



**RIVER DISTRICT MASTER PLAN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
February 28, 2024, 6:00 PM
Folsom Community Center, RG Smith Meeting Room
52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Lynne Bailey	Rita Mukerjee Hoffstadt	Krystal Moreno
Jennifer Cabrera	Karen Holmes	Scott Muldavin
Bruce Cline	Lisa Horton	Brian Murch
Claudia Cummings	Will Kempton	Mike Reynolds
Brian Dulgar	Jennifer Lane	Edward Roza
Pat Flynn	John Lane	Devin Swartwood
Joe Gagliardi	Barbara Leary	Crystal Tobias
Deborah Grassl	Jim Lofgren	Srinivas Yanaparti

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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INFORMATION ITEMS – 10 min

1. CAC Meeting Notes from the January 24, 2024 meeting (included with agenda along with the three refined Corporation Yard conceptual land use plans discussed by the CAC)
2. Email communication received by the City from residents and interested parties (included with the agenda).
3. River District Organizing Committee summary recommendations (included with the agenda).

GROUP DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

4. RRM Design Group will prepare and present for discussion a synthesis of the comments received from the Social Pinpoint public engagement platform regarding the public's interests and concerns within the River District – 30 min.
5. RRM Design Group will prepare and present for discussion, based on CAC comments, a refinement of the preferred Corporation Yard general land use plan concept – 30 min.
6. RRM Design Group will prepare and present alternatives, representing a synthesis of CAC Rodeo Park conceptual land use plans completed at the January 24th meeting (included with the agenda) – 30 min.
7. CAC discussion with RRM Design Group regarding recommendations for design/planning work on the "Key Sites" as defined in RRM's scope of work – 15 min.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 6:00 pm; Folsom Community Center, RG Smith Room

ADJOURNMENT

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**RIVER DISTRICT MASTER PLAN
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
January 24, 2024, 6:00 PM
Folsom Community Center, RG Smith Meeting Room
52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Lynne Bailey	Rita Mukerjee Hoffstadt	Krystal Moreno
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CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Lynne Bailey, Jennifer Cabrera, Bruce Cline, Pat Flynn, Joe Gagliardi, Deborah Grassl, Rita Mukerjee Hoffstadt, Karen Holmes, Lisa Horton, Will Kempton, Jennifer Lane, John Lane, Barbara Leary, Scott Muldavin, Mike Reynolds, Devin Swartwood, Crystal Tobias

Absent: Claudia Cummings, Brian Dulgar, Jim Lofgren, Krystal Moreno, Brian Murch, Edward Roza, Srinivas Yanaparti

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1. Jim Michaeals discussed that the State Parks Master Plan accounts for potential change of use, and that State Parks will work with the City on updating the necessary trail connections. Also mentioned that the actual location of the original Black Miner's Bar is on the Corp Yard side and offered maps to show location. He also emphasized that State Parks controls/operates the waterfront and the City will need to work with them.
2. John Shaw (Sutter Street resident adjacent to Rodeo Park) spoke to the committee about ideas for the Rodeo Park area. He proposed a walking trail around the outer edge of the property and cleaning up the surrounding trees/landscaping. Suggested making sure it is a community-oriented use to utilize proximity to both the River District and City Hall/Library/Zoo area.
3. Sharon Kindel expressed that she wonders whether the number of comments we received accurately reflects the entire City, and she wants to make sure there is adequate time available to gather responses. She also noted that the City needs to ensure transparency on the housing requirements from the State. RRM responded with an update of engagement on the River District Social Pinpoint page since 1/10/24.
 - a. 1,300+ comments have been added
 - b. 800+ unique users engaged
 - c. 160+ unique stakeholders engaged

- d. 100+ took the online survey
- e. 300+ made comments

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CAC Meeting Notes from the January 10, 2024 meeting (included with agenda along with the Corporation Yard conceptual land use plans created by individual CAC work groups)

GROUP DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS – RRM presented a summary and consolidation of all of the CAC’s initial discussion about District opportunities and constraints (attached).

