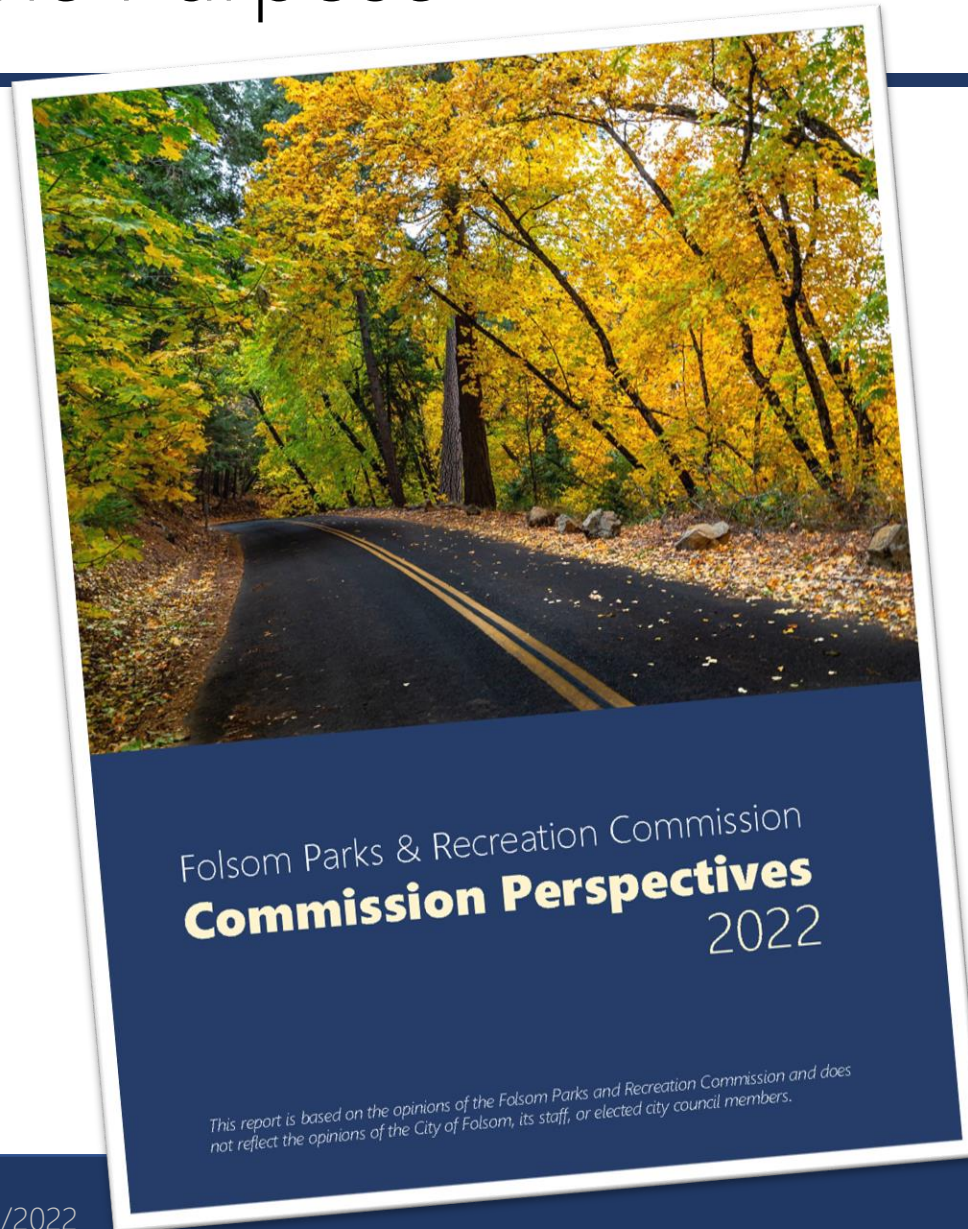


# Introducing Commissioner Perspectives 2022

*A report authored by  
members of the Folsom Parks  
and Recreation Commission*



# The Purpose



Commission Perspectives 2022 was produced by the Commission and highlights the work of the Parks and Recreation Commission's subcommittees over the last year.

