Trails Report

Oak Parkway Trail Undercrossing

Project Description: Construction of a bike/pedestrian undercrossing at East Natoma Street to connect the Oak Parkway Trail with the Johnny Cash Trail. The undercrossing is estimated to be 68-feet in length and 12-feet high by 16-feet wide. The approach ramps will total approximately 600-liner feet. Project requires extensive coordination with affected utilities.

Recent Activity: Contractor completed lowering of half the undercrossing tunnel, in eight separate pieces, into place. Tunnel construction went smoothly with minimal impact to the public using Natoma Street. Backfilling is now underway during breaks in the weather.

Lake Natoma Trail Gap Closure Project

Project Description: Construct approximately 2,500 linear feet of Class IV Bikeway along the north side of Leidesdorff and Riley Streets between the Leidesdorff Lid and Scott/Riley Street intersection. Project also includes landscaping/irrigation and new sidewalks. This trail segment fills the last gap in the Lake Natoma Trail, providing a continuous trail around Lake Natoma.

Recent Activity: Additional improvements for visibility and safety have been implemented, such as painted white curbs at intersections for pedestrian visibility at night.

Willow Hill Multi-Use Trail (Hwy 50) Project

Project Description: Project includes constructing approximately 1.5 miles of 6-foot wide natural surface multi-use trail. Included with the project is a 60-foot long pedestrian bridge to cross a small drainage and installing an irrigation system and planting native trees along the trail. Trail starts at our very popular Willow Hill Reservoir Park, adjacent to the Folsom High School campus and along the way connects with several large employers, including Kaiser Permanente, Micron, Safeco Credit Union, REI and the trail terminates into a major retail center with numerous restaurants and major retailers.

Recent Activity: CCC returned to work on the trail. Completed approximately 90% of the trail and will be returning in early March to complete the remaining trail and to address identified trail patch work.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Active Transportation Master Plan (ATP): Will replace the 2007 Bikeway Master Plan. The ATP will include an evaluation of both pedestrian and bicycle amenities city-wide. With Public Works as a partner, working on securing budget money in early 2019 with the expectation of having a consultant on board to start work on the ATP at the start of the next fiscal year (July 2019).

Brett Bollinger

Folsom Celebrates Bridge Anniversaries

2019 is a big year for Folsom Bridges. First Folsom celebrates the 100th anniversary of the iconic Rainbow Bridge that opened on February 10, 1919.

The other bridge that is having its ten-year anniversary this year is the Folsom Lake Crossing Bridge, which opened on March 28, 2009. The Folsom Lake Crossing Bridge was built to reduce the traffic over the Rainbow Bridge due to the closure of the road over Folsom Dam. It also has an on-street bicycle lane plus a separate bike and pedestrian trail.

The Next Meeting...

The next regular Friends of Folsom Parkways meeting will be held on **March 14th** 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 stocking 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 day 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 Board Meeting Minutes

February 14 , 2019

OPENING

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Kirstein at 7:05pm. Jim asked our guest and City Arborist Aimee Nunez to introduce herself which she did and she was welcomed by the members present. Jim then called for a round table introduction.

PRESENT

Aimee Nunez, Eric James, Shirl Merz, Dick Merz, Glenn Hermanson, Jacob Cox, Paul Keller, Maynard Johnston, Don Rose, Jay O'Brien, Jan O'Brien, Jim & Carol Ramstad, Steven Zawid, Y K Chalamcherla, Jim Kirstein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dick Merz moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Eric James, motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim reported checking on the trails after the big storm and said so far so good that he found no trees down. He still continues to be amazed at the number of users that he encounters on the trails as he travels them himself and says he is hearing good comments on the new trail in the historic district.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Ramstad provided a written report to all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt a Creek & Trail: Glenn Hermanson gave a quick report on Creek Week.

Folsom Urban Forestry: Jim announced that he had asked Aimee Nunez to be our new Folsom Urban Forestry Chairperson and she said yes.

Membership: Eric James gave a short report.

Parkways South of 50: Jim reported in Lynn's absence that there was some concern about a new senior gated community that will be going in right next to the trails, but it turns out that the developer is in favor of the trails so there will be no problem there.

Trails: President Jim passed around copies of a Trails report from Brett Bollinger.

NEW BUSINESS

Trails Day & Arbor Day: Aimee Nunez gave us a report on projects that may be worked on.

CALENDAR

FOFP meeting March 14
FOFP meeting April 11
Trails Day & Creek Week April 13

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jan O'Brien, Secretary

Membership Renewal

The Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose 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, work to sustain the parkways, and work to identify areas of Folsom worthy of inclusion in the parkway system.

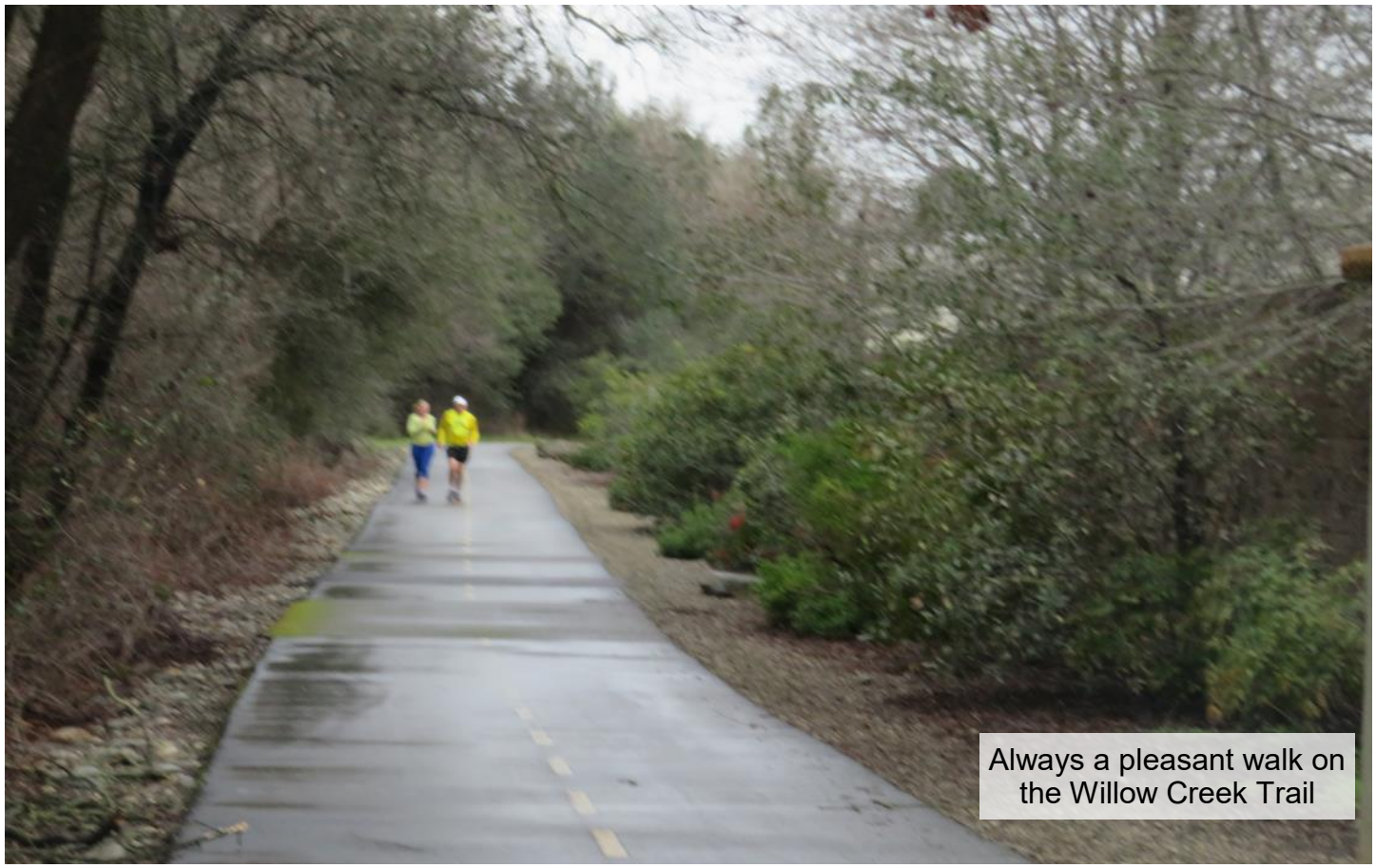
The Friends of Folsom Parkways was created 28 years ago, to serve as a steward of the parkways in Folsom. Over the years, the Friends has helped in determining areas to be included in the parkway system, provided financial assistance to improve the parkway, and worked with over 2,000 volunteers installing trails, planting trees, building bridges, removing invasive plants, and other trail improvement efforts. With the development of the south of 50 area of the city things are about to get really interesting and we need you! We need your support. This is the time of the year to renew your membership. It is easy to do, just fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to Friends of Folsom Parkways, P. O. Box 1501, Folsom, CA 95763-1501 or go online to our web site http://www.enjoyfolsomtrails.org and click on the "Join Us" tab.

The Friends encourage our members to connect to the parkway in many ways; as an advocate, a volunteer, a sponsor, a trail steward and/or a donor. Membership in the Friends runs from January through December.

One of two newly resurfaced bridges on the Willow Creek Trail

Always a pleasant walk on the Johnny Cash Trail

Winter Trail Pictures



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One of the many bridges on the Willow Creek Trail

CALENDAR

Mar 14	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**
Apr 11	**FOFP Monthly Meeting**
Apr 13	**Trails Day and Creek Week**

Membership Form

I would like to renew my membership or become a new member of Friends of Folsom Parkways for 2019. 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
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Name: _____

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Circle the activities you are interested in helping with:

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TRAILS	FUND RAISING	MEMBERSHIP	WILDLIFE HABITAT
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