1. RRM Design Group will prepare and present for discussion a synthesis of prior CAC opportunities and constraints issues for the various subareas of the River District identified during prior meetings – 30 min.
 - a. The committee mentioned that there is still a need for the younger demographic to provide input.
 - b. They also discussed prioritizing the final plan into certain ideas or incorporating some kind of timeline for implementation.
2. RRM Design Group will prepare and present for discussion two to three alternatives, representing a synthesis of CAC Corporation Yard conceptual land use plans completed at the January 10th meeting (RRM presentation and graphics included on project webpage) – 45 min.
 - a. The committee discussed how there was a lot in common between the 6 conceptual plans created at the January 10 meeting. Most contained similar ideas/locations for use.
 - b. Option A feedback (overall favorite):
 - i. Good mix of uses; balanced.
 - ii. Green space boundary not needed (already has surrounding trails/State Park area)
 - iii. Keep residential and entertainment aspect.
 - iv. Good transition areas/buffer zones.
 - v. Seems doable in the area.
 - vi. Remove the mixed use- too expensive and not expected to succeed in this location.
 - vii. Create conference center/restaurant area (like Asilomar).
 - c. Option B feedback:
 - i. Commercial will struggle there- lack of demand accessibility.
 - ii. Potential traffic/circulation issues on Forest St.
 - iii. Mixed use expected to struggle in this location.
 - d. Option C feedback:
 - i. Interesting concept but concerned about operational cost vs revenue generation.

WORK GROUP ACTIVITY/DISCUSSION

1. Interactive discussion and identification of potential Rodeo Arena and surrounding area assets, areas of unique opportunities to meet the intent of the General Plan, as well as district elements such as hazards and potential constraints, cultural and environmental resources, adjacent residential areas, and nearby existing uses that will influence reuse ideas for the Rodeo Arena and its surrounding area.
 - a. Group discussion regarding key opportunities and constraints and “general” land use categories and/or facility programming ideas to increase use – 30 min
 - b. Group report back on conceptual plans – 15 min
 - The exhibits on the following pages represent each group's conceptual land use plan. Each group presented their concept to the full Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – 6:00 pm; Folsom Community Center, RG Smith Room

ADJOURNMENT – 8:18 pm

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Information Item #2
River District Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: February 28, 2024

Various Public Comments Received from Website

The following are copies of emails and comments sent to the City through the River District Master Plan website beginning in November 2023. Where questions were asked, responses were sent back and included below (like email, the first message of a conversation is at the bottom). As a reminder, visitors to the River District website are invited to provide their email address to receive project information updates, in particular any information provided to the CAC (agendas, background info, etc.). As of February 12th, we have exactly 150 people on the project Constant Contact project information list.

Michael <[REDACTED]>

To:Robert Goss

Tue 11/21/2023 10:57 AM

Greetings, would like updates on the planning.

Excited to see a good balance of waterfront development, inclusive of historic preservation of Native American Heritage, Leidesdorff Ranch, Historic Gold Mining Town of Negro Bar (Sacramento County Supervisor Meredith Hotel) 1854 Judah Survey Map for Granite City etc...

Federal EO#13985 should stop the need to completely erase all early California Pioneers of Pan African Descent at Negro Bar est. 1848 however it seems doubtful.

2024 Folsom Black History Month looking forward to an aligned presentation making the pie bigger so their will be less problems with an 1844 Pan African land owner and associates having a strategic role.

Michael Harris, Chair
Friends of Historic Negro Bar

[REDACTED]

Michael Harris <[REDACTED]>

To:jim.micheaels@parks.ca.gov;steve.hilton@parks.ca.gov;natalya.sachuk@asm.ca.gov;+10 others

Cc:Daniel P. Ott <daniel_ott@nps.gov>;Elaine Andersen;William Franco III <[REDACTED]>;+1

other

Thu 12/14/2023 10:52 AM





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December 14, 2023

Exciting opportunity for the after-bay between Folsom Dam and Nimbus Dam, called Lake Natoma.

Interesting to call it the River District today and not include authentic American River History (1840-1875) inclusive of Native American, Pan African, Mexican, Hawaiian and European Pioneers.

Extensive sites of "Freedom Seekers" from today's International Underground Railroad Network to Freedom an essential story to reconsider, clearly part of the General Plans 25 years ago.

Interestingly missing aligned with the "need" to distort, destroy and disparage early California Pioneers of Pan African Ancestry in the Gold Fields Era (1840-1875)

Mutually beneficial economic development and historical preservation a 25+ year journey, high culture and generational wealth retention salient as we move forward.

2024 Let's Build Together

2023 Folsom Kwanzaa

2024 Folsom Black History Month

24th Annual, 2024 Folsom Juneteenth Celebration

175th Anniversary of Historic Negro Hill, Mormon Island and Negro Bar - September 2024

Michael Harris

[Redacted]

Gina DeHennis <[Redacted]>

To: Robert Goss

Sat 1/13/2024 11:01 AM

Hello, I can't remember if I've already requested this, but I would like to receive any and all news regarding the river district. I apologize if I'm already on the mailing list. Also, putting in my 2 cents here...I am not in favor of ruining the river by building it up for economic growth. It should stay a natural protected space, not stomped on and trashed by human footprints. Let the Bald Eagles nest there without being disturbed by construction or crowds of people. I've lived here my whole life of 62 years in February. There has got to be a stopping place for all this growth going on in Folsom. When will enough be enough? Do we really need to keep building? Negro Bar, yes I know tyhe name changed, but it will always be Negro Bar to me. Just like Dyke 8 will always be Dyke 8 to me, even though the name changed because a dyke can no longer be called

a dyke, even though that is what it is and always has been. Anyhow...Negro Bar is already there and under utilized. Why do we need to build a second place when the one we have isn't being filled? Leave the river district in a natural state. Don't ruin it. If the city wants to build, improve the new Black Miners Bar. Give it an upgrade to go along with the name change. Bring back that lower parking lot that was closed when the bike trail went in. >>>As for the corp yard, either a nature learning center or plant a native flower garden with trees. Put up signage stating how the city is doing its part to stop global warming by planting native plants and trees to bring back what mother earth needs to survive. I'm hoping you know about this concept because I don't want to sound like some tree hugging hippie. I just want the river to be protected, not paved with parking lots, apartments, hotels, bars, restaurants, retail, and thousands of people. Stop this madness. Sorry to rant. Peace out. lol Thank you Gina

Dan Crandall <[REDACTED]>
To: Robert Goss

Thu 1/18/2024 1:28 PM

Yep, all understood. I'll try to make a meeting and again, I appreciate your time!! I fully recognize the value of a person's time and you've allotted more than I would have expected helping answer my questions. Good Luck on this project! It's an important one in my opinion and a lot of varied perspectives among the public and other primary stakeholders makes for a significant challenge in developing a comprehensive and collaborative plan for the future. Wheres that crystal ball when you need it!

Cheers

Dan

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On Thu, Jan 18, 2024, 10:56 AM Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us> wrote:

I've got a lot of irons in the fire right now Dan, so the work gets done when the calendar is open :o)

We are trying to work with State Parks and BoR. Both are on the Citizens Advisory Committee, though the BoR rep has yet to show up at a meeting. As you know the FLSRA General Plan governs virtually everything that goes on related to the land and water area. That said, the priorities that seem to be emerging from this effort are improved access and trail coordination. Neither of which are counter to State Parks objectives...at least in concept. Site specific issues will of course govern.

Robert

From: Dan Crandall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:43 PM
To: Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us>
Subject: Re: City of Folsom River District master plan.

Thanks Robert! That is some helpful info. I'll attempt to make the next meeting and see about getting a feel for things through that lens as well.

Some interesting ideas in the comments I've read, and some hugely different perspectives represented- as with any project like this. (<

Quite the challenge trying to make this plan with so much of the land in State Park (Bureau of Rec) jurisdiction. Is this plan in some way trying to work directly with State Parks or BOR as well on these ideas and the overall plan??

Thanks again for taking the time to respond. Didn't expect it at this time of the evening! (<

Appreciate it!

Cheers(<

Dan

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:08 PM Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us> wrote:

The effort thus far has been primarily the activities, analysis and ideas coming through the work of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). No firm conclusions, decisions or direction has been established yet. However, I do expect there to be discussion by the Committee at next week's meeting that will begin the process of narrowing the myriad ideas that have been identified thus far. The interactive exercise online will close on Jan 31 and another exercise of narrowing the comments will be undertaken. It's a good time to engage and hear the discussion and process.

If you didn't catch it in the background documents, the direction of the CAC's work is to address the General Plan's objectives of increasing access to the river/lake; increase recreation opportunities; and increase economic development opportunities.

Hope this helps,
Robert

From: Dan Crandall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:27 PM
To: Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us>
Subject: Re: City of Folsom River District master plan.

Thanks Robert, appreciate the get back. I'm interested in getting up to speed on where the project currently sits and what the forward agenda is looking like in terms of priorities and the like. I actually did go to the website and look at the original project timeline as well as looking over the comments on the interactive map before I emailed you. It's less about having a canned set of comments to make regarding kayaking and more about having additional input on and interest in where it goes perhaps. Since my contract there is essentially good for another 9 years and given the changes I have seen on LAke NAToma over the last 33 years, I believe that I have some good insights as well as a vested stakeholder position as it pertains to the potential future of the resource. I think it's great that the City has recognised the value of the natural area right there in the city but I've also seen Folsom grow in some ways out of control over that same time frame. Not that it matters particularly, but I also have a degree in Forestry and Natural Resources from Humboldt State, including urban planning and I have a background in Landscaping design as well, having started and run my own business in that field prior to getting into kayaking.

Is there anywhere that addresses the current status of the project timeline on creating the master plan or any conclusions, decisions or directions that have been determined so far?

Thanks for any potential info and I'll try to do some additional research as well to find answers to my questions. (<

Cheers!
Dan

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 5:53 PM Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us> wrote:

Thanks for reaching out Dan. I'll add your email to our Constant Contact distribution list so you'll receive periodic updates and meeting notifications about the River District Master Plan. The project website is [here](#).

The next meeting of our Citizens Advisory Committee is January 24th at 6:00 pm, in the RG Smith meeting room of the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street in Folsom. The agenda has a placeholder for "Business from the Floor." When the chairperson calls this item, anyone from the public can address the Committee on any item not already covered on the agenda. We have our agenda set for next week, but you can certainly address the Committee about kayaking issues if you'd like.

Best regards,
Robert

From: Dan Crandall [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 3:52 PM
To: Robert Goss <rgoss@folsom.ca.us>; Christine Brainerd <cbrainerd@folsom.ca.us>
Subject: City of Folsom River District master plan.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Dan Crandall, and I've been teaching kayaking on Lake Natoma for 33 years. I currently (as of October 2022) hold the concession contract for Black Miner's Bar kayak and SUP rentals through California State Parks.

I own and operate Current Adventures Kayak School and The River Store in Lotus, California. I have also been heavily involved in putting on local kayak and canoe races and Paddlesport events on Lake Natoma over the last 33 years as well as training people for and racing in Eppies Great Race (now Great American Triathlon).

I just was sent a link to the City's River District Master Plan project. Looks like this has been going on for some time, but I would be interested in being involved in the discussion from the perspective of a long-time kayaker/instructor/businessman oriented specifically to this area.

I can be reached via this email ([REDACTED]) or by cell phone - [REDACTED]

Cheers!

Dan

Dan Crandall - owner

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From: Robert Goss
To: Gina DeHennis <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/22/2024 12:32 PM

Hi Gina,

I would be happy to answer your email in writing, but I sense you would likely have additional questions. Would you care to have a phone conversation? I would be happy to, and I know that I can talk faster than I can type so you could have far more questions asked and answered in less time. If you would prefer the answers in an email, that's fine too. Just let me know.

If you'd like to chat, please call me at the number below. If I miss your call, leave a brief message and I'll call you back as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Robert Goss
River District Project Manager

[REDACTED]
Gina DeHennis <[REDACTED]>
To:Robert Goss

Sat 1/20/2024 11:06 AM

Hello and thank you for your time, I have a few questions about the river plans. 1. Who will be the final decision maker? City Council? Votes from the public? 2. The last mayor, Rosario, implied, and I have seen maps in The Telegraph which states the river plan extends to Willow Creek. Is that true or possible in the future? 3. Is State Parks preserving their property and making it untouchable to development? 4. Is state Parks giving any input on what is being planned and whether those plans will adversely affect their property and the animals/habitat/river? I tried "make your choices on the map". Not being computer savvy, it was difficult and not enough direction (for me).I've seen the hand drawn maps by the committee, but they're vague and hard to read. Back to question 1...Does this committee have final say or does the council just consider what they suggest? I have heard from so many residents that they are unaware of the river district and that it's being developed, or other plans such as the business district plans and sidewalk from Sutter to Sutter (street and school). I'm curious if the people actually have a voice in decisions or, as some have said, have the plans already been made by the City Council? If the people's opinion is wanted, couldn't this info go into the water/garbage bill? That would be a good way to get the news to everyone. The telegraph used to be available in most local stores, so that was a good source for the public, but It has been gone for months. Sorry to have bothered you with all this. Born and raised Folsom girl 62 years in Feb. Avid nature lover and environmental enthusiast, hater of development (sorry, I know that's your job. It's not personal against you) Of course us old timers don't want our precious natural river and land changed for hotels/apts, parking lots, with noise and crowds of people destroying such a natural beauty. Thanks again and I hope you will answer my questions. PS I know I don't write in good/proper form.I write like I'm having a conversation. Have a great week, Gina

From:Robert Goss
To:[REDACTED]

Sat 1/27/2024 5:14 PM

Jen,
The city received your comment and concern about the Lake Natoma Bald Eagles. We agree!

Thank you for connecting with us.

Robert Goss
Project Manager

From: City of Folsom - Website Admin <webmaster@folsom.ca.us>

Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 6:20:54 PM

To: Webmaster <Webmaster@folsom.ca.us>

Subject: Feedback for Folsom, CA

You have received this feedback from Jen Smith <[REDACTED]> for the following page:

<https://www.folsom.ca.us/government/community-development/planning-services/river-district-master-plan>

We are concerned about how the Bald Eagle habitat, around Lake Natoma, is being considered in the midst of all of this. For many decades the Bald Eagles had left the area because of humans taking over their

habitat, during gold dredging activities came close to both sides of the river. Let's be careful to not chase them out again, when they have just recently returned.