This document also identifies the challenges facing the department from the Commission's perspective.

*This report is based on the opinions of the Folsom Parks and Recreation Commission and does not reflect the opinions of the City of Folsom, its staff, or elected city council members.*

# The Subcommittees

- *The Commission has been working in smaller subcommittees for several years with Commissioners dedicated to a particular task or area.*
- *Subcommittees allow the Commission to dive deeper into specific topics and explore these areas of interest in greater detail.*
- *Subcommittees formally share findings and opinions with the full Commission in public meetings.*

*Currently, there are 4 standing subcommittees.*



## Planning & Development

- Samantha Davidson, Chair
- Tanya Morales
- Marina Leight



## Budget / Finance

- Matt Hedges, Chair
- Dave Nazworth
- Will Kempton



## Parks & Recreation Renovation Plan

- Brian Wallace, Chair
- Samantha Davidson
- Matt Hedges



## Youth Sports

- Dave Nazworth, Chair
- Brian Wallace
- Will Kempton

# What is in the report?

- Introduction from Commission Chair, Dave Nazworth
- Perspectives from each subcommittee
  - Planning and Development
  - Budget Subcommittee
  - Renovation Subcommittee
  - Youth Sports Subcommittee
- Summary of Future Challenges
- Possible Solutions
- Public Outreach
  - Commissioner contact information
  - How residents can get involved



# The Format of the Report

## Accomplishments



### Renovation Subcommittee

The renovation subcommittee is responsible for working collaboratively with city staff to determine how to best address the renovation needs of Folsom city parks. Our subcommittee works creatively to find solutions to address funding and resourcing gaps, while seeking out root causes and anticipating future challenges.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established a fair and equitable approach to ranking and prioritizing park renovation projects.
- Introduced the concept of a volunteer coordinator to city staff and outlined programmatic details.
- Shared new tools to streamline reporting, data collection and management of park assets.

#### FUTURE CHALLENGES

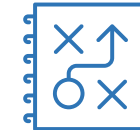
- Staffing levels. With a smaller team of resources dedicated to park maintenance and development, staff is limited in what renovation projects can be completed by city staff. Without staff to work on renovation, the city will have to hire contractors which will increase the cost of the renovation effort.
- Funding. Renovation has been underfunded and we are not keeping pace with the renovation demand. Many aging assets are costly to maintain and should be replaced based on age and condition.
- Awareness. The number of assets that require replacement within city parks is staggering. In 2019, there were \$5.9M in assets that were rated condition 1 and 2 (Condition rating is 1-5. Condition 1 and 2 are the assets in need of replacement). Many residents do not fully understand the number of assets that need replacement, as they are often being maintained as opposed to being replaced.

## Subcommittee Overview

- Area of focus



## Future challenges



### Commissioner Commentary

"The Renovation Subcommittee played a significant role in developing an innovative new system to systematically prioritize future renovation projects. This effort has been instrumental in receiving more funding, as the funding gap now has significantly more clarity." - Matt Hedges



## Commissioner Commentary

- Insights and opinion



"Working with the director and staff, this subcommittee has worked hard to find solutions to a significant challenge that is facing our parks. We are looking deeper into how we address the needs at hand, as well as anticipate future challenges and plan accordingly." - Brian Wallace



# Challenges & Solutions

Commission Perspectives 2022 offers the commission's perspectives on the challenges facing the parks & recreation department and the City of Folsom.

