

**CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021
SPECIAL 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 or in person.

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, Tanya Morales, Chair Dave Nazworth, Vice-Chair Brian Wallace
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Rob Plannett spoke expressing concerns for the suggested plan for cricket at Neighborhood Park 3. He recommended that cricket be placed at a larger park in the future due to the traffic that it will bring. He wants to keep NP3 a "neighborhood park" as opposed to a "community park".

Judi Alexander, President of Heart of Folsom, started off by thanking Parks and Rec for allowing them to use part of the rodeo last winter for their shelter. She mentioned that Folsom Alliance for the Unhoused wants to spend their efforts finding underutilized space to consider using for the homeless and she asked that the Commission keep that in mind.

Lynn LePage spoke regarding the issue of unhoused residents and the need for updating the master plan to meet the current needs.

Alayna Wagner expressed her concerns for the proposal of cricket at NP3. She is a resident in that neighborhood and wants to see the first park as a safe place for the children of the neighborhood to play. She believes cricket will create too much traffic and create safety issues.

Kalyan called in regarding the issues regarding cricket at NP3 and said he agrees with all of the statements that Rob Plannett made.

Umesh Verma called in and spoke regarding concerns with having cricket proposed at NP3. He said the lot size is too small for cricket and that there is already too much traffic in their neighborhood. He recommended that the park designer rethink their plan for this park.

Mohan Reddy expressed that there should be no large field use, such as cricket or football, at Neighborhood Park 3 due to the size of the planned area.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - B. May 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Will Kempton, second by Commission Member Matt Hedges to approve the April 6th and May 4th meeting minutes with suggested corrections.

AYES: Commission Members: None
NOES: Commission Members: None
ABSENT: Commission Members: Leight
ABSTAIN: Commission Members: None

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. Parks and Recreation Department Cost Recovery Policy – Update from City Council Presentation and Discussion of Next Steps

Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione provided an overview on the Cost Recovery Policy presentation that was presented to City Council on May 11th.

Chair Nazworth mentioned that the Renovation Subcommittee is currently working on getting volunteers that could help offset some of the costs towards park renovations.

Chair Nazworth suggested that the focus should be on areas that have low-cost recovery, as opposed to items such as Preschool, which has a high percentage of cost recovery.

Commissioner Kempton followed up that while some programs are merit based, programs such as Preschool should be collecting enough revenues to pay for the program costs.

Commissioner Hedges commented that increasing fees to some of these programs should be kept in mind when looking for solutions to cost recovery.

Chair Nazworth asked about Aquatics events revenue, stating that the current numbers show that there is a low-cost recovery that stands out to him.

Commissioner Hedges followed up that swim teams, meets and rentals also stand out to him in the low-cost recovery column. He suggested that those programs be looked at in order to bring in more revenue.

Chad Gunter, Recreation Supervisor for Aquatics, came to the podium to speak on the expenses that go into swim teams and meets. He stated that their current fees are competitive compared to other areas that are opened year-round. Aquatics is the leading facility in the Region. Chad also mentioned that they were able to open in June of 2020, because of the swim teams. In doing so, they brought in revenue that was not expected due to COVID.

Commissioner Kempton added that the Aquatics swim team fees were raised in recent negotiations.

Commissioner Hedges commented on admission prices for Aquatics and for the Zoo, saying that he has heard from many people that the fees are very low. He suggested that fees may need to be reviewed with an independent analysis.

Commissioner Kempton referred to the staff report, stating that the Category for Recovery was established in the 2007 policy. The policy states that fees would be reviewed annually, and he asked when this was last done. He suggested that it would be beneficial to get back to reviewing these fee structures either annually or even every two years. Commissioner Kempton mentioned that this could be a topic that is discussed in the Budget Subcommittee.

Chair Nazworth agreed with Commissioner Kempton and asked that it be agenized in the near future and that it could then be referred to the Budget Subcommittee to discuss further.

B. Park Naming Results and Next Steps

Parks and Recreation Director Lorraine Poggione gave an update on the Park Naming Survey process with a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Hedges reviewed the results of the Park Naming Survey and provided a handout to the Commission with that information.