Michael Harris <[REDACTED]>

To: Karen Shaffer <[REDACTED]>; Jim Cassio <[REDACTED]>; +16 others

Sat 1/27/2024 10:13 PM



Exciting opportunity to bring multiple agencies and organizations together on one page, again.

Michael Harris, Co-Chair
24th Annual, Folsom Juneteenth

From: City of Folsom - Website Admin <webmaster@folsom.ca.us>

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 10:17 AM

To: Webmaster <Webmaster@folsom.ca.us>

Subject: Feedback for Folsom, CA

You have received this feedback from Warren Truitt <[REDACTED]> for the following page:

<https://www.folsom.ca.us/government/community-development/planning-services/river-district-master-plan>

I do not support any River District development on Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) owned & CA State Parks managed, lands, other than projects proposed by & approved by these two government organizations. To me, the River District proposals on land not owned by the City of Folsom are specifically intended to enhance economic development for the city. It is interesting that Folsom does not acknowledge that users of Lake Natoma come from all over the County & beyond. The latter's interests and voices are not being sought. Keep the Lake Natoma area the way it is, a beloved recreational & nature specific asset.

Robert Goss

To: Judy [REDACTED]

Thu 2/8/2024 4:50 PM

Good afternoon Judy,

I received your email regarding the city's River District Master Plan effort. I will forward your comments to the Folsom City Council-appointed Citizens Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

Robert Goss

Project Manager

Judy <[REDACTED]>

To: Robert Goss

Sun 2/4/2024 5:43 PM

CITY OF FOLSOM RIVER DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

Date: February 4, 2024

To: City's Project Manager rgoss@Folsom.ca.us

From: Judy Jennings, resident and admirer of the current park and lakes

My statements below are regarding the park areas around Lake Natoma.

I use the trails with crushed granite to run/walk and the bike path to ride my bike. The crushed granite is better on our joints for running and walking. Please do not put in any more asphalt and never cement. We also enjoy the lake for kayaking.

Your proposed plan had some areas such as:

- 1) Increase public access river: I vote a big no! Do you think people need more access? Not true. We are lucky to get one more paddleboard in the lake during the summer. More people means more peeing/pooping in the water, throwing garbage around, and playing their particular music too loud without regard for others who may have their own music or maybe enjoy the sound of the birds. No more access! I have not seen enforcement of the loud music near or on the water.
- 2) Increase recreation: Once again, there is plenty of recreation. No more or the area will be spoiled.
- 3) Economic development: How can we have economic development near the lake and keep the beauty?
- 4) Protect the environment: Isn't this an oxymoron. To protect the environment is to not increase public access, not increase the recreation, and especially no economic development. All of 1, 2, and 3 will ruin the environment.

I feel the lake and park trails around the lake already offer “exciting opportunities”. Let’s not get more exciting.

Currently, we have a few poor dog owners who let their dogs run loose and defecate wherever. Just this week I went for a lovely run and a Doberman pincher rushed toward me as the owner was slow to react and call the dog. Where is the leach??? These people never get caught since the leach is in their hand. If you want to make an improvement, enforce the leach law. Kids are always cutting holes in the fence and walking along the cliff edge on the Orangevale side of Lake Natoma. I am surprised someone hasn’t fallen off the cliff that I know of.

The park rangers do an excellent job with public contact and keeping people from creating a home on the park lands. I sincerely appreciate them. If you are looking to spend money, get more park rangers.

Electric bikes: We need some park laws. The electric bikes are around 50-70 pounds vs a regular mountain bike around 35-40 pounds. If an electric bike runs into a mountain/road bike or person, it could be fatal. These new “cyclists” don’t know they have the same rules as a car. Stay on the right. Stop at stop signs and red lights. Watch for pedestrians. Signal when turning. Don’t go over ? MPH. These people scare me.

We live on the bluff. We have seen it all. Motorcycles on the park rough trails. Motorized scooters. Motorized bikes (home style). I have even seen a small car drive fast on the paved bike trail. Kids building fires. Kids blowing fireworks. Five dogs running loose.

Changes are not always improvements.

Keep our park natural and do not encourage more people.

Most of us love our park the way it is.

Please share this correspondence with the committee to review the River District Master Plan.

Thank you.

