community Garden
- Johnny Cash Legacy Park
- Lew Howard Park

Following are brief descriptions of the park and trails projects included in the FY 2025-26 budget request,

### **Benevento Family Park - Phase I**

Phase I of the Benevento Family Park project is a previously funded CIP, supported through Impact Fees, with a current budget of \$7,973,288. The park site spans 18 acres, with approximately 9 acres planned for development and 5 acres included in this initial phase. The project is expected to generate an estimated \$42,000 annually in revenue enhancement. Design efforts are currently underway, including the completion of the Design Development Package and preparation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental documentation. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2026, following a bid process scheduled for early that same year.

### **Johnny Cash Trail Cash's Pick No. 2**

The Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience is a 2.5-mile trail and public art installation celebrating Johnny Cash's legacy and his iconic performance at Folsom Prison on January 13, 1968. The experience features eight planned art nodes along the trail, with both ends marked by striking 7-foot-tall black bronze guitar picks that honor Cash's life, music, and influence. The first guitar pick (Pick No. 1) was completed in November 2024. The City recently received a \$425,000 grant from Assemblyman Josh Hoover's Office, which will support the design, engineering, and fabrication of Pick No. 2.

### **Kids Play Park Renovation**

Kids Play Park, located at 201 Prewitt Drive and affectionately known as "Castle Park" due to its distinctive castle-themed design, was originally constructed in 1996. The existing play structures, primarily built from wood, have significantly deteriorated over nearly three decades of use. The play area spans 10,700 square feet and consists of two separate play zones divided by concrete paving and planters. As part of the Fiscal Year 2024–25 budget, \$800,000 was allocated for the complete renovation of the play area. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,100,000, which includes design, engineering, replacement of all play structures, new concrete paving, and upgrades to the subsurface drainage system. The \$300,000 funding gap will be covered by Kids Play for Generations, a local non-profit organization, which has recently launched an awareness campaign and begun fundraising efforts. Staff has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for design services and anticipates selecting a playground design consultant in June, followed by a community engagement process.

### **Livermore Community Park - Phase 5A**

Phase 5A of the Livermore Community Park project focuses on the development of the remaining 4.5 acres of the 27-acre site. This phase includes the construction of a 60-stall parking lot off McAdoo Drive and the completion of trails. The parking lot will help alleviate ongoing parking impacts in the adjacent neighborhood. The project was previously funded with \$800,000 in impact fees, with an additional \$400,000 in impact fees now being requested. A recent geotechnical report revealed the presence of 3 to 12 feet of undocumented fill over bedrock and native soils, requiring approximately 3 feet of overexcavation and recompaction. The estimated cost for this additional earthwork is \$400,000.

### **Andy Morin Sports Complex Outdoor Sports Court**

The Andy Morin Sports Complex Outdoor Sports Court project was previously approved and funded in the amount of \$706,000. This project will add a lighted, multi-use outdoor sports court designed for activities such as soccer, basketball, and other recreational uses, effectively activating an underutilized outdoor area of the complex. In addition to expanding recreational opportunities, the project is expected to generate approximately \$27,000 in annual revenue enhancement.

### **Folsom Plan Area Neighborhood Park #2**

This is a 5.6-acre park site located adjacent to Alder Creek Elementary School and Fire Station 34 on Westwood Drive. This park includes a lighted synthetic turf soccer field, basketball court, tennis court, group picnic area, play area, restroom building and parking lot (as identified in the 2015 Parks & Recreation Master Plan). As part of the FY 2025-26 budget, staff is requesting \$650,000 in impact fees be budgeted for this project to initiate the design process. The funding request for construction would likely occur in FY 2026-27.

### **Mangini Ranch Class I Trails**

The Mangini Ranch Class I trail project was previously approved and funded in the amount of \$3,380,240. This project will add approximately 2.3 new miles of Class I trails and other infrastructure improvements in the Folsom Plan Area Mangini Ranch development. Per the engineer's estimate for the project, staff is requesting an additional \$420,000 for FY 25/26 Budget.

### **Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail**

The Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail project was previously approved and funded in the amount of \$3,305,438. This project will add Approximately 1.25 miles of Class I trail, parallel to the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority (SPTC JPA) Railroad right-of-way from the Willow Creek Trail Corridor (behind In Shape on Oak Ave Pkwy) to Iron Point Road.

### **Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing**

This project will be the only Class I trail connection from the FPA to areas of Folsom north of Highway 50. It is located along Old Placerville Road, adjacent to existing railroad tracks. This critical project is necessary to provide pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to the FPA and is also a priority project identified in the Active Transportation Plan. The funding request for FY 2025-26 is \$400,000 from impact fees. This will go towards the design and engineering of the project. Staff is currently in the process of submitting a grant application which will be used toward the construction of this project.

### **Sutter Middle School Gym**

As part of Measure G, the Folsom Cordova Unified School District built a new multi-purpose room at Sutter Middle School. The city is contributing to the multi-purpose expansion because through the joint-use agreement the city receives significant recreation opportunities to utilize school facilities. The city contribution of \$746,044 over eight annual payments is a small cost relative to a full gymnasium if the city were to develop one. The final payment of \$46,044 will be part of the FY 2025-26 budget.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Following is a summary of funding being recommended for the FY 2025-26 budget.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Previous Approved Funding</b>	<b>FY 2025-26 Budget Recommendation</b>	<b>Total Project Budget</b>
Benevento Family Park – Phase I	\$7,973,288	0	\$7,973,288

