

**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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: Matt Hedges, Brian Wallace, Sandy Econome, Jim Ortega, Dustin Silva, Alayna Wagner, Dean Williams
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**
Joanne Brausch, Folsom resident, commented on the vandalism in the parks. Asked if there was data or a report she could have to see the extent of the damage done at Folsom parks.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. October 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Econome, seconded by Commissioner Silva, to approve the October 7, 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:**
N/A
7. **SCHEDULED**
 - A. Trail Project Update - Ryan Neves, Capital Project Manager

Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director, introduced Ryan as the newest member of our team, although not new to the City of Folsom. Ryan reviewed the current and upcoming trail projects in the City of Folsom. He also reviewed the current status and the type of trail they are considered.
 - B. Castle Park Project Update – Brad Nelson

Brad Nelson, Parks Planning Manager, went over a quick history of the project and where the city is at this point in completing this project by April/May 2026

Joanne Brausch, Folsom Kids Play for Generations, talked about fundraising efforts for Castle Park.

C. Zoo Sanctuary Special Events – Jocelyn Smeltzer

Jocelyn Smeltzer, Zoo Sanctuary Manager, discussed all the recent events that have been happening at the zoo. These events included Wild-Howl-Oween. Events were very successful. Also talked about Wild Nights and Holiday Lights. Decorating has started and the sanctuary will be ready for visitors come December.

D. Financial Sustainability - Jamison Larson

Jamison Larson, Sr. Management Analyst, explained current and future methodology for our Book of Fees.

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)

No meeting were held for report out.

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:**

Commissioner Ortega, thanked Jocelyn for the tour of the zoo. Admitted he hadn't been for many years and many things have changed.

Commissioner Silva, expressed how impressed he was with the Castle Park team and the timeline they are keeping. Also, all four levels of the Folsom Bulldogs made it to the finals.

Commissioner Wagner brought up Chair & Vice Chair Elections should be held earlier in the meeting.

Vice Chair Wallace played in the Folsom Disc Clubs, Ace's Wild. Stated they are doing a great job keeping the course in great condition. Wants to hear more about Cummings Family Skate park and how it is doing now that the attendant has been removed.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that the Folsom Athletic Association is hosting its Annual Crab Feed on January 31st, 2026. Money is going toward local sports scholarships.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Parks & Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Chairperson

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