On The Trail

The Newsletter of the Friends of Folsom Parkways

June 2022

The picture above was taken on May 29, 2012. The one below was taken on May 29, 2022. Ten years apart, yet they look almost identical despite all of the home building activity that has gone on in the Empire Ranch area of Folsom. Nice to see the trails still provide the beauty and relief of nature right in our own backyard. One of the many goals of the Friends of Folsom Parkways is to be sure that this kind of viewshed criteria is maintained in the Folsom Ranch area.

The Next Meeting...

The next regular Friends of Folsom Parkways meeting will be held on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in The Parkway at Folsom Owners' Association Building, 1455 Willow Bend Road, Folsom.

To get to this meeting take Blue Ravine east, past Oak Avenue Parkway to Parkway Drive. Make a right turn on to Parkway Drive. Go one block and turn left on to Willow Bend Road. The club house is immediately on the right.

Our Vision

Our vision is to promote the usage, preservation and development of parkways within the City of Folsom.

Our Mission

Our mission is to make the citizens of Folsom aware of the parkways, raise funds for parkway development, work to educate the community on parkway issues, work to influence development proposals to the benefit of the parkways, and work to identify areas of Folsom worthy of inclusion in the parkway system.

Look for us on Facebook, on Meetup, and at our web site
http://www.enjoyfolsomtrails.org/

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NEWS BITS

Gifts That Give Back

Commemorative Johnny Cash Trail items make great gifts, whether you're looking to top off a special gift or wow the recipient with a one-of-a-kind item – or treat yourself! Johnny Cash Trail branded items for sale include mouse pads and medals, marble coasters, tote bags, shirts, cycling jerseys and shorts.

A limited-edition "JCASH50" California legacy license plate is also available, beautifully framed with a photo of Johnny Cash standing in front of Folsom Prison's east gate in 1968 – the year of his famed live performance for an inmate audience – and an engraved silver plate of commemoration. Only 100 of these special license plates were made in honor of the 50th anniversary of Cash's performance at Folsom State Prison.

Find samples and purchase any of these unique items at the Folsom Senior and Art Center, 48 Natoma Street; open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The framed license plates may also be purchased online; find details and more information about the trail at www.FolsomCashArtTrail.com.

All proceeds from these items benefit the Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience, and are specifically earmarked for "Cash's Pick" – two 7-foot-tall bronze guitar picks that will anchor each end of the trail.

Friends of Folsom Parkways Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2022

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lynn LePage at 7:05

PRESENT

Jim Kirstein, Lynn LePage, James Ramstad, Carol Ramstad, Eric James, Mary James, Jan O'Brien, Jay O'Brien, Kimmie Boyle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Ramstad made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as they were printed in the newsletter. Jim Kirstein seconded the motion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lynn Lepage reported on Folsom Ranch. A lot of building going on at Folsom Ranch. Contractors broke ground on the Mercy Hospital Complex. The contractors at Folsom Ranch have really stepped up and are building trails to being reimbursed later.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Ramstad provided a printed report to those present and discussed it

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt a Creek & Trail:

Nothing to report

Folsom Urban Forestry:

Hinkle Creek/Lake Natoma Visitor Center was granted a donation to develop an education program. They walked the Johnny Cash bridge to develop a vegetation abatement program.

Kimmie Boyle is working on an outreach program for Sacramento Tree Foundation. This will involve setting up a booth at the Mercy Hospital Farmers Market May 19th and June 9.

Also, a booth will be set up at the Historic District Farmers market on June 25. Lynn LePage asked for volunteers for working the booths.

In July Kimmie and Aimee will have a Tree Care and Pruning Event at Economy Park.

Grant Research:

Nothing to report

Membership:

Eric states we have 19 new memberships for 2022.

Parkways South of 50:

Lynn stated Folsom Ranch continues to grow with multiple builders. We have to ensure the planned trails are graded by these builders.

Publicity:

Nothing to report

Trails:

Brett provided a trails report that is reprinted on the next page.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 FOFP Strategic Plan Review was discussed and .Lynn will have an action plan to present soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Lepage asked the board for an allotment of $500 for flyers. Claudia Goss will work on flyers for the marketing aspect of FOFP. Jim Ramstad made a motion for the allotment of $500 for flyers. Jim Kirstein seconded it.

BOARD MEMBER COMMMENTS:

No comments

CALENDAR

Next meeting is June 9, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Carol Ramstad, Secretary

City of Folsom April 2022 Trails Report

Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Update:

Draft ATP comments period ended April 24th

Presented the Draft ATP at:

Traffic Safety Committee 3/24
Parks Commission 4/5
Planning Commission 4/6
City Council 4/12

Final ATP Timeline:

Parks Commission Adoption Recommendation 6/7
City Council Adoption 6/14
Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail:
Working on ATP Cycle 6 application, due June 2022

Brett will work with Jim to draft a FOFP Letter of Support. Existing design contract only gets project to 30% complete plans. Need approx. $1.5 – 2 million for fully funded construction of project.

