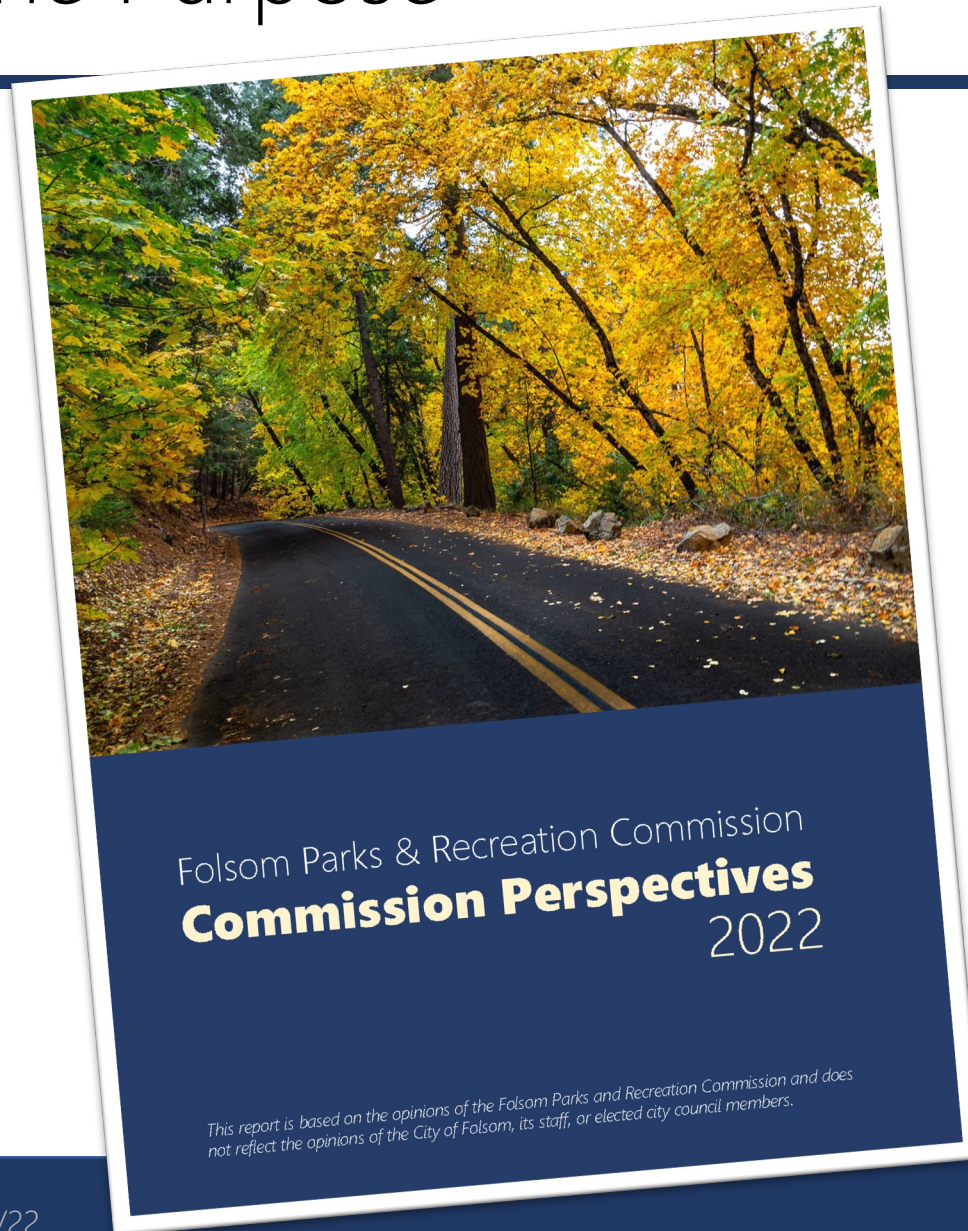


# Introducing Commissioner Perspectives 2022

*A report authored by members of  
the Park and Recreation  
Commissioners*



# The Purpose



Commission Perspectives 2022 was produced by the Commission and highlights the work of the Park 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

## Youth Sports Subcommittee

The subcommittee's mission/purpose is to provide recommendations to city parks staff on the usage of

## Renovation Subcommittee

## Budget Subcommittee

## Planning and Development Subcommittee

The Planning and Development subcommittee for the Folsom Parks and Recreation Commission serves to review and make specific recommendations for existing and new park development. The subcommittee works in coordination with staff to summarize public perspective along with an analysis of the city budget and the city's master plan to bring information forward to the larger commission. Those insights assist the commission to make official recommendations to help guide the Folsom City Council in park planning actions.

Over the course of 2021, the planning subcommittee engaged in several activities. A key project was to provide input to the 2021 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey which will serve as a guidance document for current and future park planning and programming projects. The subcommittee went on to collaborate with staff on a prioritization tool to align the needs assessment data and the city's master plan to begin the process of prioritizing new park construction. Additionally, the subcommittee also reviewed the concept plans for new parks (Prospector Park in the Folsom Plan Area and Benevento Family Park north of Highway 50).

