



October 17, 2023
FAA / Adopt Meeting
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Andy Morin Sports Complex
66 Clarksville Road in Folsom
The "New" Edge

Agenda

Open Meeting / Introductions Michael Raffetto

Adopt a Facility

Adopt a Facility project and financial update Derik Perez

Monthly reports Michael Raffetto

- Folsom Cordova Unified School District FCUSD
- Folsom Parks & Recreation Chris O'Keefe
- Youth Groups (facility-related issues) CYSLs

FAA General Meeting

Approve September 2023 meeting minutes Michael Raffetto

Treasury report Rose Benevento

Open items

- Shortfall in the city budget Michael Raffetto
 - Youth groups and representatives to speak at city council meeting
 - City Council Meeting is on October 24, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall
 - Wear your logo gear!
- Veterans Day Parade Dean Williams
- Senior Holiday Gift Bags Jen Salazar

CYSL membership updates CYSLs

FAA board updates FAA

Last FAA / Adopt Meeting of the year – November 21, 2023

Folsom Athletic Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023



The Folsom Athletic Association (FAA) board met on October 11 to discuss the issue of a shortfall in the city budget. It was decided to move forward in support of a special tax initiative. We need the assistance of the community sports leagues to make this happen.

The FAA is requesting your support for an increase in the local sales tax rate. Folsom has seen a decrease in city revenue due to the popularity of online shopping, and one of the most effective ways for us as citizens to combat this shortfall is through a sales tax increase. The FAA supports voting for a special tax over a general tax because the revenue will be restricted for designated purposes.

Without an increase in sales tax, many of the fields and services we use could be impacted. Folsom does not have adequate staff or budget to maintain our park system and often must rely on volunteers and parents to perform much of the work needed to keep recreational facilities in safe and proper condition. The existing staff are extremely dedicated and work hard to keep up but have come to rely on outside support to keep the system functioning. Volunteerism is a worthwhile practice, but City Staff even lack the resources to effectively manage a volunteer program.

The FAA has compiled a list of reasons to support this sales tax measure:

- Condition of City Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Trail System
 - Completion of unbuilt parks
 - Growing backlog of renovation items
 - Lack of adequate funding for maintenance
 - Safety and security of fields and equipment
- Need to invest in Parks and Recreation due to city-wide demand, youth groups, and student-athletes (84% of students play a sport).
- Need to maintain park system and facilities to successfully compete with neighboring communities for tournament and competition opportunities, which would bring additional revenue to the city.
- Need to expand recreational opportunities for a growing city.
- Need to match investments being made by neighboring cities through local sales tax programs (Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Elk Grove, Sacramento).
- Need to maintain Folsom's Distinctive by Nature status.

What to do next:

- Review with your board/team.
- Determine if you would be willing to have a representative assist with this effort.
- Attend the City Council meeting on October 24th, at 6:30 pm at City Hall (50 Natoma Street). Be sure to wear your logo gear!

We will be discussing this issue at the October 17 FAA / Adopt meeting. It is important that a representative from your youth group attend this meeting. This meeting is to gain support for this issue and prepare to advocate for a resident initiative at the October 24 City Council Meeting.

We appreciate your feedback. Please contact the FAA if you have any questions.

Michael Raffetto, President
Folsom Athletic Association