From: Judy D. Jennings

Michael Harris <[REDACTED]>
To: Judy Collinsworth <[REDACTED]>; Jim Cassio <[REDACTED]>; +19 others
Sat 2/10/2024 11:00 AM





Great meeting with CA Parks Superintendent Steve Hilton and ongoing dialogue towards seamless, aligned, cooperative works along today's Lake Natoma Waterfront.

Happy Chinese New Year of the Dragon

Give thanks to my ole friends George Chan, Jr., and Chuck Caine's they are is smiling down from above.

Michael

Save the Dates:

Friday, February 16, 2024
Black Miners Bar

"Black History Month" <https://resources.ca.gov/blackhistorymonth>

Thursday, February 29, 2024
The Fat Rabbit Pub House Courtyard

"2024 Folsom Black History Month – Food, Chocolate and Wine Reception - Folsom Times"
<https://folsomtimes.com/event/2024-folsom-black-history-month-food-chocolate-and-wine-reception-2/>



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February 15, 2024

John Lane, Chair
River District Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee

The River District Organizing Committee appreciates your response to our letter of January 17, 2024 requesting consideration of the community input contained in the August 2018 Folsom River District Visioning Community Outreach Report as part of the current River District Master Plan Process.

In your response, you conclude that our request is contrary to the City Council's direction by allowing for the consideration of additional community input at this stage of the process. Aside from impacts to the project schedule, we fail to understand how allowing additional stakeholder input opens a different process than directed by the Council. Collecting community input is a key purpose of this exercise, and the Organizing Committee would have no objection to considering additional input from other stakeholders as well. In our view, we are not asking for special treatment, as all public input should be considered.

While you have asked us to provide a summary of the three highest priority ideas/recommendations from the Outreach Report that are consistent with primary General Plan objectives (a limitation not applied to input from other stakeholders), our biggest concern is that a significant amount previous public input will not be taken into account in the development of recommendations to the City Council for the River District Master Plan.

You have also asked for an explanation as to why the Organizing Committee has identified different boundaries for the River District than those incorporated in the General Plan. These issues are discussed below.

Highest Priority Ideas/Recommendations

Most of the community support of potential amenities identified in the Outreach Report is consistent with the primary General Plan objectives you enumerated in your response letter. However, it is difficult to categorize preferences for the number of specific amenities discussed in the Report, and nearly all of the amenities suggested by workshop participants involve improved public access for both trails and the waterfront. Aside from virtual unanimous support



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for greater access throughout the district, this response will focus on three general preferred categories of proposed amenities:

1. Natural Resources, History, Culture, Education. There was a significant amount of interest in some type of museum, visitor center and/or a nature center and historical/cultural center at several locations in the district, including a small amphitheater. These amenities were highly desired by the community, particularly at the Corporation Yard, the Powerhouse and the South Shore entrance near Folsom Boulevard and Highway 50.
2. Recreational Uses/Activities. Expanding recreation opportunities was also well-supported by public participants. Suggested features included picnic and play areas, improvements and expansion of bike and walking trails, additional water access from Old Town and the Corporation Yard, and the addition of a boathouse at the northern end of Lake Natoma. While not mentioned in the Outreach Report, a boathouse should include a rescue facility to respond to emergency situations on the northern Lake and River.
3. Development Uses. Limited opportunities for economic development in and near the River District area were also favored by a large number of workshop participants, including farm-to-fork food and concessions, connecting to and enhancing the City's Historic District, and, where appropriate, certain commercial uses located in the Corporation Yard or near Nimbus Flat and the Auto Mall Site.

The Community input contained in the Outreach Report also focused on opportunities to partner with State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation on projects of mutual interest, consistent with plans and policies of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area General Plan/Resource Management Plan.

While not doing justice to the many observations and input from the public involved in the Community Outreach process, the above major categories do provide a brief summary of three higher-priority ideas and recommendations from the report, consistent with primary General Plan objectives. Despite the summary outlined above, the Organizing Committee continues to strongly support consideration of the full report in the development of River District Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations to the City Council.

River District Boundary Adjustment

Section 3.2 of the Community Outreach Report expands upon the Folsom River District Boundary identified in the General Plan 2035. The Outreach Report includes Folsom Prison in the event that land is not needed by the State in the future. Incorporation into the River District could strengthen the City's position in terms of any ultimate land use determination for that



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property. The report also includes the area around Folsom Junction and Kikkoman Foods north of Willow Creek, a portion of which has historical significance and could serve as a gateway site into the City for visitors and residents traveling north on Folsom Boulevard from Highway 50. Finally, the boundary proposed in the Report includes the City-owned Natoma Ground Sluice Diggings (better known as the Chinese Diggings) site, another opportunity for the preservation of a historical location in Folsom.