Johnny Cash Trail Cash's Pick No. 2	\$425,000	0	\$425,000
Kids Play Park Renovation	\$800,000	0	\$800,000
Livermore Community Park - Phase 5A	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$1,200,000
Andy Morin Sports Complex Outdoor Sports Court	\$706,000	0	\$706,000
Folsom Plan Area Neighborhood Park #2	\$0	\$650,000	\$650,000
Mangini Ranch Class I Trails	\$3,380,240	\$420,000	\$3,800,240
Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail	\$3,305,438	0	\$3,305, 438
Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Sutter Middle School Gym	\$700,000	\$46,044	\$746,044
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,089,966</b>	<b>\$1,916,044</b>	<b>\$20,006,010</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

Parks & Recreation Department staff recommend that the Parks & Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council to approve additional funding requests as part of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Previous Approved Funding</b>	<b>FY 2025-26 Budget Recommendation</b>	<b>Total Project Budget</b>
Livermore Community Park - Phase 5A	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$1,200,000
Folsom Plan Area Neighborhood Park #2	\$0	\$650,000	\$650,000
Mangini Ranch Class I Trails	\$3,380,240	\$420,000	\$3,800,240
Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Sutter Middle School Gym	\$700,000	\$46,044	\$746,044
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,880,240</b>	<b>\$1,916,044</b>	<b>\$6,796,284</b>

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director  
**BY:** Tom Hellmann, Recreation and Community Services Manager

**SUBJECT: CUMMINGS FAMILY SKATE AND BIKE PARK PETITION AND OPERATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION / COMMISSION ACTION**

Staff recommend to the Parks & Recreation Commission the consideration of the following actions:

1. To deny the petition submitted to Modify Safety Equipment Requirements at Folsom Skatepark.
2. To continue monitoring the Cummings Family Skate and Bike Parks for compliance with Health and Safety Code 115800 and FMC 9.69 along with ensuring a family-friendly facility for all to enjoy.

**BACKGROUND**

A petition was submitted to the City of Folsom to Modify Safety Equipment Requirements at Folsom Skatepark that asked the City of Folsom to rephrase language that would encourage the use of the safety equipment but not mandate its use. The language and requirements for use of safety equipment at public skateparks comes from the California Health and Safety Code 115800 (attachment 2.)

The Cummings Family skate park opened in November of 2003. During the initial park development, and before opening, staff conducted an extensive survey of over 30 skate parks throughout the state to determine the following: should the park be supervised or un-supervised, fee or no fee, and hours of operation. Pursuant to Section 115800 of the California Health and Safety Code, helmets, elbow pads, and knee pads are required while utilizing the skate park.

*115800. (a) An operator of a skateboard park shall not permit a person to ride a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in the skateboard park, unless that person is wearing a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads.*

If a municipality chooses to provide monitors at a park, then enforcement of helmets, elbow pads, and knee pads must be imposed. However, if a municipality does not wish to monitor the park, then compliance with section 115800 can be achieved by placing signs stating that skating is a hazardous sport and a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads must be worn while using the park, or they can be subject to citation pursuant to adopted city ordinance No. 1159. Furthermore, in accordance with section 115800 of the California Health and Safety Code there is no age limit on the helmet and pad requirements when utilizing a municipal park.

*115800.(2) The posting of signs at the facility affording reasonable notice that a person riding a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in the facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads, and that a person failing to do so will be subject to citation pursuant to the ordinance required by paragraph (1).*

Below you will find the original staff recommendation from September 9, 2003:

*Based on staff's assessment of over 30 similar skate park facilities and the advice of the city risk management advisor, staff recommended the Parks & Recreation Commission to operate the new skate park at Cummings Family Park without supervision.*

While it was the original recommendation of staff to not monitor the park, on September 9, 2003, the City Council decided after much discussion to monitor the park by resolution No. 7193, to ensure a family-friendly atmosphere, while providing an extra level of security and safety that meets the needs of our community.

Since 2003, over 184,000 participants have visited the Cummings Family Park for skating, biking, and scooting purposes. During this time, staff have continually monitored the park to ensure the safety of participants, enforcement of helmets and pads, while maintaining the family-friendly atmosphere that our community has come to expect. Along with the skate and bike park operations, Cummings Family Park is also home to Fido Field dog parks, a party pavilion, a basketball court, and a large grass area with a small play structure.

In 2018, the Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously recommended to the City Council to continue to monitor the skate and bike park with staff as a preventative safety measure as well as the continuation to keep the park a family-friendly park amenity. During the October 2018 City Council meeting the City Council voted to continue monitoring the Cummings Skate and Bike Parks.

### **POLICY / RULE**

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.68 Use of Park Facilities

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.010 As used in this code “Use of Skate Parks” [Ord. 1159 (2012)]

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.020 Purpose.

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.030 Definitions

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.040 Skate Park-Safety Equipment.

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.050 Skate Park Regulations.

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.060 Closing Skate Park.

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.070 Signing and Posting.

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.080 Enforcement.

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.090 Penalties

Folsom Municipal Code, Section 9.69.100 Enforcement Procedures

### **ANALYSIS**

Currently, the Folsom Parks & Recreation Department monitors the Cummings Family skate and bike Park 7 days a week, 363 days per year (Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day). During the summer, the park is open 55 hours per week, while during the school year the park is open 29 hours per week. Over the past 4 years of operating the skate and bike park the average monthly attendance totals 589 visitors. Parks & Recreation staff who are trained in CPR & First Aid are scheduled during posted hours of operation and provide the initial response to all issues that arise at the park. Over the past 22 years staff has handled hundreds of issues ranging from upset parents and participants, reported suspected drug dealing, concealed weapons, fights, and provides the first response to all major and minor injuries within the park.