FPA Mangini Ranch Trails:
Consultant is gathering all approved plan sets to begin the design process for the trails. Working internally to secure construction funding via FPA impact fees for FY 22/23 budget

Trail Naming/Wayfinding:
Internally working on naming the proposed trails in the FPA and north of Highway 50.
Jim Kirstein provided a trail naming document that was done 10+ years ago for the trails north of Hwy 50. Well done.
Also, looking for funding to conduct a wayfinding program for all our active transportation facilities.

Trails Day:
Approximately 60 volunteers worked on repairing the edges of a section of the Oak Parkway Trail and removed tree cages and supports for established trees in the Parkway Open Space. A group of about 20 teens and 5 coach/parents from Vista De Lago High School Mountain Bike Team were part of the volunteer group.

Brett Bollinger

A busy Robber's Ravine bridge on a nice weekday morning.

Dick Merz — One of FOFP 's Founding Fathers

The Friends of Folsom Parkways (FOFP) has developed many first over the last 30 years of advocating for the Parkways! trails and open space in Folsom. In recent newsletter we looked back at Ed Pegram's leadership in developing the first mile of trails in Folsom as an active board member of the FOFP. Next, we recognized Bill Parker of the Parker Development for his boldness in being the first developer to embrace the design guidelines the FOFP had been lobbing and advocating for. Being fully committed to the design standard Bill Parker chose to name his new housing development the "Parkway".

This month we would like to shine a light on Dick Merz, FOFP's first President. Dick's leadership and vision set the foundation for the FOFP's accomplishment over the last 30 years.

Dick grew up in Auburn, CA. Born July 4, 1930, Dick was a descendent of gold rush pioneers in Place and El Dorado counties. His ties to these counties lead Disk to always ask in our trail planning guideline's "where are we going to connect to our neighboring communities?" Dick never wanted to lose focus with our reginal partners.

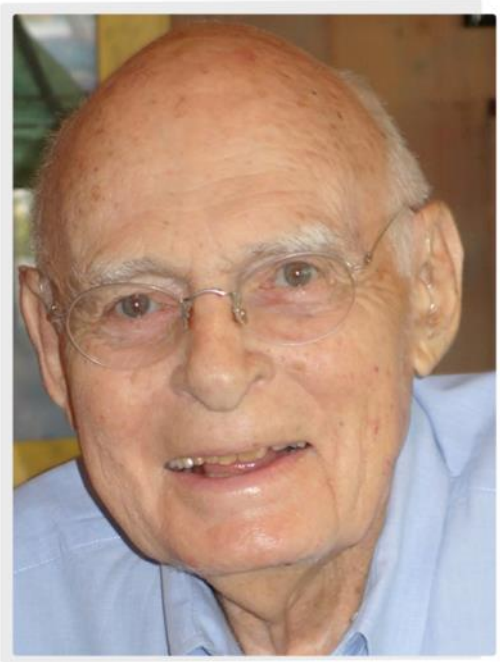
After attending local schools in Auburn, Dick entered the US Air Force in 1950 during the Korean War. Upon his return to the U.S. Dick chose to make Folsom His home in 1954. Dick strengthened his leadership skills by being activity involved in many civic organizations and causes. Several of these groups, including FOFP, he was the founder of. Dick gave over 50 years of volunteering with the Folsom Host Lions Club where he helped develop a partnership with Folsom Prison in having inmates learn how to transcribe books into brail for the visually impaired. He served as president of the Northern California Lions Sight Association. Additionally, he served as commissioner of the first Library Commission, and was a commissioner of the Sacramento Municipal Arts Commission. Dick served as president of the Folsom Library foundation, the Muer House Foundation and Sons in Retirement (SIR's) and was an active member for over 30 years.

Dick served on many City of Folsom committees which further strengthen his impact on the community through the increased insight and building of relationships. A few of these City Committees where: Folsom General Plan, Humbug Willow Creek Guidelines, Lembi Park Aquatic Expansion Committee, and the Citizens Advisory Committee for the City Charter.

Loving the Arts and Music, Dick was a founding member of the Folsom Concert Association that was birthed around Dick's kitchen table in 1994. This led Dick to have an opportunity to provide input in the design of 3 Stages (now called the Harris Center) at Folsom Lake College.

Our community is so much richer due to Dick's leadership, wisdom, and involvement. However, Dick was first a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great, great grandfather. Thanks for sharing Dick with Folsom.

Dick began as the Friends of Folsom Parkways first president and remained an active board member right up to his passing on December 15th, 2019.



CALENDAR

June 9	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**
July 14	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**
August 11	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**

Membership Form

I would like to become a new member of Friends of Folsom Parkways or renew my membership for 2022. My yearly membership fee of $15.00 individual / $20.00 family is enclosed made out to: **Friends of Folsom Parkways**. Send to Friends of Folsom Parkways, P. O. Box 1501, Folsom, CA 95763-1501
or go to http://www.enjoyfolsomtrails.org/ to join.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Telephone:_____ Evening Telephone: _____

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Circle the activities you are interested in helping with:

TRAIL WALKS	TREE PLANTING	ADOPT-A-CREEK/TRAIL	PROJECT REVIEW
TRAILS	FUND RAISING	MEMBERSHIP	WILDLIFE HABITAT
FUN RUN	TRAIL DAY	BIKE PATHS	FINDING SPONSORS