Director Poggione suggested the next steps would be for the Commission to approve their recommendations for the policy to then take it to City Council for approval of updating the policy.

Commissioner Kempton suggested that it should be formally approved by the Parks and Rec commission once minor adjustments have been made, and then go to City Council for approval.

Chair Nazworth agreed that the policy should be adjusted by the Ad Hoc Committee and presented at the next Commission meeting as an action item, before going through to City Council.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Met May 17: Neighborhood Park 3 Concept Plans (Virtual Public Meeting on June 9) and Next Steps for Review/Evaluating Parks Master Plan (next meeting June 29)
- Commissioners requested that an update of the NP3 Meeting and Residents Concerns be given at the July Commission meeting.

B. Budget (Chair Hedges, Kempton, Nazworth)

- Met May 11: Discussed 4/27 CC Presentation; P&D Sub to review Master Plan; Budget Sub will continue to look at funding options; Park Naming Ad-Hoc to look at sponsorships; incorporate Needs Assessment Results where suited.

C. Renovation (Chair Wallace, Davidson, Hedges)

- Met March 26: Did not meet this month. Next meeting will be in July to discuss volunteer leverage/help.

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

- Met March 16: Did not meet this month. Next meeting will discuss school site availability.

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

- Met April 27 to finalize survey questions. Survey ended May 21. Next meeting June 8 to discuss results.

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

- Met May 25: Recap of City Council Direction; Review of Draft Master Plan; Discuss park needs; Next steps.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Division Monthly Reports

Commissioner Hedges inquired about the conversion of Pickleball Courts at Lembi Park and meeting the needs of the community.

Brad Nelson, Park Planner, gave insight into the decision to convert Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts and their efforts to get community feedback.

C. Director's Report

Director Poggione gave a status on the Needs Assessment Results, which has been completed. They are currently compiling results, and it will be reported to the Commission at the July Commission Meeting.

Director Poggione gave an update on the discussion for future Volleyball sites. She has met with the Volleyball group as well as with the mayor to discuss current needs. She is going to meet with staff to look at options for sand Volleyball court sites.

Director Poggione gave an update on the RFP for 405 Natoma Station Drive. There was one proposal submitted that did not meet the requirements. This item will go back to City Council for recommendations.

Director Poggione went over the attachment included in the agenda packet, Overview of Selected Parks & Recreation Statistics.

The Commission discussed the July Commission meeting, it was decided that the meeting will be moved and held as a Special Meeting on July 22nd.

9. UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS

July Meeting:

- Discussion: Needs Assessment Results
- Discussion: NP3 Virtual Public Meeting Results Update
- Presentation: Active Transportation Plan Update/Status

August Meeting:

- Discussion: Park Naming Policy Update
- Discussion: Pickleball Court Conversion at Lembi Update
- Action: Neighborhood Park 3 Preferred Master Plan

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Samantha Davidson commented on the new Lexington Hills signage as well as how fun it was to see the goats out and about.

Commissioner Matt Hedges complimented the Aquatics Center for the great water structure and great staff. He mentioned that the lifeguards are responsive, and everyone was very professional.

Commissioner Tanya Morales mentioned that she believes that Fee Schedules should be evaluated annually. She also commented on the Business From The Floor speaker from Heart of Folsom, agreeing that we need to work towards resolving the homeless issue. She closed her comments by congratulating Katie Parks on her retirement.

Commissioner Wallace also thanked Katie Parks for her service. He brought to everyone's attention that Community Service Day is on September 19th. He is working with Tim O'Shea on a project for that day.

Commissioner Will Kempton gave kudos to Tim O'Shea for all of his work on volunteerism and the many projects that he has going.

Chair Dave Nazworth gave kudos to everyone for all of their hard work. He also congratulated Katie Parks.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

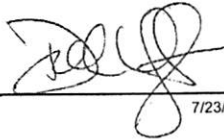
There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Stacy Munroe, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Dave Nazworth, Chairperson

7/23/2021