

**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, 6:30 PM
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 Hedges, Vice Chair Brian Wallace, Sandy Econome, Jim Ortega, Dustin Silva

Commission Members Absent: Alayna Wagner, Dean Williams

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

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Fredrico Avalio spoke about Fido Field. He expressed his safety concerns. Complaints include overwatering and tufts of grass that could cause a tripping hazard. Also, try to manage the grass a little better.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
A. August 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Econome, seconded by Commissioner Silva, to approve the August 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

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

6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

No Action Items

7. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Bear Care Group Presentation – Nichole Lemcke, Zoo Sanctuary Supervisor

Presentation from Nichole Lemcke, Zoo Sanctuary Supervisor, regarding Folsom City Zoo's participation in the international group of Bear Care providers. The topic was Olive, our youngest bear, who has many issues due to incidents that occurred during the beginning of her life before Folsom took her in. Nichole went over all the different things Folsom is doing that is making Olive's life better.

B. Certificates of Recognition for our Asian Pacific American Public Affairs (APAPA) Community Volunteers – APAPA Representative – Winston Yung

Winston Yung presented certificates to over 30 teens who have volunteered their time to beautify our parks and trails over the last year.

C. NFL Flag Football Program – Tom Hellmann, Recreation & Cultural Services Supervisor and Jeremi DeOsio, Recreation Coordinator II

Jeremi DeOsio, Recreation Coordinator II, explained the ins and outs of our NFL Flag Football program and how it has grown and continues to grow.

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)

There were no meetings this month, but a Chair still needs to be chosen for the Planning, Development & Renovations Committee.

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

Director Gonzalez highlighted key items in the Monthly and Director's Report.

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Chair Hedges commented about his daughter's experience at Zoo Camp and how wonderful it was. Thinks the whole program was really well put together.

Commissioner Econome showed her support for Parks & Rec and encouraged people to help out with Community Service Day.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Parks & Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Matt Hedges, Chairperson

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