



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	9/8/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
ITEM TITLE:	Receive and Consider a Proposal from the Rotary Club of Folsom for Placement of an American Flagpole in the Historic Folsom Station Plaza and Provide Direction to Staff and Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA
FROM:	Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends receiving and considering a proposal from the Rotary Club of Folsom for placement of an American flagpole in the Historic Folsom Station Plaza, and provide direction to Staff, and determination that the project is exempt from CEQA.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

City staff was approached by Chuck and Conni Thompson, representatives of the Rotary Club of Folsom, to fund and install an American flagpole located at the Historic Folsom Station Plaza near the Folsom Railroad Turntable. The project advocates propose to install the flagpole and fill in an existing dirt filled planter space at this location. Staff would like to provide a brief presentation and allow the applicant to daylight the community benefit of the proposed project and potential fundraising opportunities. Should City Council approve the location on public property, the project proponents will apply for an encroachment permit through the Public Works Department and a building permit through the Community Development Department, both are subject to fees that may be waived under the City Council's authority.

POLICY / RULE

City policy requires permanent installations on real property be approved by the City Council. Additionally, Folsom Municipal Code 3.50.040 grants authority to City Council to set, modify, or adjust fees and service charges for the reasons of economic development, community benefit, or for any other lawful purpose.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None identified. This project is proposed to be funded through the Folsom Rotary Club. Should the City Council decide to waive the associated permit fees, these minor amounts could be absorbed by the existing adopted budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines.

ATTACHMENT

Project Location, Visual Rendering, and Brick Fundraising Exhibit

Respectfully Submitted,

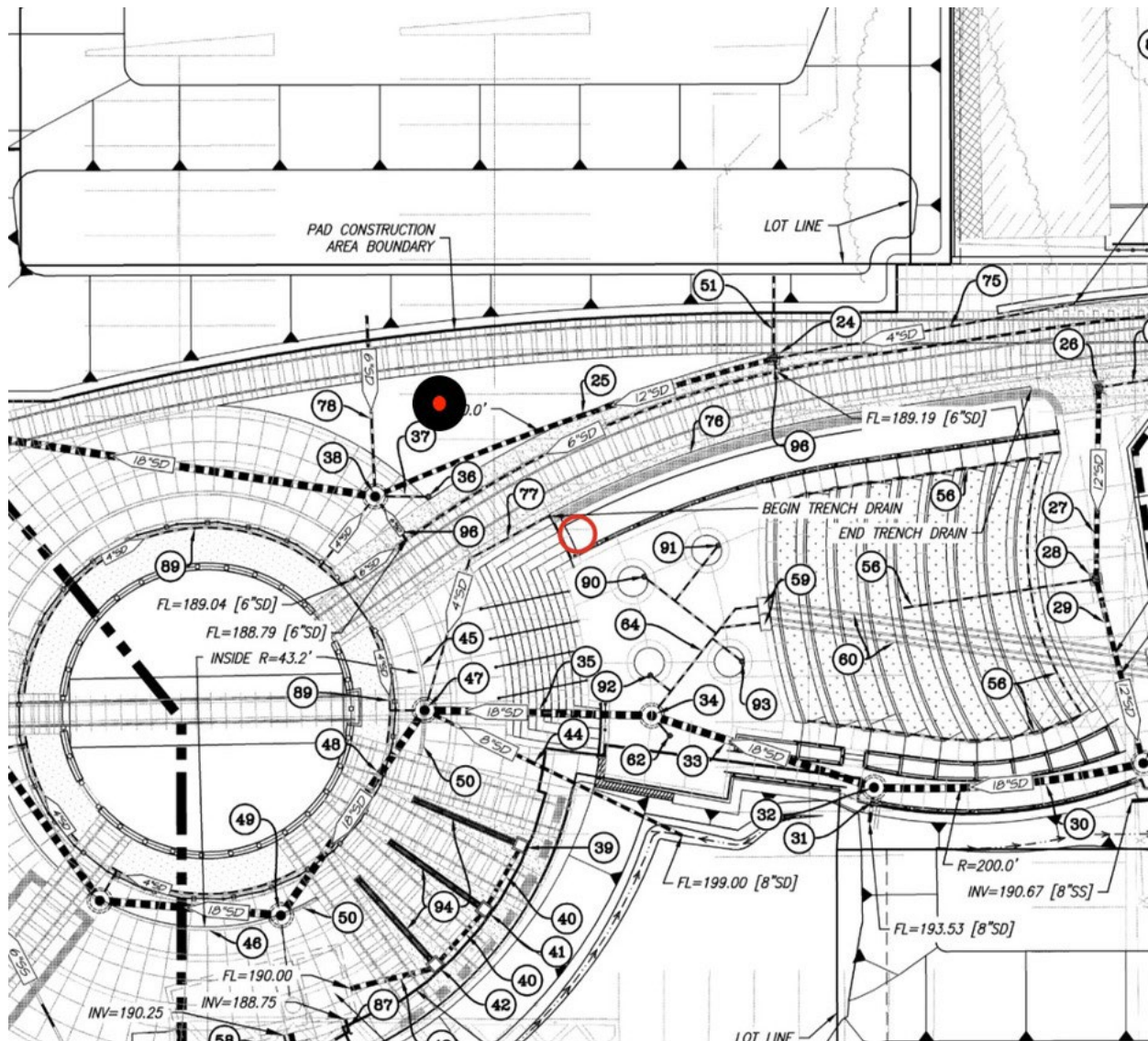


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Attachment 1

Project Location, Visual Rendering, and Brick Fundraising Exhibit

Proposed Flagpole Location



Visual Rendering of Proposed Flagpole



Potential Fundraising Mechanism for Purchase and Installation

1. FULL SQUARE DESIGN

100 Bricks in Full Square Around the Flagpole

- 100 standard 4"x8" bricks laid in a clean square
- Maximizes available space for engraved names
- Symmetrical and timeless appearance
- Plenty of room to add more bricks in the future
- Includes "Chuck & Conni Thompson" and "Mike and Irene Lopes"

2. FOUR-WAY WALKWAY DESIGN

Four Walkways Extending in Each Direction

- Four walkways with bricks extending in all directions
- About 25 bricks per walkway (100 total)
- Represents the community coming together in every direction
- Easy to read names as you walk around the pole
- Includes "Chuck & Conni Thompson" and "Mike and Irene Lopes"

3. TWO-RING BORDER DESIGN

Two Square Rings Around the Flagpole

- Two square rings create a defined border
- About 100 bricks total (inner and outer rings)
- Highlights the flagpole while keeping an open center
- Clean, structured and elegant look
- Includes "Chuck & Conni Thompson" and "Mike and Irene Lopes"

NOTE: All bricks are standard 4"x8" clay bricks with black engraved lettering. Layouts are conceptual renderings for presentation purposes.

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