Providing staff to monitor the skate and bike park provides a community benefit that helps mitigate against unwanted activities, ensures the park is safe for use, creates community engagement with visitors, and provides the park site with general oversight that greatly enhances the environment for community usage. The annual part-time staff costs that are invested to monitor the skate and bike parks help to prevent more staff resources and dollars are spent on damage, vandalism, graffiti, and other park issues. The presence of staff provides the skate and bike parks with a family-friendly experience for all users to enjoy.

In February 2025, the City of Folsom was presented with a petition to modify safety equipment requirements at Folsom Skatepark (attachment 2). The petitioners signed requesting the City of Folsom to change the requirements of safety equipment that is outlined in the California Health and Safety Code 115800 that all skatepark users must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads. The Commission should note that of the 19 petitioner signatures, that only 3 petitioners indicated an address in the City of Folsom. Additionally, the total number of petitioners represents less than 4% of the total monthly average of visitors to the park over the past 4 years. The submitted petition is requesting the City of Folsom to not comply with the current California Health and Safety Code 115800. With monitors at the park, they enforce the requirements of the California Health and Safety Code. Should other skateparks in the area choose not to monitor the park, the park user is still required to comply with the safety equipment requirements of the California Health and Safety Code but just don't have staff to enforce the requirements.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

In FY 2023-24 the Cummings Skate and Bike Park operated with 2,255 staff hours with a staffing cost of \$38,790. There were roughly 25-30 days with weather impacts to the park that limited or canceled park hours for use.

In FY 2022-23 the Cummings Skate and Bike Park operated with 2,605 staff hours with a staffing cost of \$43,848. There were roughly 20-25 days with weather impacts to the park that limited or canceled park hours for use.

The costs to monitor the skate park will be discussed at the City Council level as part of the annual review of the department budget and citywide budgets.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

There is no environmental impact.

### **ATTACHMENT**

1. Folsom Municipal Code Chapter 9.69 Use of Skate Parks
2. California Health and Safety Code 115800
3. Petition to Modify Safety Equipment Requirements at Folsom Skatepark

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**FOLSOM MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.69 USE OF SKATEPARKS**

## Chapter 9.69 USE OF SKATE PARKS

Sections:

[9.69.010 Title.](#)

[9.69.020 Purpose.](#)

[9.69.030 Definitions.](#)

[9.69.040 Skate park—Safety equipment.](#)

[9.69.050 Skate park regulations.](#)

[9.69.060 Closing skate park.](#)

[9.69.070 Signing and posting.](#)

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[9.69.100 Enforcement procedures.](#)

### 9.69.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known and cited as “The Use of Skate Parks.” (Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012: Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

### 9.69.020 Purpose.

The city council finds and declares that the purpose of this chapter is to promote the public peace, welfare, health and safety of persons in the city by establishing regulations for the use of city skate parks and to provide an accessible place for people to skate, skateboard, roller skate, scooter, ride bicycles during designated times, and participate in similar nonmotorized wheeled activities, in a clean and enjoyable environment. (Ord. 1288 § 2, 2018: Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012: Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

### 9.69.030 Definitions.

“Bicycles” means a human-powered, pedal-driven, single track vehicle having two wheels attached to a frame one behind the other. For the purposes of this chapter the bicycle wheel shall be a minimum of sixteen inches.

“Roller skates” means any shoe, boot or other footwear to which one or more wheels are attached. This definition includes, but is not limited to, inline skates and roller blades.

“Safety equipment” means helmet, elbow pads and kneepads, which are suitable safety devices, functional and protective, properly sized and designed for their intended use at a skate park.

“Scooters” means a vehicle typically ridden as a form of recreation, consisting of a footboard mounted on two wheels and a long steering handle, propelled by resting one foot on the footboard and pushing the other against the ground.

“Skateboard” means a platform of any dimension or size to which two or more wheels are attached and which is intended to be human propelled and ridden by one or more persons standing, crouching, or kneeling upon it to which there is not affixed any seat or any other device or mechanism to turn and control the wheels.

“Skating” means the use of roller skates, skateboards, or similar nonmotorized wheeled recreational devices, including but not limited to scooters and wheelchairs.

“Skate park” means any public recreation facility, structure, or area which has been specifically designed and built to provide skating opportunities to persons using roller skates, skateboards, scooters, or similar nonmotorized wheeled recreational devices, or bicycles if permitted by the director of parks and recreation or his/her designee, and which has been designated as a skate park by resolution of the city council. (Ord. 1288 § 3, 2018; Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012; Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

#### **9.69.040 Skate park—Safety equipment.**

Skating and bicycling are hazardous recreational activities. Because of the particular design features of a skate park, skating, or riding bicycles used to perform tricks and stunts, at a skate park is considered a stunt, trick or luge activity. All persons skating, or bicycling, in a skate park do so at their own risk.

Any person entering, using or remaining in a skate park shall wear safety equipment as set forth in Section [9.69.050\(C\)](#) for skating or for bicycling. Failure to wear safety equipment shall be deemed a violation of this chapter and will subject violators to the penalties set forth in Section [9.69.090](#). (Ord. 1288 § 4, 2018; Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012; Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

#### **9.69.050 Skate park regulations.**

All persons using skate parks within the city shall comply with the following rules and regulations:

- A. The skate park shall have fixed hours of use. No person shall use the skate park at times other than the times posted at the skate park.
- B. The skate park shall only be used for skating, except as otherwise may be permitted by the director of parks and recreation or his/her designee.
- C. No person shall enter, use or remain in the fenced area designated for skating within a skate park unless they wear proper safety equipment including a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads. All such safety equipment must be suitable safety devices, functional and protective, properly sized and designed for its intended use at the skate park. Helmets shall conform to state standards relating to bicycle safety helmets.
- D. No person shall enter, use or remain in the fenced area generally designated for skating for the purpose of bicycling, unless they wear proper safety equipment, including a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads. Pegs shall either be removed or be made of plastic. Metal pegs are prohibited in the skate park.
- E. No spectators are allowed in the fenced area of the skate park except persons teaching or coaching beginner skaters or bicyclists. Any person teaching or coaching beginner skaters or bicyclists while not skating or bicycling is required to wear a safety helmet while in the skate park. Any person teaching or coaching beginner skaters or bicyclists while skating or bicycling is required to wear safety equipment as set forth in subsection C of this section.
- F. The skate park is a designated children’s playground area. No alcohol or tobacco is permitted.

