

**CITY OF FOLSOM  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, members of the Folsom Parks and Recreation Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members Present: Samantha Davidson, Matt Hedges, Will Kempton, Marina Leight, Tanya Morales, Chair Dave Nazworth, Vice-Chair Brian Wallace
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

City Councilmember YK Chalamcherla sincerely thanked the commission and staff for what they do.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - A. March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Will Kempton, second by Commission Member Samantha Davidson to approve the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes as corrected.

**AYES:** Commission Members: Davidson, Kempton, Leight, Morales, Nazworth, Wallace  
**NOES:** Commission Members: None  
**ABSENT:** Commission Members: None  
**ABSTAIN:** Commission Members: Hedges

6. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATION:**
  - A. CPRS Awards Announcement

Senior Park Planner Brad Nelson presented a Powerpoint of the Broder Family Homestead Park that was selected as a CPRS award winner for Excellence in Design in Park Planning.

Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione presented Commission Member Will Kempton with the CPRS Champion of the Community Award.

**B. Overview of Workshops Presented to City Council**

- Future Use Options of City-owned Property at 405 Natoma Station Drive

Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione stated that at the March 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, she provided an overview of the use options for the former Brighton building at 405 Natoma Station Drive. The City Council gave direction to staff to use the building for City programming; however, it was brought back to the City Council on March 23<sup>rd</sup> as the council wanted to know more about the lease options. The council directed staff to prepare a Request For Proposal to lease the building.

The following people addressed the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Speaker Jess Chow, co-founder of Lab11235 stated that her company is interested in leasing the building and partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Lucinda Winward – stated she would like to see art and children’s programs co-located in one building to make the programs more inclusive by nature.

Administrative Assistant Stacy Munroe read into the record emails to the Parks and Recreation Commission from the following regarding use options for 405 Natoma Station Drive:

1. Sandy Hilton in support of using the building for Parks and Recreation programming.
2. John Hall in support of using the building for Parks and Recreation programming.

- Presentation on Use Options for the Retail Space in the Historic District  
Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione stated that the March 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting, she provided a presentation on use options for the retail space in the Historic District parking garage. The City Council directed staff to conduct a public workshop that is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> to ask people what they would like to see in that space and then report back to the City Council.

- Presentation of the Dan Russell Rodeo Arena and Direction to Staff  
Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione stated that at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting, she provided a presentation on the potential uses of the Dan Russell Arena.

Chair Dave Nazworth stated that the Youth Sports Subcommittee met to discuss the possible options.

The following speakers addressed the Parks and Recreation Commission on potential uses of the Dan Russell Arena:

1. Dave Benevento on behalf of the FAA is in support of youth sports and needs to be heard among the community to give everyone an opportunity to speak on this item.
2. Lynn LePage spoke about potential partnerships for use of the arena.
3. Joe Gagliardi stated the Chamber approached the City about utilizing the arena for a sand volleyball tournament as a way to generate tourism revenue.
4. Bob Holderness spoke in support of utilizing the arena.

7. **ACTION ITEM:**

A. Overview of Needs Assessment Survey Content & Direction to Staff to Proceed

Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione provided background information and an update on the Needs Assessment Survey. She explained that staff worked with the consultant, Godbe Research and Analysis, on the survey questions and that once the survey is complete, the consultant will provide the results and the results will be shared with the full commission. Staff is seeking direction from the Parks and Recreation Commission to proceed with launching the survey to the residents.

There was discussion among the commission, staff and the consultant related to the survey.

Motion by Commission Member Samantha Davidson, second by Chair Dave Nazworth directing staff to proceed with launching the survey to the residents.

**AYES:** Commission Members: Davidson, Hedges, Kempton, Leight, Morales, Nazworth, Wallace  
**NOES:** Commission Members: None  
**ABSENT:** Commission Members: None  
**ABSTAIN:** Commission Members: None

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Planning & Development (Chair Davidson, Leight, Morales)

B. Budget (Chair Hedges, Kempton, Nazworth)

Commission Member Matt Hedges stated that the committee met to review the presentation they will give to the City Council regarding unfunded parks, renovation needs, and ongoing maintenance.

C. Renovation (Chair Wallace, Davidson, Hedges)

Vice Chair Brian Wallace stated the committee met to discuss the list of renovation needs and the possibility of having a volunteer coordinator to solicit community help that can assist in some of these renovation projects.

D. Youth Sports (Chair Nazworth, Kempton, Wallace)

Chair Dave Nazworth stated the committee met to discuss the arena proposal.

E. Park Naming Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Hedges, Davidson, Morales)

Commission Member Matt Hedges stated that the committee will make a presentation to City Council to discuss the potential of modifying the guidelines.

F. Benevento Park Options Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Kempton, Leight, Wallace)

Commission Member Will Kempton stated that the committee will meet soon to review the Rough Order of Magnitude and to discuss phasing and options for the park.

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Division Monthly Reports

Commission Member Matt Hedges inquired about the process for getting tickets for the zoo and Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione responded.

Commission Member Will Kempton inquired about the name for Neighborhood Park 3 in Mangini Ranch and Senior Park Planner Brad Nelson responded.

Commission Member Tanya Morales inquired about the grant money being used for Ed Mitchell Park and Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione responded.

B. Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione provided an update on the budget process and will give an update at next commission meeting. She stated that the Parks and Recreation Department and Fire Department will give a presentation at the April 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting on ladder fuel and weed abatement.

**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commission Member Marina Leight thanked Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione for the end of the month update. She stated she is amazed by the monthly reports and all the work staff does.

Commission Member Will Kempton stated that it was determined that the drainage issues at Egloff Park are due to it being a detention basin. He discussed the concerns little league brought up at the Folsom Athletic Association meeting regarding the homeless using the restrooms at City Park and maybe the need for volunteers or parental monitors to watch the kids. He thanked staff for the CPRS recognition and award.

Commission Member Matt Hedges thanked staff for their hard work this last year during COVID.

Commission Member Tanya Morales congratulated the department for the statewide award and congratulated Commission Member Will Kempton on his award. She also stated that she appreciates all the discussion on the 405 Natoma Station building and for the retail space in the historic district and looking forward to hearing what comes out of the arena meeting and sand volleyball.

Commission Member Samantha Davidson stated that the Rotary Club helped Councilmember Rosario Rodriguez to clean out a homeless encampment.

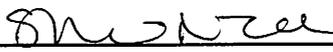
Commission Member Brian Wallace congratulated staff and Commission Member Will Kempton on the much deserved awards. He stated that he has been nominated and appointed to California Association of Parks and Recreation Board Members.

Commission Member Dave Nazworth congratulated staff, Commission Member Will Kempton, and Vice chair Brian Wallace.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

  
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Stacy Munroe, Administrative Assistant

**APPROVED:**

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Dave Nazworth, Chairperson  6/14/2021