

**CITY OF FOLSOM  
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 number of 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:**

  
Matt Hedges, Chairperson

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