



**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
50 NATOMA STREET, FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA
www.folsom.ca.us**

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. May 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes
 - B. August 6, 2024 Amended Meeting Minutes
6. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**
 - A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Brad Nelson, Parks & Trails Planning Manager
 - B. Park Planning Process – Brad Nelson, Parks & Trails Planning Manager
7. **ACTION ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:**
 - A. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan - Reconsideration of Neighborhood Park #1 and Neighborhood Park #2
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. Parks and Trails Planning Quarterly Update – Brad Nelson, Parks & Trails Planning Manager
 - B. Monthly Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director



C. Parks & Recreation Director Report – Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 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:**

Cards were received for items 6A and 6B

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. May 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ortega, second by Commissioner Econome to approve May 6, 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. Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan Budget – Brad Nelson, Parks & Trails Planning Manager

Brad Nelson, Parks & Trails Manager, presented information and the importance of the Capital Improvement Plan budget.

Tram Nguyen, a community member, spoke. Talked about a petition that had circulated around her community, with over 450 signatures, wanting Neighborhood Park 1 to be the next park to be built or a guarantee that if it is not the next park, it will be the 2nd park.

Motion by Vice Chair Wallace, second by Commissioner Econome to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan Budget. With the comment that a master plan is needed so the community can know what to expect from Parks & Recreation.

AYES: Commission Members: Hedges, Wallace, Econome, Ortega, Williams

NOES: Commission Members: Silva, Wagner

ABSENT: Commission Members: None

ABSTAIN: Commission Members: None

- B. Cummings Family Skate and Bike Park Petition and Operations – Tom Hellmann, Recreation and Community Services Manager

Tom Hellmann, Recreation and Community Services Manager provided background in regards to Cummings Family Skate and Bike Park. Two items up for discussion; 1. Accept a petition from the community to change our rules on the requirement of safety equipment, and 2. Should the skatepark continue to operate with an employee that monitors the skate park.

Many community members spoke on the skatepark park. All expressed the desire to remove the employee and extend the hours of the skatepark so that it is more usable.

Motion by Chair Hedges, second by Commissioner Wagner to reject 1. the Bike Park petition requesting the change in safety equipment requirements, and 2. To send a recommendation to City Council to discontinue staffing at the Cummings Family Skate Park, with the gates always open, and to come back in a year from the passage of this and get a report on how things are going.

AYES: Commission Members: Hedges, Wallace, Econome, Ortega, Silva, Wagner, Williams

NOES: Commission Members: None

ABSENT: Commission Members: None

ABSTAIN: Commission Members: None

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 Community Services Manager
- D. May is National Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month - Tom Hellmann, Rec & Community Services Manager

Chris Salcone, Board Member/Chris McCole, Vice President presented the history of Disc Golf in Folsom and its success that has outgrown the current space, and the want of a larger space.

Brad Nelson, Parks and Trails Planning Manager/Joanne Brausch presented the plan to implement a campaign for community awareness and the need for further funds from the community to revive Kids Play Park.

Tom Hellmann, Recreation Community Services Manager, introduced Frankie Nelson, Sr. Recreation Coordinator, to speak about our Community Partnership Program and opportunities for the community to become partners.

Tom Hellmann, Recreation Community Services Manager introduced Chad Gunter, Aquatics Center Supervisor who spoke about the happenings for “May is National Safety and Drowning Prevention Month.”

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The Operations Committee met and discussed the Cummings Skate Park item on the agenda.

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:**

Chair Hedges commented on wanting to explore more opportunities with Disc Golf. Wants to see the Disc Golf MOUs. Would also like to have a further discussion on unrealized revenue opportunities as it pertains to sports tournaments.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Parks & Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matt Hedges, Chairperson

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**CITY OF FOLSOM
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks and Recreation Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members Present: Brian Wallace, Bill Davis, Ravi Kahlon, Samantha Davidson, Matt Hedges, Marina Leight, Alayna Wagner

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. June 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Wagner, Second by Commissioner Hedges to approve the June 04, 2024, meeting minutes. Minutes approved with no objections.

AYES: Commission Members: Wallace, Davidson, Davis, Kahlon, Hedges, Hedges, Leight, Wagner
NOES: Commission Members: None
ABSENT: Commission Members: None
ABSTAIN: Commission Members: None

6. **ACTION ITEMS:** None.

7. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**
 - A. Mangini Trail Status Update – Brett Bollinger

Senior Trails Planner, Brett Bollinger presented the most recent update on Mangini Trails. He shared that in total Mangini Trails is approximately 3 miles long and began construction back in 2021. Currently, all 3 miles are 100% in plan set and review with construction starting in the Fall.

- B. Know Before You Go: E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and Motorized Bicycles – Brett Bollinger

Senior Trails Planner, Brett Bollinger presented information about the current rules for the use of E-Bikes, E-Scooters and Motorized Bicycles on city streets and trails.

- C. Folsom Plan Area CIP Park Development Priorities – Brad Nelson

Parks & Trails Planning Manager, Brad Nelson gave a presentation on the Folsom Plan area and how we develop our priorities for our CIP projects. This item was an informational item

requested by a Parks & Recreation Commissioner. Many members of the community spoke to show their support for **Neighborhood Park 1 (Correction)** to be the next park.

- D. Special Invitation to Mayor's Cup and Community Service Day – Tom Hellmann

Community and Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann personally invited everyone to both the Mayor's Cup being held on September 27th and Community Service Day being held on September 21st.

- E. Northern California Aquatic Management Association – Lifeguard Palooza – Chad Gunter

Aquatics Center Supervisor, Chad Gunter showed a slide show of the annual Lifeguard competition. Folsom aquatics placed first with a great showing. The announcement was also made that Scott Seeba, a longtime employee, was leaving the City of Folsom after 18 years. Many kind words were said by both Supervisor Gunter and Manager Hellmann.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Planning & Development (Leight (*absent*), Davidson, Wagner)
- B. Budget / Finance (Hedges, Wallace, Kahlon)
- C. Parks & Recreation Renovation Plan (Wallace, Davidson, Davis)
- D. Sports & Recreation (Wagner, Davis, Kahlon)
- E. Public Private Partnership Ad Hoc Committee (Leight, Hedges, Davidson)
- F. Underutilized City-Owned Properties Ad Hoc Committee (Leight, Wallace, Wagner)

There were no meetings for these Committees to report on.

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. FY 23-24 Year End Park Impact Fee Report – Liz Vaage and Brad Nelson
- B. Quarterly Facilities and Park Maintenance Division Status Report – Chris O'Keefe
- C. Prospector Park Update – Brad Nelson
- D. Parks Make Life Better Month Social Media Campaign Recap and Highlights – Frankie Nelson
- E. Parks and Recreation Monthly Update and Director's Report – Kelly Gonzalez

Director of Parks and Recreation Department, Kelly Gonzalez, introduced two new employees, and the promotion of another employee. Announcement of the Grand Opening of Prospector Park and other updates from the last month.

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commission Member(s) Questions and Comments:

- *Commission Member Wagner spoke about being pleased about the Grand Opening of Prospector Park and how having a target date will help keep people safe. She expressed she was pleased that the change in fees at the Aquatics Center did not change attendance and is glad the zoo is also*

looking at their fees for sustainability. Also, asked what the guidelines are for Commissioners if they wanted to show support for the KidsPark fundraising.

- *Commissioner Hedges commented on the need to continue with the update on the Master Plan.*
- *Commission Chair Wallace commented that the Master Plan needs to have more detail. Also enjoyed being able to connect with staff with the scheduled presentations.*

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- APAPA Proclamation
- Book of Fees
- Destination Recreation Summer Camp Recap
- CAVE Summer Camp Recap
- Forward Recommendation to Council for Approval of River District Master Plan

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Erin Strawn, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Brian Wallace, Chairperson

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TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
BY: Brad Nelson, Park Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan Quarterly Update

BACKGROUND

This report provides the Parks and Recreation Commission with a quarterly update on active and upcoming Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects for Fiscal Year 2025–26. These projects are in various stages of planning, design, and implementation, and reflect both long-term priorities and community-driven needs across the City of Folsom.

PROJECT UPDATES

Benevento Family Park – Phase I

The 18-acre park site is planned for phased development, with approximately 5 acres included in Phase I. The project is anticipated to generate approximately \$42,000 in annual revenue. Current efforts include finalizing the Design Development Package and preparing CEQA environmental documentation. This will be followed by the preparation of construction documents and specifications. Construction is expected to begin in early 2026 following a bid process in early 2026.

Johnny Cash Trail – Cash’s Pick No. 2

The Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience includes eight planned art installations. The first guitar pick (Pick No. 1) was completed in November 2024. The City recently secured a \$425,000 grant from Assemblyman Josh Hoover’s Office to fund the design, engineering, and fabrication of Pick No. 2. Staff is currently working towards a land lease request finalization with the Board of Reclamation. Upon securing the land lease, staff will works towards the design and engineering documentation for the site as well as art fabrication.

Kids Play Park Renovation

Originally constructed in 1996, “Castle Park” is scheduled for a full renovation. With \$800,000 allocated in FY 2024–25 and an additional \$300,000 to be raised by Folsom Kids Play for Generations, the \$1.1 million project includes replacement of structures, new surfacing, drainage upgrades, and more. The playground design contract was awarded on May 27, 2025, by City Council to Leathers & Associates. Community outreach is scheduled for June/July 2025. The grand opening is anticipated in Spring of 2026.

Livermore Community Park – Phase 5A

This phase includes development of the remaining 4.5 acres, a 60-stall parking lot off McAdoo Drive, and trail completion. A geotechnical report identified 3 to 12 feet of undocumented fill,

requiring earthwork estimated at \$400,000. Staff is requesting additional impact fee funding to cover this cost as part of FY 25-26 budget. Construction documents are 90% complete. Once Construction Drawings and specifications are complete, the project will go out to public bid.

Andy Morin Sports Complex – Outdoor Sports Court

This \$706,000 project will add a lighted, multi-use outdoor sports court for basketball, soccer, and other recreational uses. It is expected to generate approximately \$27,000 annually in new revenue while activating underutilized space. Staff will be reaching out to the providers of the outdoor sports court system under consideration.

Folsom Plan Area – Neighborhood Park #1

Staff recommends construction of Neighborhood Park #1 as the next park to be built in the Folsom Plan Area; pending Parks & Rec Commission and City Council approval. This project consists of the development of a new 12-acre park. Amenities may include a lighted artificial turf soccer field, lighted tennis courts, lighted basketball court, group picnic areas with shade shelter, playground, restroom, parking lot and site furnishings.

Mangini Ranch Class I Trails

This project, originally funded at \$3.38 million, will add 2.3 miles of Class I trails in the Folsom Plan Area. An additional \$500,000 is requested for FY 2025–26 to address cost increases in trail infrastructure and development. The project is currently out to bid with bids due June 11th.

Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail

Funded at \$3.3 million, this project will construct 1.25 miles of Class I trail parallel to the SPTC JPA Railroad right-of-way, connecting the Willow Creek Trail Corridor to Iron Point Road.

Highway 50 Class I Undercrossing and Trail Improvements

This trail undercrossing along Old Placerville Road is the only Class I trail connection planned between the Folsom Plan Area and northern Folsom. The project is a priority in the City's Active Transportation Plan. A funding request of \$400,000 in impact fees for design and engineering has been submitted as part of the FY 2025-26 budget. Staff is actively pursuing grant funding for construction.

PROJECTS NOT CURRENTLY IN ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Due to limited staffing resources, the following CIP projects, although previously funded, are not currently in progress:

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

CONCLUSION

Staff will continue to provide regular updates on CIP progress and will notify the Commission of key milestones and funding developments. These projects reflect our ongoing commitment to enhancing Folsom's parks and recreation system in alignment with community needs and priorities.



