



Historic Folsom Residents Association

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HFRA is a community of neighbors who strive to *preserve, protect and advocate* for the Folsom Historic District. We welcome motivated residents who want to stay informed and make an impact on the decisions being made that affect the Historic District we all love.

We are organized, staffed and run by volunteers who believe in a cooperative approach to problem solving. If you would like to get more involved in your community, think about becoming a HFRA Board Member!

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## Presidents Message:

As I noted in the January Newsletter, the board completed our annual priorities building exercise in December and I'd like to share the progress each sub-team is making on the top 5 HFRA Board priorities:

1. City Zoning Guidelines updates - Sub-team is waiting for Desmond Parrington, who is the Principle Planner leading the zoning update for the City, to release his first revision of the guidelines sometime in May. There will be 3 subsequent open community meetings to respond. (See Zoning Code Update, Page 2).
2. Parking (Ad Hoc Committee Report) - City has posted an externally facing webpage with updates on actions around the Ad Hoc Committee report. HFRA Board agreed the top priority is for the City to enact the Ad Hoc report recommendations and will continue to push for clarity on which recommendations and schedule the City will commit to. (See Your Opinion Page 4).
3. Long Term Land Use (Corp Yard, Riverfront) - Discussions are on-going with various stakeholders that share interest in the Historic District (HD) land use. At this time, there are no impending actions.
4. Membership & Member Communications - The 2021-2022 membership drive will start in May and the sub-team has a plan for using numerous communication channels to reach HFRA members for renewal. Encourage your neighbors to join as our influence grows with our membership and as always, reach out to any board member with questions or concerns. (See Membership Page 3).
5. Building & Growing Relationships with Fellow HD Stakeholders - The first quarterly meeting of Historic District Stakeholders Roundtable was held in March at Karen's Bakery. The goal of this meeting was information sharing so each group better understands the current projects and priorities of the other groups. Where there are commonalities, there is the opportunity to leverage each other for better outcomes.

Board members Paul Keast and Mike Brenkwitz continue to diligently monitor HD development through the City's Building Department. For most proposals HFRA does not have a position, but a few, like 603 Sutter St drive a more thorough analysis and response. As a note, plans have been resubmitted and the project will be coming back to the Historic District Commission so keep an eye on your emails for specifics as they become known. The board also continues to push the City on its development procedures and documentation to foster greater transparency and trust between the HD community and the City. This was mentioned in my January message, but bears repeating because the board feels like its oversight is having an impact on the City's Community Development Department.

Lastly, the annual HFRA Board Election will happen soon (June transition) so expect to see a separate email regarding the process shortly. Anyone interested in running is encouraged to submit a candidate form. (See HFRA Board Elections Page 2).

Michael J. Reynolds

President, Historic Folsom Residents Association.

## Folsom Zoning Code Update

In April 2019, the City of Folsom began an effort to update the Zoning Code. As part of the Folsom Municipal Code, the Zoning Code sets the rules for new and existing development in the City, including the Historic District. The intent of the update is to make the Zoning Code easier to use, incorporate new state laws and create clear expectations for quality development. City staff is in the process of preparing their recommendations. Their next steps include a workshop on new Historic District zones and standards (date TBD), drafts for public review in Fall 2021 and public hearings in Winter 2021. HFRA will continue to share information with our members and details can also be found on the City's website at [www.folsom.ca.us/zoningcode](http://www.folsom.ca.us/zoningcode).



## HFRA Board Elections

HFRA by-laws call for 3 Board members and the President to be elected each year. An e-mail has been sent noting that elections are once again here, and that interested parties should contact the HFRA Secretary by May 16th to prepare their candidate statements and to be placed on the HFRA ballot. Ballots, along with candidate statements, will be sent to all HFRA members no later than May 24th. There will be a 2-week voting period and votes will be counted by June 6th. New Board members will be announced at the June 7th Board meeting and will be invited to sit in for that meeting (to assist with transition).

If you would like to get more involved in the community, please consider running for the HFRA Board! The HFRA Board needs you! Contact us at [thehfra@gmail.com](mailto:thehfra@gmail.com).



# Membership

The Historic Folsom Residents Association (HFRA) is another year stronger (in spite of the pandemic)! In 2020, we managed to keep our finger on the pulse of all major and minor happenings affecting our cherished historic neighborhood. The HFRA Board diligently attended (either in person, via zoom or telephone) all:

- City Council meetings
- Historic District Commission meetings, and
- Monthly HFRA Board meetings.

The HFRA Board also conducted meetings with the Folsom Historic District Association including Historic District merchants, and successfully interviewed all candidates who ran for Folsom City Council. The HFRA Board continues to inform its members (via email) of all pertinent information affecting both the historic residential and commercial districts. We hope that you will continue to support the HFRA in 2021 and we look forward to in-person meetings as soon as it is safe to do so!

Please return the renewal application below prior to June 30, 2021. Or you can renew via [www.theHFRA.org](http://www.theHFRA.org) website with PayPal.

Annual Dues (July-June) \$25 (Basic level) per person-  
Founder Level \$100 (per person)

## HFRA Renewal for 2021-2022 (July - June):

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to:

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Membership is open to individuals who own a home in or reside in the Folsom Historic District.

Basic Level

Founder Level

## Your Opinion Counts:

In response to existing parking problems in the City of Folsom Historic District, the City Council passed Resolution 10253 in March 2019, forming the *Historic District Parking Solutions Ad Hoc Committee* to find parking solutions to alleviate traffic and parking concerns in the residential and commercial portions of the Folsom Historic District. As a result, one of the Short Term High Priority solutions was to “Design, implement and enforce a residential parking permit program”. Committee members noted the opportunity for a residents-only pilot program to initially be implemented along Figueroa Street to address the greatest impacts.

In 2021, HFRA formed a Parking Sub-Committee to study the Parking Ad Hoc Committee report and recommendations. As a result, HFRA supports the Ad Hoc Committees recommendations and in particular the residential parking permit proposal on a trial basis.

HFRA would like to know your opinion of a trial parking permit program:

1. Would you support a parking permit program in the Folsom Historic Residential District?
2. Are you affected by overflow parking from Sutter Street where you live?
3. Do you think there is a parking problem in the Folsom-Historic Residential District?
4. What is your solution to the lack of parking in the Folsom Historic District?

Give us your opinion, HFRA Board members will be at the Folsom Farmers Market on Saturday, June 5 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., stop by and lets chat about parking and parking permits!

Or, let us know what you think about parking permits by emailing us at [thefra@gmail.com](mailto:thefra@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!



Cars park along Figueroa Street, making it difficult for residents who do not have garages or other off-street parking options.

# WORDSEARCH

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