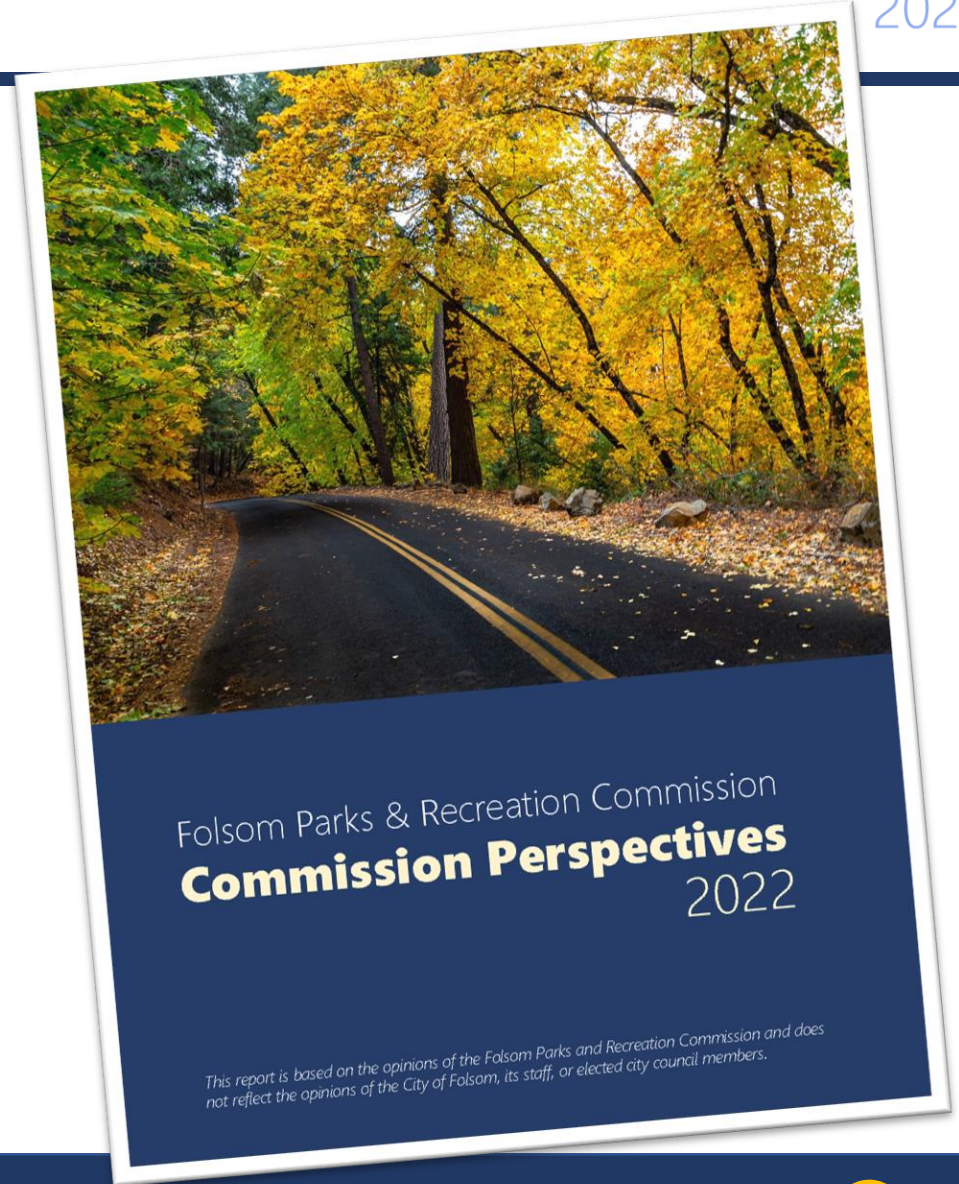
- **Budgetary Considerations**
- **Capital Improvements**
- **Renovation Needs**
- **Maintenance Requirements**
- **Staffing Requirements**