The boundaries identified in the Outreach Report were drawn to include public (not necessarily owned by the Bureau of Reclamation or State Parks) as well as private property. The reasoning was that increased access to the waterfront resulting from the implementation of a River District Master Plan could provide opportunities for complimentary economic development land uses at those locations. It can be seen in various other communities that these adjacent lands often attract uses of businesses that enhance the experience along the waterfront.

Again, while the Organizing Committee is disappointed that the full Folsom River District Visioning Community Outreach Report will not be included as public input for the development of recommendations guiding the formulation of the City's River District Master Plan, we do appreciate the opportunity to provide summary input and will continue to work within the Master Plan development process going forward and to foster the implementation of a River District in the City of Folsom.

Please contact the Organizing Committee if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Member, River District Citizens Advisory Committee

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Robert Goss, Project Manger

STATE PARKS

N Granite

Cash Trail

Sutter St

2002

RIVER DISTRICT BOUNDARY

Source: Google Earth

Trails around

WATER
AND
(SOME FIELDS)
RESOURCES
etc

RECREATION
TRAIL
MOUNTAIN
(SOME TRAILS)
AND
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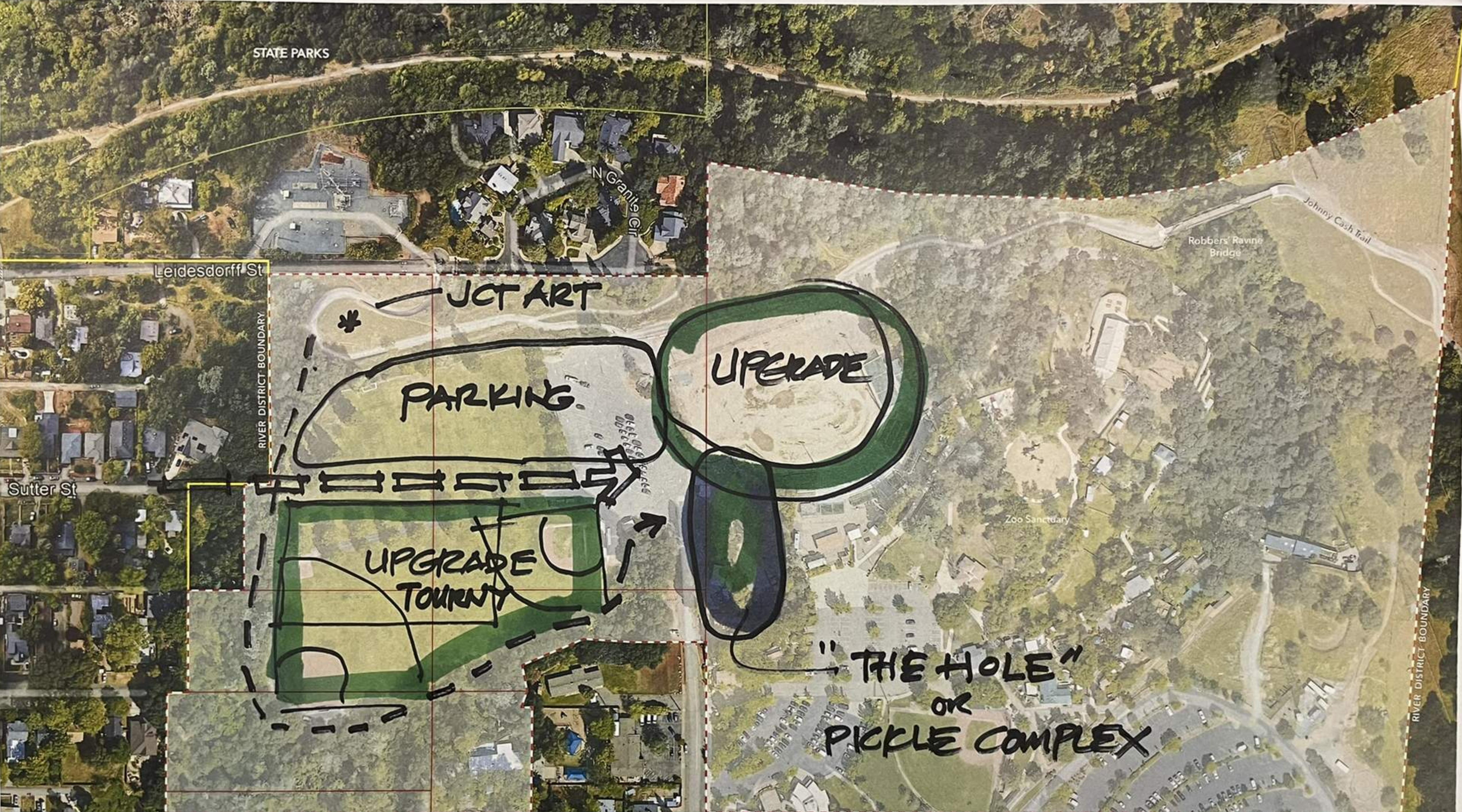
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Rodeo Park Area