Parks & Recreation Commission

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2025-updated on 4.02.25

BUDGET & FINANCE

Chair Jim Ortega

Matt Hedges

Dustin Silva

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Jamison Larson, Tom Hellmann, Chris O'Keefe, Brad Nelson

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & RENOVATIONS

Sandy Econome

Dean Williams

Brian Wallace*

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Brad Nelson, Chris O'Keefe, Jamison Larson

OPERATIONS

Jim Ortega

Dustin Silva

Alayna Wagner

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Chris O'Keefe, Jamison Larson, Tom Hellmann

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Zoo Sanctuary

Matt Hedges

Brian Wallace

Sandy Econome

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Jocelyn Smeltzer, and Jamison Larson

FOLSOM PARKS & RECREATION

Department Report

MAY 2025



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PARTICIPATION



Participation in classes, camps, activities, and parties

Aquatics	13,422
Community and Cultural Services	9,753
Sports	7,715
Zoo Sanctuary	260
TOTAL	31,150

Guest Entry at Recreation Facilities

Aquatics	697
Zoo Sanctuary (General)	10,015
Zoo Sanctuary (Tours)	1,352
TOTAL	12,064

Special Events—Estimated Attendance

Egg Sorting & Stuffing for the Festival of Eggs	200
The Festival of Eggs	3,750

PARTICIPATION GRAND TOTAL 47,364

COMMUNICATIONS



Marketing/PR

E-News Articles	19
Printed Citywide Newsletter	9
Miscellaneous Print/Digital Media	99

Social Media @FolsomParksandRec

Facebook Followers	10,654
Instagram Followers	7,138
Engagement: 1,366 Reach: 51,013	

Top Monthly Post: Summer of Music Concert Promo

Social Media @FolsomCityZooSanctuary

Facebook Followers	18,952
Instagram Followers	7,924
Engagement: 4,936 Reach: 35,203	

Top Monthly Post: Have you met new bear, Herbie?

RENTALS



Aquatic Center Lane Hours	2,043
City Sports Field Hours	2,905
Community Facilities	84
Park Picnic Pavilions	13
Vista HS Lane Hours	669

PARTNERSHIPS



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

New Partnerships (In the Last 90 days)	8
Partnership Value (Financial and In-Kind)	16,200

PUBLIC SAFETY & FIRE PREVENTION



Acres of Weed Abatement	44
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CUSTOMER SERVICE



Park Maintenance and Municipal Landscape Services

SeeClickFix Work Orders Completed	90
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Little Folks University made a splash at the Festival of Eggs with their pirate ship display.

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Adopt-A-Trail	123
Friends of the Zoo	87
Sports/Coaching	48
Teen Council	204
Zoo Docents	838
Zoo General/Misc	104

VOLUNTEER HOURS GRAND TOTAL 1,404

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	14,870
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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 Administration Division has completed the third quarter budget review with all managers and supervisors.
- Approximately \$705,000 in ARPA projects have been completed in various divisions within the Parks & Recreation Department thus far in FY 2024–25. These include HVAC replacements, equipment needs and trail repairs.
- Parks Maintenance staff have removed several dead trees in City parks, saving the City approximately \$20k in contracted tree services.
- The Sports Division received a \$9,720 revenue check from REC for online sports facility rentals conducted between January and March. Rentals occurred at the following parks: Briggs, Davies, Econome, John Kemp, Prospector, and Sheldon.

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.

- On Monday May 19, work to replace the HVAC system at 48 Natoma began. 48 Natoma will be closed from May 19–June 20 for this project. Senior Coordinator Dan Kimpel worked closely with Ted Ocampo to move some Senior Activities for the first three weeks of June to the Community Center. The June Calendar for Senior Activities can be found online.
- The Building Access System work has been completed at City Hall, Sports Complex and Senior & Arts. Next up is the Corporation Yard.
- Facilities is coordinating repairs at the Rodeo Grounds in support of the Folsom Pro Rodeo.
- Facilities is overseeing the installation of a new lighting control panel at the Library.
- On April 30, the City received four design proposals for the renovation of Kids Play Park (Castle Park). The evaluation team has completed a comprehensive review of all submissions in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP). Staff is currently preparing a recommendation for City Council consideration, with the intent of awarding the project at the upcoming regular meeting on May 27.
- Planning for Benevento Family Park is advancing, with ongoing coordination among electrical and civil engineers to address site-specific elevation challenges. The CEQA review is underway, including AB 52 tribal consultations. An RFP is also being prepared for geotechnical investigation, special inspections, and materials testing to support future development phases.
- Work on Livermore Community Park Phase 5A continues, including construction of a 62-stall parking lot off McAdoo Street. Unexpected fill materials discovered during site analysis have required additional earthwork per the geotechnical report. A 90% draft of construction documents is expected by May 23 for internal review.
- Area 40 and Community Park West: Land Use Covenants (LUCs) City staff met with Aerojet on April 30 to review proposed LUCs, followed by an internal meeting on May 14. The Parks & Recreation team is currently assessing potential ongoing cost impacts and has requested clarification on several items.

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- Municipal Landscape Services (MLS) staff have posted an RFP for the Defensible Space and Ladder Fuel Removal project; this will be a continuation of the CAL OES/FEMA grant project for Citywide ladder fuel reduction. This project will complete the remaining 147 acres and finish out the larger project.
 - The Steve Miklos Aquatic Center has completed the summer on-boarding and training of over 120 part-time staff. 60 Lifeguards have been trained, each completing over 30 hours of safety training prior to opening day, May 24. Lifeguard staff will continue to train weekly during the summer to stay rescue ready.

GOAL C: Economic and Community Development

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

- On Friday, April 18, the Senior Center hosted its bi-annual Senior Resource Fair. Mayor Aquino joined staff and helped to check in the vendors and greet those in attendance. It was another great event with several resources for the Seniors.
- On Saturday, April 19, the Annual Festival of Eggs was held at Lembi Park. Thousands in attendance enjoyed a beautiful morning on the Bunny Trail going to the 35 vendor booths, gathering goodies and eggs. Pictures with the bunny were at the end of the trail along with a chance at a Golden Egg Prize provided by the Folsom Athletic Association.
- The Summer Activity Guide opened for registration on Wednesday, April 23 at 9 a.m. All the program coordinators did a fantastic job with the diversified program offerings this summer for families to choose from. This resulted in a record amount of \$420,238 being collected on this day across all divisions to kick off our summer program registrations.
- On Friday, April 25, Park Pavilion rentals went live through a third-party website/app www.rec.us/folsom/ facilities. This is the same website/app that the sports division has been using to book sports fields and parks. There has already been an uptick in the amount of park rentals since this went live.
- The Gallery at 48 Natoma participated in the El Dorado Hills Arts Association Open Studio Tour over the weekend of May 3 and 4. There were over 50 people that came through during that time.
- The Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary welcomed 9 corporate volunteer groups over the last 30 days. Over 100 volunteers from groups such as PG&E, Intel, Invitation Homes, and VSP donated over 300 hours of their time painting, building, and beautifying the zoo sanctuary. We are grateful for their help!
- The Zoo Sanctuary staffed a table at the Cottonwood School event at the Community Center on May 9. Hundreds of kids and parents met animal visitors, learned about our camp programs, and our many upcoming events.
- The Friends of the Zoo received over \$32,500 for the Big Day of Giving.
- On Saturday, May 17, the Sports Division hosted the Skate and BMX Jam at Cummings Family Park. The event was well attended by members of the community. Special thanks to Commissioners Wallace and Wagner for their presence and support.
- The Folsom Sea Otters began their summer swim season with over 325 swimmers practicing daily at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center.
- The Sea Squad Swim School summer swim lesson program has reached 100% capacity with 1,223 lesson registrations. Swim lessons begin Monday June 2 at both the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center and Vista Del Lago pool.
- Staff secured a year-long extension of a CAL OES/FEMA grant in order to continue a Citywide defensible space & ladder fuel reduction project for our open spaces.

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.

- Zoo Sanctuary staff visited a local Alpaca farm with our volunteer docents. They learned more about potential programs that can be offered at the Zoo Sanctuary as well as new educational tools and animal care.
- Parks Maintenance staff assisted Friends of the Folsom Parkway in the removal of ladder fuel along the Willow Creek Trail.
- Sports staff met with the IT Department to explore ways to improve efficiency within the TEAMS online platform. The discussion focused on streamlining document sharing, storage, and access across the division and department.

