



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	08/11/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Appointment of At-Large Parks and Recreation Commissioner to Fill the Remainder of the Term Ending December 2026
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint former Parks and Recreation Commissioner Will Kempton as an at-large member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term ending in December 2026.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City Council and City Manager on the development and administration of all municipal park and recreation programs, parks, and facilities, and provides recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department (FMC 4.05.040).

The Commission consists of seven members: five members individually appointed by each Councilmember, and two at-large members appointed collectively by the City Council.

POLICY / RULE

Folsom Municipal Code Section 4.05.011 states, in part, that:

"...each councilmember shall appoint 1 parks and recreation commission member whose term shall run concurrent with that of the councilmember so appointing. Two additional members shall be appointed by the council for 2-year terms."

Folsom Municipal Code Section 4.05.013 states, in part, that:

"...If the office of a member of the parks and recreation commission appointed by the council becomes vacant, the council shall fill the vacancy by appointing a parks and recreation commission member whose term shall run for the unexpired term of the former incumbent."

ANALYSIS

A vacancy currently exists for one of the at-large commission seats due to the resignation of Commissioner Alayna Wagner, effective July 31, 2026. The unexpired term for this seat concludes in December 2026.

Under normal circumstances, the City would launch a formal public recruitment process to fill the vacancy. This process typically requires approximately four to five weeks, encompassing:

- A two-week public advertising and application period
- One to two weeks for Council review of applications
- Formal appointment at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting

Under this timeline, an appointment would not occur until sometime in September 2026. This would leave a newly appointed commissioner with only a three-to-four-month tenure. A significant portion of this brief term would be spent on onboarding, training, and bringing the new commission member up to speed on departmental operations, budgets, and active projects before they could effectively participate and vote.

In light of this, the Parks and Recreation Director and the Mayor evaluated options to address the vacancy efficiently. While leaving the seat vacant until the regularly scheduled recruitment in January 2027 was considered, securing a highly experienced former commissioner to bridge the gap was identified as a more beneficial alternative.

Former Commissioner Will Kempton was proposed for this short-term role. Having previously served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mr. Kempton is thoroughly familiar with the department's programs, operations, and current projects. He has expressed his willingness to step in and serve in this interim capacity.

CONCLUSION

Given the administrative staff time and fiscal resources required to conduct a full recruitment, process applications, and onboard a brand-new commissioner for a term of less than four months, appointing an experienced former commissioner is a highly practical and fiscally responsible solution. This approach ensures the Commission remains at full strength without disrupting departmental resources.

A formal, city-wide recruitment for all at-large commission seats will be conducted later this fall, in preparation for the standard two-year terms beginning in January 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk