

NORTH FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY PLAN

Community Needs and Goals Identified from Community Input During Creation of the Community Plan (2009 – 2011)

HOUSING

Unavailable | Overcrowded | Unaffordable | In Poor Condition

- More, better, more affordable housing in more locations, for all types and income levels
- Prioritize higher-density mixed use development on main corridors; ease production of high-quality second units

BUSINESSES, GOODS, SERVICES

Incompatible and unattractive businesses | Inadequate access to important services

- Encourage new, more attractive, mixed use development on major corridors and designated areas; disallow incompatible or undesirable uses; incentivize or create service facilities

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY

Illegal dumping | Abandoned vehicles | Graffiti | Code violations | Poorly maintained buildings | Unattractive design

- Increase code enforcement; address illegal dumping and graffiti; hire bilingual enforcement staff
- Improve monitoring, reporting, and response to violations
- Put utility lines underground

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY; STREET DESIGN; TRANSPORTATION

Unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists | Poor street lighting | Unsafe rail crossings | Poor transit service

- Create bike lanes, wider sidewalks, safer street crossings
- Prioritize improvements to Middlefield and El Camino Real
- Consider a “road diet”/”complete street” design for Middlefield Road (3 lanes, wider sidewalks and bike lanes)
- Increase transit service to priority destinations and regional connections

PARK AND RECREATIONAL SPACE

Insufficient park and recreational space of all types | Existing space is inadequate and hard to access

- Reopen Friendship Park
- Create additional park and recreation space throughout the community
- Work with partners on joint-use facilities (school playgrounds, others)

PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

Insufficient, inadequate, poorly designed public spaces

- Create more green space; pocket parks; landscaped medians
- Revitalize major thoroughfares with public accessibility: Middlefield, El Camino, 5th, Semicircular
- Identify spaces for small plazas, seating areas, benches, and other public amenities

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COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND CONNECTION

NFO has no coherent identity as a community | Areas are disconnected | Rail tracks create barriers

- Make North Fair Oaks a whole, connected area; make the entire community more accessible
- Use public art and design to create a unified feel; provide gateways at community entry points
- Provide additional safer crossings within and between areas, particularly for pedestrians
- Create better connections between El Camino Real, 5th Avenue, and Middlefield

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Environmental concerns | Few opportunities for fitness | Not walkable/bikeable | Few healthy food options

- Identify, regulate, and disallow unhealthy/unsafe businesses; discourage liquor stores
- Discourage or remove unhealthy advertising; explore billboard removal
- Create parks, playgrounds, public space, green space, tree canopy, community gardens
- Create safe, clean, walkable and bikeable streets

PARKING

Parking is inadequate | Homes have too many cars | Commercial vehicles park in residential areas | Parking spillover between areas

- Create new parking lots
- Regulate commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods
- Create parking management/permitting programs
- Require new development to provide sufficient parking
- Identify opportunities for shared parking between businesses, public use of private parking

INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNANCE, AND OTHER ISSUES

- Address flooding issues in areas of NFO, particularly along Dumbarton Rail tracks
- Connect to Redwood City's recycled water system
- Provide job training and youth activity programs and facilities
- Provide better street and sidewalk maintenance
- Improve communication between the County, community groups and residents
- Create a day labor center
- Reuse and redevelop vacant and underutilized parcels