## • **Possible Solutions**

- Galvanize community resources through volunteer programs
- Establish a nonprofit foundation to support parks and programs
- Create public private partnership programs to support specific projects
- Right-size the city's master planning for parks and recreation
- Develop creative facility maintenance programs
- Pursue grant funding to address funding gaps
- Consider tax or fees to ensure funding for park programming

# The Value of this Report

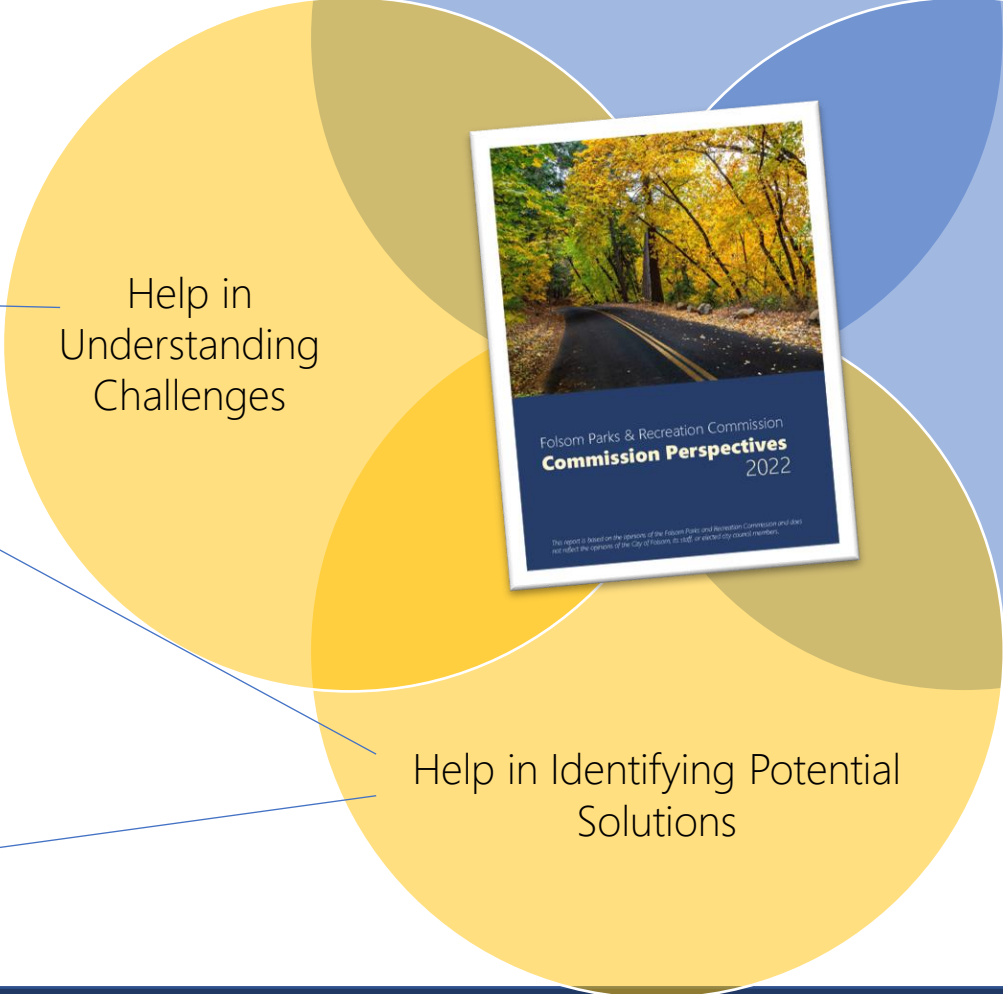
- Summary of the important conversations that take place at the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings
- Highlights the in-depth analysis that is occurring at the subcommittee level
- 100% authored and prepared by the commission
- Transparency
- Offers value to residents and City Council



# How this report will be used.

*Recently formed a subcommittee to discuss public and private partnerships*

*Collaboration with City Council and City Staff*





# Questions from the City Council