- G. No person shall cause graffiti or tagging or place stickers or decals in the skate park or anywhere in the surrounding park areas.
- H. Safe and courteous skate park use is required. No person shall skate or use any skateboard, roller skates, or bicycle in a skate park in an unsafe or reckless manner or with willful disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- I. No person shall skate or bicycle on curbs, fences, railings, walls, benches, tables, and/or driveways of the city-owned area surrounding the skate park.
- J. Food and drink are prohibited in the skate park except in designated eating areas.
- K. Structures, obstacles or other materials (ramps, jumps) may not be brought into the skate park.
- L. No audio earphones, headphones, or cell phones shall be used while skating or bicycling. Personal amplified sound systems are not permitted in the skate park. The director of parks and recreation or his/her designee may authorize the use of amplified sound for special events; however, such authorization shall only be effective if obtained in advance and in writing.
- M. No skating or bicycling is allowed when skate park surfaces are wet.
- N. All skating or bicycling contests, events, or organized exhibitions of any kind must have prior written approval from the director of parks and recreation or his/her designee.
- O. No animals are allowed in the skate park.
- P. Bicycling is only permitted at those times permitted by the director of parks and recreation or his/her designee.
- Q. Call 911 for immediate medical attention. Report all injuries to the parks and recreation department: (916) 355-7285. (Ord. 1288 § 5, 2018: Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012: Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

#### **9.69.060 Closing skate park.**

- A. The director of parks and recreation, or his/her designee, may close the skate park whenever it is determined that such closure is necessary, or may promulgate other rules as necessary, for the protection of public property or for public safety.
- B. The director of parks and recreation, or his/her designee, as recommended by the parks and recreation commission, may close the skate park to skaters and permit bicycles exclusive use of the skate park for limited periods of time each week. (Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012: Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

#### **9.69.070 Signing and posting.**

The director of parks and recreation, or his/her designee, shall place and post signs in one or more conspicuous and visible area(s) of the skate park, stating that all persons entering, using, or remaining in the skate park for the purposes of skating activities, or for the purposes of bicycling when permitted, must wear a helmet, elbow pads and knee pads (Section [9.69.040](#)), and that any person failing to do so will be subject to citation and penalties pursuant to Sections [9.69.080](#) and [9.69.090](#). Additional signage

shall summarize the skate park regulations set forth in Section [9.69.050](#). (Ord. 1288 § 6, 2018; Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012; Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

### **9.69.080 Enforcement.**

A. Except as otherwise set forth herein, this chapter shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of Chapters [1.08](#) through [1.10](#), inclusive.

B. The chief of police or his/her designee, director of parks and recreation or his/her designee or designated city employees pursuant to Sections [1.09.020](#) and [1.13.030](#) shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012; Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

### **9.69.090 Penalties.**

A. A violation of this chapter shall be an administrative violation as defined in Section [1.08.020](#). A violation of this chapter by a person under the age of eighteen shall result in the issuance of a notice of administrative violation against the parent or legal guardian as provided for in Section [1.09.028](#). In addition to enforcement by any procedure set forth in Chapters [1.08](#) to [1.10](#), inclusive, the violation of this chapter shall be punishable as an infraction, which shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars.

B. Each of the sanctions available for administrative violations identified in Section [1.09.013](#) shall be available for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. In addition to the sanctions set forth in Chapter [1.09](#), the chief of police or his/her designee, the parks and recreation department director or his/her designee, or any other city employees authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter shall have the right to:

1. Impound and retain possession of any skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, or similar wheeled recreational devices which are being used or operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter until satisfactory assurance is given that the provisions of this chapter are complied with or for a period not to exceed thirty days, whichever is sooner;
2. Suspend use of the skate park for a period not to exceed one year; or
3. Any combination of allowed sanctions and penalties which the enforcement authority deems appropriate under the circumstances.

C. In addition to any criminal penalty set forth in subsection A of this section, based upon the criteria for the imposition of administrative sanction set forth in Section [1.09.014](#), a violation of a provision of this chapter shall be deemed a Level A violation, as that term is defined in Section [1.09.012](#). The range of monetary sanctions available for violation of this chapter shall be as set forth in Section [1.09.012\(A\)](#). (Ord. 1288 § 7, 2018; Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012; Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

### **9.69.100 Enforcement procedures.**

A. Prior to the assessment of any administrative monetary sanctions, impoundment of equipment or suspension of use of the skate park, or the commencement of any other administrative enforcement action pursuant to this chapter, the enforcement authority shall follow the procedures set forth in Chapter [1.09](#). The rights to judicial review set forth in Sections [1.09.050](#) through [1.09.052](#), inclusive, shall apply.

B. A notice to correct shall not be required to commence the administrative hearing procedures set forth in Title [1](#). Pursuant to Section [1.09.024](#)(A), a notice of administrative violation shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of Section [1.09.027](#). (Ord. 1159 § 2 (part), 2012: Ord. 1001, § 1 (part), 2003)

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 115800**



**State of California**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

**Section 115800**

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115800. (a) An operator of a skateboard park shall not permit a person to ride a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in the park, unless that person is wearing a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads.