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RIVER DISTRICT BOUNDARY

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Robbers' Ravine Bridge

Johnny Cash Trail

Zoo Sanctuary

RIVER DISTRICT BOUNDARY

JCT ART

PARKING

UPGRADE

UPGRADE
TOURNEY

"THE HOLE"
OR
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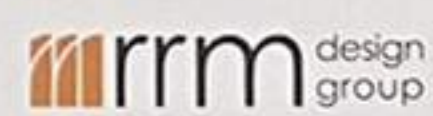
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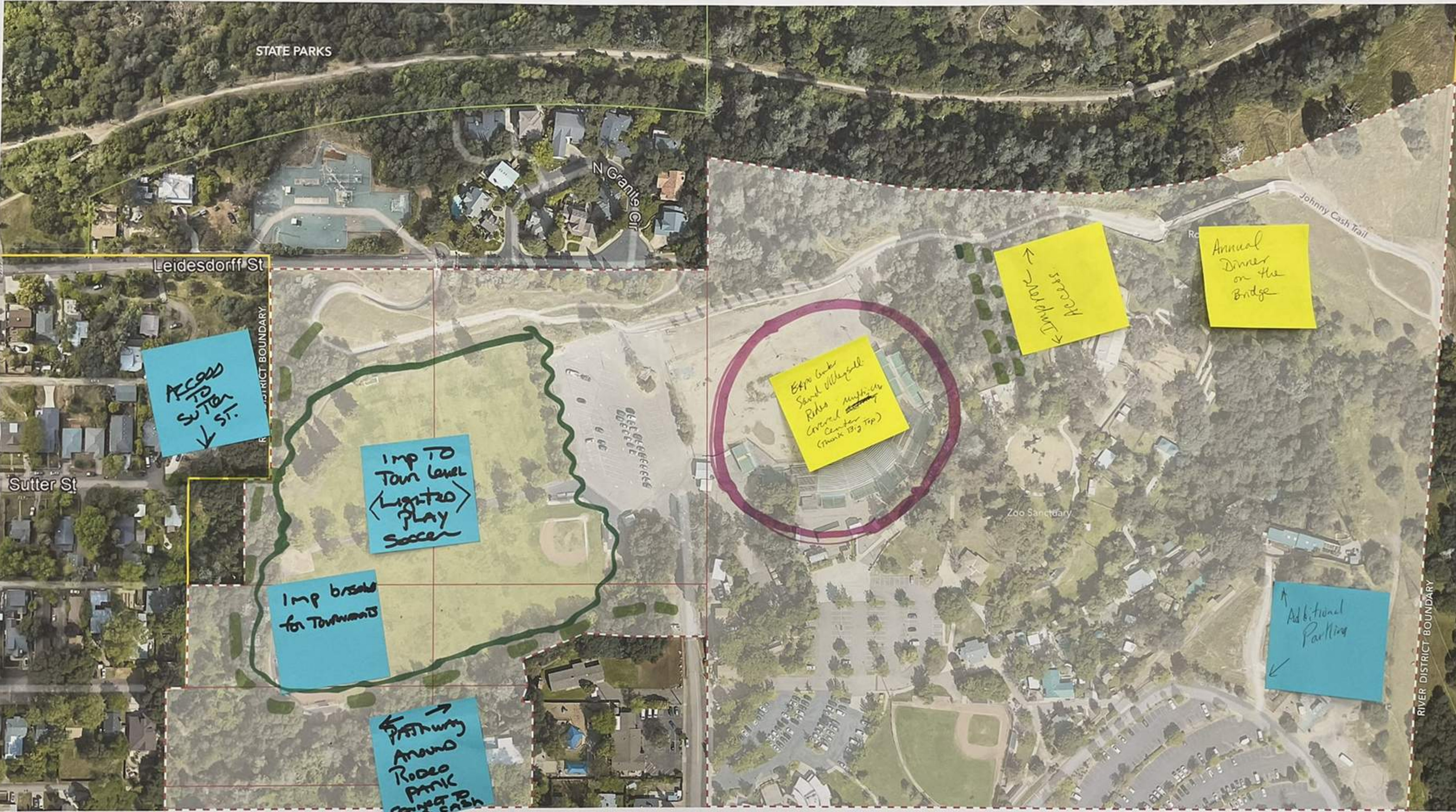


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