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## Presidents Message:

As 2021 has arrived, I hope you all had a happy and more importantly, a healthy holiday season. With the start of the new year, I'd like to provide a brief update on HFRA Board activity since the last President's Message.

Using the HFRA mission statement as our guide, the Board recently completed our annual priorities building exercise and agreed on 5 priorities as focus areas over the next calendar year. Each topic has sub-teams that will build out action plans to be reviewed and tracked through regular Board meeting updates so stay tuned for more information.

### Top 5 HFRA Board Priorities:

- City Zoning Guidelines Updates
- Parking (with regard to Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations)
- Membership & Member Communications
- Building & Growing Relationships with Fellow Historic District Stakeholders
- Long Term Land Use (ex. Corp Yard, Riverfront)

The Board continues to diligently monitor development within the Historic District, alerting residents to significant developments, such as the proposed Crematorium located in the cemetery next to the Preserve, but more often working to influence the city to improve the diligence and transparency in its development process. Our belief is that a more rigorous and transparent process is a win-win for both parties as it builds trust and reduces the amount of ad hoc communications from residents trying to understand the details around decisions made.

As always, we encourage you to reach out to any HFRA Board member with questions or concerns and look forward to a brighter and more prosperous 2021.

Michael J. Reynolds  
President, Historic Folsom Residents Association

## Zoning Code Update:

The HFRA Board is keeping a close eye on the city's efforts to update the current Zoning Codes as it relates to the Historic District. Zoning tells us what uses are allowed, what uses must meet certain standards, and what uses are prohibited. Zoning includes the Entertainment District guidelines established for Sutter Street as well parking standards, building height and size requirements and sets the rules for new and existing buildings in Folsom. HFRA will continue to keep its members informed of any Zoning Code updates. You can also check the Zoning Code Update website for information on upcoming hearings and meetings: [www.folsom.ca.us/zoningcode](http://www.folsom.ca.us/zoningcode) or email Desmond Parrington at [dparrington@folsom.ca.us](mailto:dparrington@folsom.ca.us).

## Crematorium Update:

Discussions continue regarding the proposal to build a Crematorium at Lakeside Memorial Lawn Cemetery. The HFRA Board recently met with the applicant and discussed various concerns regarding the proposal. HFRA will facilitate an additional meeting (via Zoom) to allow residents an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns with the applicant. HFRA members will be notified with meeting details as soon as the meeting is scheduled. Also, please email the Historic District Commission at [kmullett@folsom.ca.us](mailto:kmullett@folsom.ca.us) with any questions or concerns.

### *What's Happening*

#### *In the Historic District?*

*Trinity Episcopal Church on Figueroa and Wool Streets is getting a major facelift. Remodel efforts are in full swing to bring the third oldest Episcopal church in Northern California to current ADA standards, as well as the addition of a choir loft and many other updates to the church campus.*



*Happy New Year!*

*Stay safe everyone!*