(b) With respect to a facility, owned or operated by a local public agency, that is designed and maintained for the purpose of riding a recreational skateboard or other wheeled recreational device, and that is not supervised on a regular basis, the requirements of subdivision (a) may be satisfied by compliance with the following:

(1) Adoption by the local public agency of an ordinance requiring a person riding a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device at the facility to wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads.

(2) The posting of signs at the facility affording reasonable notice that a person riding a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in the facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads, and that a person failing to do so will be subject to citation pursuant to the ordinance required by paragraph (1).

(c) "Local public agency" for purposes of this section includes, but is not limited to, a city, county, or city and county.

(d) For purposes of this section, "other wheeled recreational device" means nonmotorized bicycles, scooters, inline skates, roller skates, or wheelchairs being used for recreational purposes.

(e) (1) Riding a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device, or any concurrent combination of these activities at a facility or park owned or operated by a public entity as a public skateboard park, as provided in paragraph (3), shall be deemed a hazardous recreational activity within the meaning of Section 831.7 of the Government Code if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The person riding the skateboard or other wheeled recreational device is 12 years of age or older.

(B) The riding of the skateboard or other wheeled recreational device that caused the injury was stunt, trick, or luge riding.

(C) The skateboard park is on public property that complies with subdivision (a) or (b).

(2) In addition to subdivision (c) of Section 831.7 of the Government Code, this section does not limit the liability of a public entity with respect to any other duty imposed pursuant to existing law, including the duty to protect against dangerous conditions of public property pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 830) of Part 2 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code. However, this section

does not abrogate or limit any other legal rights, defenses, or immunities that may otherwise be available at law.

(3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), for public skateboard parks that were constructed on or before January 1, 1998, this subdivision shall apply to hazardous recreational activity injuries incurred on or after January 1, 1998, and before January 1, 2001. For public skateboard parks that are constructed after January 1, 1998, this subdivision shall apply to hazardous recreational activity injuries incurred on or after January 1, 1998. For purposes of this subdivision, a skateboard facility that is a movable facility shall be deemed constructed on the first date it is initially made available for use at a location by the local public agency.

(B) For public skateboard parks that were constructed after January 1, 1996, and before January 1, 1998, this subdivision shall apply to hazardous recreational activity injuries incurred on or after January 1, 2012.

(4) The appropriate local public agency shall maintain a record of all known or reported injuries incurred by a person riding a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in a public skateboard park or facility. The local public agency shall also maintain a record of all claims, paid and not paid, including any lawsuits and their results, arising from those incidents that were filed against the public agency.

(5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), this subdivision shall not apply on or after January 1, 2001, to public skateboard parks that were constructed on or before January 1, 1998, but shall continue to apply to public skateboard parks that are constructed after January 1, 1998.

(B) On and after January 1, 2012, this subdivision shall apply to public skateboard parks that were constructed on or after January 1, 1996.

(6) For purposes of injuries that occur while operating one of the other wheeled recreational devices defined in subdivision (d) in a skateboard facility, this subdivision shall apply to any claim for injuries occurring on or after the effective date of the measure adding this paragraph.

(Amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 236, Sec. 1. (SB 1003) Effective September 28, 2020.)

**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**PETITION TO MODIFY SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AT FOLSOM**  
**SKATEPARK**

PO: Brian Buxton  
 509 Sutter St.  
 Folsom, CA 95630  
 443-848-0137

Petition to Modify Safety Equipment Requirements at Folsom Skatepark

Dear Folsom City Council,

We, the undersigned members of the Folsom community, respectfully request that the current requirement for all skatepark participants to wear full safety equipment, including knee pads, elbow pads, and helmets, be replaced with a policy that strongly encourages but does not mandate the use of such equipment. This adjustment would align our skatepark's policies with those of neighboring towns, whose parks are well-utilized despite having less stringent rules.

The current mandatory equipment policy has deterred many potential users, resulting in significantly lower participation at our skatepark compared to others in the area. We believe that reducing these restrictions will promote greater use of the facility while still emphasizing the importance of safety through strong recommendations and visible signage.

**Why This Matters:**

- **Increased Accessibility:** Making safety gear optional would remove a barrier for those who may find the requirement financially burdensome or inconvenient, especially casual users.
- **Encouraging Activity:** A more flexible policy could draw more participants to the skatepark, fostering a healthier and more engaged community.
- **Personal Responsibility:** Like other physical activities, skateboarding involves risk, and participants should have the ability to make informed decisions about their safety practices.

**We, the Undersigned, Request:**

1. That the city council replace the current mandatory safety equipment rule with a policy that encourages and strongly recommends wearing pads and helmets.
2. That visible safety notices and recommendations be posted at the skatepark to educate users about potential risks and the benefits of safety equipment.
3. That the council consider the usage trends of skateparks in neighboring towns to ensure fair and practical policies.

By signing below, we express our support for revising the skatepark's rules to encourage, rather than mandate, safety equipment.