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

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 as "May is Bike" Month
- Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming May as "National Water Safety and Drowning Prevention" Month
- Resolution to Approve the Park Planner II Limited Term

May 27

- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Design Consulting Services with Leathers for the Kids Play Park Renovation Project
- 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, with an Annual Adjustment not to Exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- 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.

June 10

- A Resolution to Amend approve the preliminary engineer’s report for the Landscape and Lighting Districts for FY 2025–26 and Setting Public Hearing for American River Canyon North, American River Canyon North No. 2, American River Canyon North No. 3, Blue Ravine Oaks, Blue Ravine Oaks No. 2, Briggs Ranch, Broadstone, Broadstone No. 4, Broadstone Unit No. 3, Cobble Ridge, Cobble Hills Ridge II/Reflections II, Folsom Heights, Folsom Heights No. 2, Hannaford Cross, Lake Natoma Shores, Los Cerros, Natoma Station, Natoma Valley, Prairie Oaks Ranch, Prairie Oaks Ranch No. 2, Prospect Ridge, Sierra Estates, Silverbrook, Steeplechase, The Residences at American River Canyon, The Residences at American River Canyon II, Willow Creek Estates East, Willow Creek Estates East No. 2, Willow Creek Estates South, and Willow Springs.
- Resolution Adopting the FY 2025–26 Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Folsom, the Successor Agency, the Folsom Public Financing Authority, and the Folsom Ranch Public Financing Authority.

June 24

- A Resolution Adopting the FY 2025–26 Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Folsom, the Successor Agency, the Folsom Public Financing Authority, and the Folsom Ranch Public Financing Authority (Continued from June 10)
- A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 7193 to not Supervise the Cummings Family Skate and Bike Parks and Skatepark Petition

Parks & Recreation Staffing

- Staff completed interviews on April 22, for the Municipal Landscape Services Maintenance Specialist Position. There was a strong pool of internal and external candidates for this position and a job offer was made to the top candidate.
- The sports supervisor position will be posted in June to backfill Derik Perez with his recent promotion.

Department Highlights and Summary

- Staff attended the City Managers budget workshop on May 27. The City Manager did an overview of the fund types within the budget. There was a discussion on defining priorities and service levels. The City Manager’s proposed budget will be presented at City Council on June 10 and 24.
- Staff held our quarterly department meeting listening to a guest speaker Chris Emery retired Folsom police officer. He provided an overview of leadership and led a discussion on values. We introduced new staff and celebrated promotions. Thank you to Chair Hedges for welcoming and kicking off the department meeting.
- Work will begin on the Lighting and Landscape District community education plans for low funded districts. Community Meetings for the Lighting and Landscape Districts for Natomas Station were held on May 20 and 28.
- With the approval of the Limited Term Park Planner II, staff are in the process of updating her workplans. Kate Cannon Nyugen will begin the first week of June.
- Thank you, Commissioner Wagner and Vice Chair Wallace, for attending the first Skate & BMX Jam at Cummings Park.

Future Potential Agenda Topics

- Financial Stability Policy
- Zoo Sanctuary Business Operations
- Sports Tournaments
- MOU with Disc Golf

Upcoming Special Events—Save the Date

- **May 31 & June 1:** Black Bear Awareness Week
- **June 13:** Summer of Music Concert Series at Folsom City Lions Park
- **June 13:** Family Movie Night at the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary
- **June 27:** Summer of Music Concert Series at Folsom City Lions Park
- **July 11:** Summer of Music Concert Series at Folsom City Lions Park
- **July 18:** Family Movie Night at the Andy Morin Sports Complex
- **July 25:** Summer of Music Concert Series at Folsom City Lions Park
- **August 2:** Family Movie Night at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center
- **August 16:** National Honey Bee Day
- **September 26:** Mayor’s Cup Golf Tournament
- **October 4:** Bark & Splash
- **October 11 & 12:** Glass Pumpkins
- **October 25:** Wild Howl-O-Ween
- **November 11:** Veteran’s Day Parade
- **November 27:** Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals
- **December 5–7, 12–14, & 17–21 (tentative):** Wild Nights and Holiday Lights

Please Note: *There will be no Parks & Recreation Commission meeting in July. The next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for August 5.*