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Collaborated with staff on developing a prioritization tool aligning the needs assessment data with a process to begin evaluating priorities for renovation and new park construction
- Reviewed concept plans for new parks
- Began master plan update analysis

### FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Budget and Staff Constraints
- Funding for a Master Plan Update
- Balancing public feedback and expectations against existing resources

### Commissioner Commentary

"Folsom is rapidly gaining state and national attention as a great place to live. This is largely due to the city's parks and recreation system. The planning committee plays a key role contributing to the momentum as our parks, trails and city programs contribute to not only the high quality of life in Folsom but they are also a powerful driver of our local economy."  
- Marina Leight

# 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

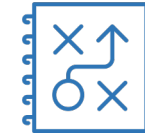
- Staffing levels. With a smaller team of resources dedicated to park maintenance and development, staff is limited in what renovation projects can be completed by city staff. Without staff to work on renovation, the city will have to hire contractors which will increase the cost of the renovation effort.
- 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.

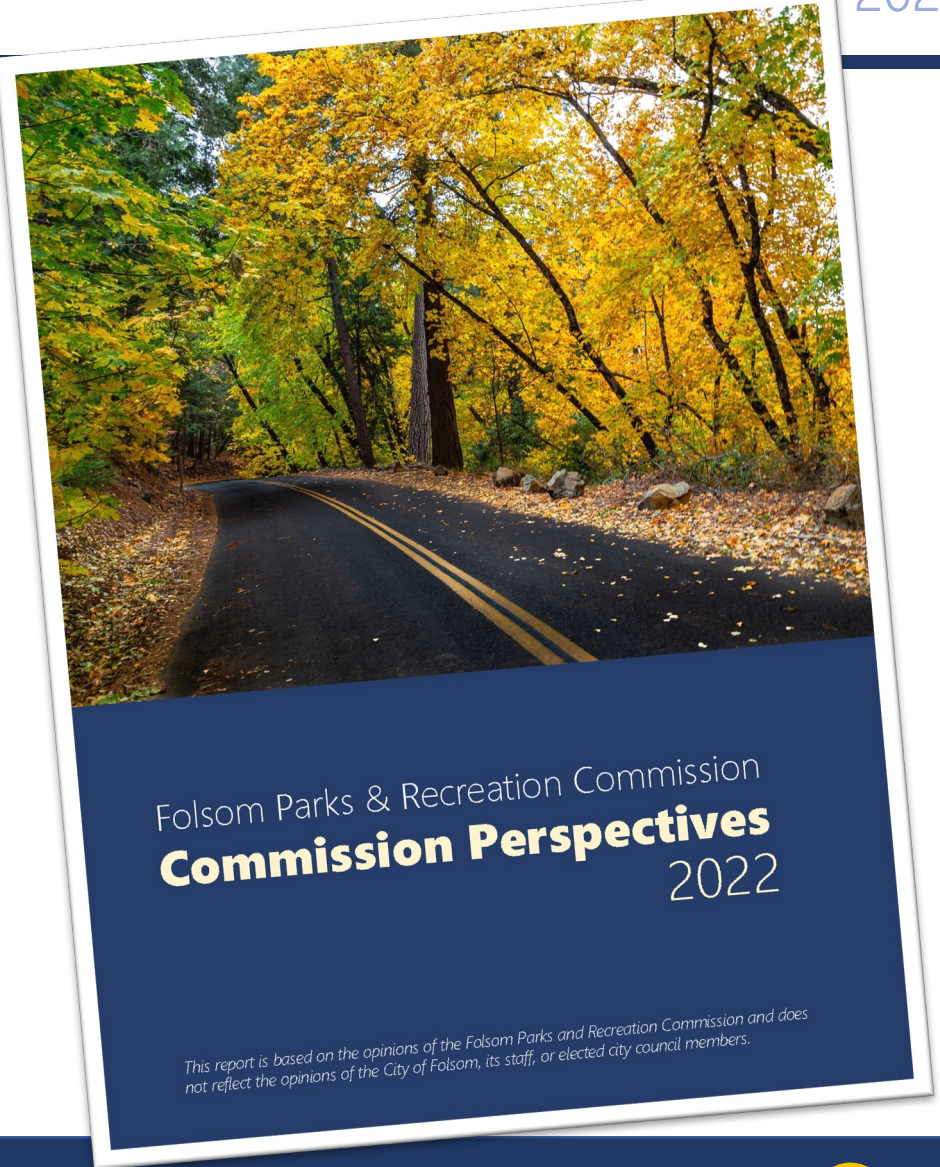
- **Budgetary Considerations**
- **Capital Improvements**
- **Renovation Needs**
- **Maintenance Requirements**
- **Staffing Requirements**

## • **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



# Questions from the City Council