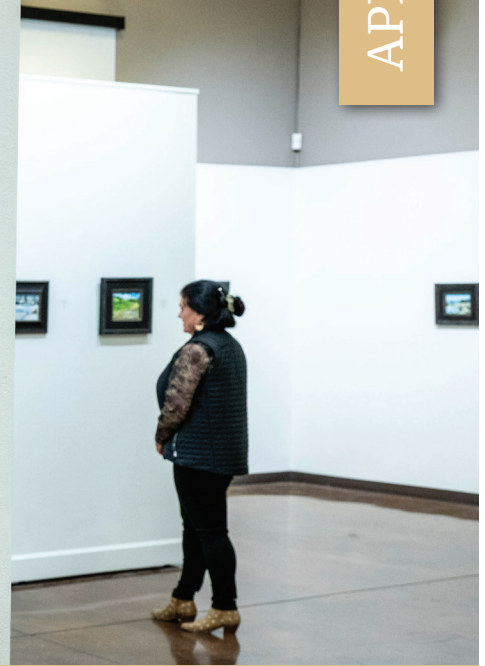
Signature	Printed Name	Address/Neighborhood	Email (Optional)
	JASON TALBERT	SACRAMENTO, CA	
	Mikey Murphy	Folsom, CA	
	Matthew Mullen	SACRAMENTO, CA	
	Karen Stinson	Orangevale CA	
	SKYLAR CAUDILL	FAIROAKS CA	
	SIENA GETZ	SACRAMENTO CA	
	Carter Gilje	Sacramento CA	
	Trevor Varain	Eldorado Hills CA	
	Ethan Schuman	el dorado hills CA	
	Jason Flores	Sacramento CA	
	Oskar Mustenson	Orangevale	
	Dore Mullen	Folsom, CA	



# FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION

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### PARTICIPATION

#### Participation in classes, camps, activities, and parties

Aquatics	4,506
Community and Cultural Services	3,162
Sports	5,555
Zoo Sanctuary	508
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,731</b>

#### Guest Entry at Recreation Facilities

Aquatics	309
Zoo Sanctuary (General)	9,562
Zoo Sanctuary (Tours)	595
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,466</b>

**PARTICIPATION GRAND TOTAL 24,197**

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Marketing/PR

E-News Articles	5
Miscellaneous Print/Digital Media	85

#### Social Media @FolsomParksandRec

Facebook Followers	10,352
Instagram Followers	6,842

Engagement: 675 | Reach: 10,121

**Top Monthly Post:** Bunny Map Trail animated promo

#### Social Media @FolsomCityZooSanctuary

Facebook Followers	18,905
Instagram Followers	7,699

Engagement: 1,956 | Reach: 22,993

**Top Monthly Post:** Happy Birthday to Grayson the barn owl

## RENTALS



Aquatic Center Lane Hours	781
City Sports Field Hours	2,607
Community Facilities	81
Park Picnic Pavilions	10
Vista HS Lane Hours	664

## PARTNERSHIPS



Organizations that helped support a community special event, enrichment program, or Parks & Recreation facility.

New Partnerships (In the Last 90 days)	12
Partnership Value (Financial and In-Kind)	\$8,950

## PUBLIC SAFETY & FIRE PREVENTION



Acres of Weed Abatement	31
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## CUSTOMER SERVICE



### Park Maintenance and Municipal Landscape Services

SeeClickFix Work Orders Completed	102
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Dozens of volunteers gathered to stuff eggs for the 3rd Annual Festival of Eggs.

## VOLUNTEER HOURS



Adopt-A-Trail	104
Friends of the Zoo	80
Sports/Coaching	112
Teen Council	177
Zoo Docents	799
Zoo General/Misc	109

**VOLUNTEER HOURS GRAND TOTAL 1,381**

## PARK PLANNING



### Benevento Park

Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!
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### Kids Play Park Renovation

Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!
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### Livermore Park Phase 5A

Planning	Community Engagement	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!
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## TRAIL PLANNING



Number of visitors on the Johnny Cash Trail	15,996
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### Folsom Boulevard Bike/Ped Overcrossing Feasibility Study

Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!
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### Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail

Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!
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### Highway 50 Class I Trail Undercrossing & Trail Improvements

Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!
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### Mangini Ranch Trails

Planning	Funding	Design & Engineering	Construction	OPEN!
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## The City of Folsom Adopted the Strategic Plan FY 2023-24 through FY 2027-28

*The Parks & Recreation Department is dedicated to supporting the goals and initiatives of the Strategic Plan. The goals identified by the City Council include Financial Stability, Public Safety and Infrastructure, Economic and Community Development, and Organization Effectiveness.*

### GOAL A: Financial Stability and Sustainability

**Support fiscal health through long-term planning, cost control, heightened efficiency, increased revenue, and cost recovery.**

- The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center is currently in the process of on-boarding 53 new employees utilizing the NEOGOV on-line platform.
- The Bocce Ball League at Econome Family Park has officially resumed with five teams, providing a fun and social recreational opportunity for participants and strengthening community engagement.
- The winter Youth NFL Flag Football season wrapped up with a total of 231 participants, marking a strong turnout and continued commitment to youth sports. Special thanks to Jeremi deOsio and staff for their planning and delivery of this great league.
- Parks and Facilities staff welded new bottom plates to the existing BBQs at Amos P. Catlin Park. The ability to perform these repairs saved the city approximately \$6,000.

### GOAL B: Public Safety and Infrastructure

**Enhance provision of public safety resources, invest in technological solutions, and maintain, repair, and improve public facilities and infrastructure.**

- The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary passed a surprise USDA inspection on Tuesday, April 8. The inspector brought a veterinarian from Florida to train at our facility and complimented many of the ways the zookeepers excel in animal care including enrichment and training.
- The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center completed its third Jeff Ellis & Associates Lifeguard training program. This year the Aquatic Center Instructor team has Licensed "trained" a total of 79 new and returning lifeguards.
- Staff have been working diligently to maintain all 23 ball fields, ensuring they are in top condition to support local youth sports groups and tournament directors as the spring season continues.
- Information was presented to the leadership team and Parks & Recreation subcommittees on the purpose, needs, and importance of a Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Having a Parks & Recreation Master Plan is a requirement of our General Plan. "A comprehensive master plan enables decision makers to prioritize resource allocation decisions for new facilities and rehabilitation projects, programs, and services in a manner that is fiscally responsible, environmentally sustainable, publicly supported, and politically prudent." Creating the master plan is a priority of our City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission as seen in our Strategic Plan for the upcoming fiscal year.
- The backstop netting at Kuntz Memorial Field was replaced with chain-link fencing, providing a safe environment for parents and children.
- The Folsom City Hall building access system has been completed. Next up is the Senior and Arts Center and City of Folsom Corporation Yard.
- Volunteers from Friends of Folsom Parkways performed ladder fuel removal near Bayer Court.

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## GOAL C: Economic and Community Development

### Promote effective use of existing amenities and resources to create future opportunities that enrich the community.

- The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary is ramping up in their volunteer and corporate volunteer season. Zoo Staff spearheaded the first volunteer information sessions of the season on April 12 and 16 and helped coordinate and oversee three more corporate volunteer groups from Whole Foods Market, Intel, and Invitation Homes.
- Newly rescued black bear, Herbie, is settling in well at the bear exhibit. Visitors enjoy watching him explore and play with twigs, sticks and browse.
- The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians rented the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary for an evening event on April 4. It was a huge success, with over 240 guests and brought in over \$3,300. They also provided interpretive signage with QR codes so daytime visitors can peek (and listen) to Miwok and Nisenan languages while learning about the animals.
- Spring Zookeeper Camp was a success. The one-week program brought in over \$8,000 in revenue to the Zoo Sanctuary. Participants enjoyed making enrichment for the bears and meeting outreach animals such as Quillium the hedgehog.
- The Folsom Sea Otters (Summer Recreation Swim Team) will begin their 40<sup>th</sup> season on Tuesday, April 22. Over 350 swimmers will practice daily from April 22–July 18, 2025. The Folsom Sea Otters will also host 4 large single day swim meets during the summer.
- Staff worked closely with Folsom Surf Soccer Club to allocate field space for their tournament held April 11–13. The event featured 72 teams from all over Sacramento and neighboring regions. All four turf fields were used each day in addition to Folsom Lake College and surrounding high schools.
- Staff coordinated with Legacy Sports to allocate fields and support the successful hosting of two softball tournaments, each drawing approximately 30 teams over consecutive weekends.
- The Andy Morin Sports Complex was rented out for the Just Between Friends consignment sale from April 1–5, bringing in community members for a multi-day shopping event.
- Spring Break Camp at the Andy Morin Sports Complex—A Destination Recreation First! We hosted our first-ever Destination Recreation: School Break Escapes Spring Break Camp, and it was a hit! We reached our max enrollment and had a waitlist leading up to the program. Twenty happy campers enjoyed spring-inspired crafts, GoNoodle dance-offs, collaborative mural coloring, and a giant cardboard playhouse project. The indoor soccer field and outdoor play area were also a huge hit with the kids—and staff!
- Shoutout to our team for proactively communicating with families about the anticipated parking impact on Tuesday due to the event at Folsom Lake College. Curbside check-out and the early heads-up were a big win with parents! The Sports Complex staff deserve a big thank-you for helping everything go off without a hitch.
- During the first two weeks of April, the Folsom Senior and Arts Center was bustling with activity. In addition to our regular programs, we hosted an educational workshop titled “Navigating the Senior Care Maze,” which attracted twenty-five participants.
- The first gallery exhibition curated by William J. Simmons at the Gallery at 48 Natoma, was of Yen-Ching Cheng’s oil paintings, held alongside the El Dorado Hills Arts Association Open Studio Preview Tour. Both shows were met with great enthusiasm during the April 4 reception. The Gallery at 48 Natoma continues to be a community and regional destination for art enthusiasts which bolsters the City of Folsom as a cultural and art leader.
- Staff, along with the help from Friends of Folsom Parkways, assembled picnic tables and a trash/recycling receptacle that was placed under a beautiful oak tree across from the Hinkle Creek Nature Area parking lot. Visitors can enjoy a picnic lunch or a much-needed break at this site as they explore the area. We are working on a sign that will be placed out there to show our appreciation of the Dyer Family Foundation who donated the funds to support this project.

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## GOAL D: Organization Effectiveness

**Build strong connections and support for the community and employees through a commitment to local government best practices and employee development, support, and retention to meet community needs.**

- On Monday April 7, the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary docents hosted their annual awards luncheon. These hardworking volunteers received awards for their hours of service and going above and beyond. Last year this group volunteered for over 10,000 hours leading school tours, hosting biofact tables, helping with special events and much more! Thank you to the Mayor, City Manager, Commissioner, and department staff for attending.
- Cynthia Mandel conducted a CPR/AED training session at the Andy Morin Sports Complex, providing essential emergency response instruction to front desk, youth sports, and adult sports staff to enhance preparedness and safety across programs.
- Penelope Crouse-Feehan attended the California Parks & Recreation Society, Region I board retreat at the Rohnert Park Community Center. The day was spent with fellow recreational professionals working to enhance the profession of parks & recreation.
- The Parks and Trail projects and planning website site pages are now live! We have added progress bars for each project to highlight our design process. <https://www.folsom.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/parks-and-trails/current-project-information>
- Our Parks webpage has a refreshed look with new icons/quick links for the Spray Parks, Dog Parks, and Skate/Bike Parks. <https://www.folsom.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/parks-trails-and-open-space/all-parks>

### MISSION

*The Parks & Recreation Department is committed to being a leader in creating and maintaining facilities, parks, programs, and services that enhance the quality of life and reflect the changing needs of our community and environment.*

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## City Council Meetings

### April 8

- **Resolution No. 11351:** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Folsom Lake Ford for the Purchase of one Ford Vehicle and Appropriation of Funds from the Park Capital Equipment Fund (452) for the Purchase and Outfitting of Said Vehicle (PASSED)
- **Resolution No. 11341:** A Resolution of the City Council Declaring Results of the Natoma Station Maintenance Assessment District No. 2025-1 Ballot Proceeding, And Abandoning District Formation Proceedings (New District FAILED)

### April 22

#### Closed Session Items:

- Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8: Retail Space at 905 Leidesdorff Street, APN 070-0052-023-0000. Negotiating Parties: City Manager Bryan Whitemyer on behalf of the City of Folsom, and Taryn Grows and Charlie Grows, of Pour Leadership Inc., DBA Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Lease
- Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8: 405 Natoma Station Drive, APN 072-0850-029-0000. Negotiating Parties: City Manager Bryan Whitemyer on behalf of the City of Folsom, and Kelli Vaccaro, DBA Kids Inc. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Lease

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## April 22

- **Resolution No. 11367:** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between the City of Folsom and Kelli Vaccaro, DBA Kids Inc. for the Lease of 405 Natoma Station Drive, APN 072-0850-029-0000
- **Resolution No. 11368:** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between the City of Folsom and Pour Leadership Inc. DBA Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew for the Lease of Retail Space at 905 Leidesdorff Street, APN 070-0052-023-0000
- **Resolution No. 11369:** A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Grant Applications to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the 2024–25 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funding Round

## May 13

- Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Folsom Arts Association for Receiving the 2024 Folsom Arts Achievement Award
- Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming May 2025 as "May is Bike" Month
- Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming May 2025 as "National Water Safety and Drowning Prevention" Month

## May 27

- **Resolution NO. 00000:** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Design Consulting Services with X for the Kids Play Park Renovation Project
- **Resolution No. 00000:** A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 8792 with the Adoption of an Updated Community Facility Rental Fee Schedule with the Implementation of a Rental Fee Schedule on January 1, 2025, with an Annual Adjustment not to Exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- **Resolution No. 00000:** A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 10697 with the adoption of a new Resolution to update the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary entrance fee and establishing a fee range for fees to enter the facility.

## Parks & Recreation Staffing

- We would like to congratulate Derik Perez on his appointment as Municipal Landscape Manager for the City of Folsom! With over 24 years of service in the Folsom Parks and Recreation Department, Derik has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership and expertise. We are proud to have Derik serve in his new leadership role.
- Staff completed interviews on April 22, 2025, for the Municipal Landscape Services Maintenance Specialist Position. There was a strong pool of internal and external candidates for this position. Department interviews of the top candidates will be held the last week of April.

## Department Highlights and Summary

- Staff attended meetings with the City Manager to review department budget requests. Most of the discussions included new ways to move expenses out of the general fund and into special funds. The City Manager is supportive of the development of special funds for parks and trail maintenance.
- Work will begin on reviewing the Lighting and Landscape District budgets and begin working on community education plans for low funded districts.
- The Park Planning staff are excited to finalize the design development package for Benevento Family Park. Team is reviewing the grading plan to assess the required cut and fill for the site. Staff are now working on the cost estimates to evaluate overall project costs in alignment with the approved budget.
- I attended the Senior Resource Fair with over 80 attendees. I was impressed by the people who attended this event. I was touched by the stories and the number of people dedicated to truly helping seniors. We appreciate Sarah Aquino for joining us to help managed the check in table.

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- Please take a moment to watch our “Mayor with Herbie the Love Bug” Mondays Minute with the Mayor April 21, 2025.
  - An RFP for the replacement of commercial kitchen equipment at the Folsom Community Center and Rotary Clubhouse was released with a mandatory Facility and Project meeting held on Thursday by interested contractors. There were 6 contractors that attended to receive a thorough walk of the project site and get necessary information.
  - On Monday April 7, the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary docents hosted their annual awards luncheon. These hardworking volunteers received awards for their hours of service and going above and beyond. Last year this group volunteered over 10,000 hours leading school tours, hosting biofact tables, helping with special events and much more! Thank you to the Mayor, City Manager, Commissioner and staff for attending. The Docents were appreciative of city staff attending the event.
  - Brett Bollinger, Sr. Trails Planner and Council Member Justin Raitchel attended the Friends of Folsom Parkway meeting. Highlights include the Folsom Plan Area Trails are 33% or 10 Miles complete. Mangini Ranch and Regency Construction Contracts are going out to bid.
  - Thank you to the Parks & Recreation Commissioners that attended the Festival of Eggs. We had five commissioners who came out to attend the event.
  - I attended the Folsom Athletic Association (FAA) meeting with the City Manager. The agenda included a review of scholarship awards, updates to the Community Service Program, and congratulations to Derik Perez on his recent promotion.
  - The Summer Activity Guides were mailed out to the residents of Folsom and registration begins on April 23, 2025.
  - We are honored that Chapa De News, a program to help the health and well-being of American Indians, did a feature on the Zoo Sanctuary.

## Upcoming Special Events—Save the Date!

- **May 17:** Skate & BMX Jam
- **May 21:** City Works Day
- **May 31 & June 1:** Black Bear Awareness Weekend
- **June 13:** Summer of Music Concert Series featuring Adam Aldama & The Aces at Folsom City Lions Park
- **June 20:** Summer Movie Night Series at Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary
- **June 27:** Summer of Music Concert Series featuring Modern Relics at Folsom City Lions Park