



North Fair Oaks Community Council

*A Municipal Advisory Council to the
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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March 24, 2022

7:00pm

The North Fair Oaks Community Council provides recommendations on the issues of community health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning for the North Fair Oaks geographic area. It holds regular monthly meetings to address the needs of the community, act as a forum, and serve as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

Pursuant to the Shelter in Place Orders issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer and the Governor, the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, and the CDC’s social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, this meeting was held via videoconference. It began at 7:00 PM and was accessed online at <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/93814895371> or by calling 1 (877) 568-4106 for Spanish.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Juan Carlos Prado, Beatriz Cerrillo, Linda Lopez, Everardo Rodriguez, Blair Whitney, Gabriela Ake, Xitlali Curincita, Chair Brooks Esser

Staff Present: Legislative Aid Maggie Cornejo, Deputy County Tim Fox, Community Affairs Office Emma Gonzalez, Diana Hernandez, Kenny Chu, Rebecca Hidalgo

2. AB 361 Resolution

Motion to adopt the AB 361 Resolution to continue holding meetings on online form:
Council Member Linda Lopez/ Second: Council Member Juan Carlos Prado

Verbal roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Prado, Cerrillo, Lopez, Rodriguez, Whitney, Ake, Curincita, Brooks (8)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Gillispie, Ruiz (2)

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

AGENDA

4. Report Out

Supervisor's Report, presented by Maggie Cornejo, Legislative Aid

- NFO Community Plan next steps include hiring a local consultant who will bring recommendations to the Board of Supervisors by December 2022
- SMC and Redwood City libraries are launching a new pilot library card program called Empower Card, will expand student access to library resources, goal of 62,202 students
- Parks Department conducting outreach in the NFO community about Reimagine Flood Park
- On April 22, county will host an online session to share information on county-wide homelessness issue

County Manager's Report, presented by Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager

- Test-kits are available for residents most at risk and in need, the Office of Community Affairs is working with community partners to distribute test-kits into the community
- Mask mobile continues to distribute masks and test-kits throughout the county
- Immigration Inclusion Survey ended data collection, report of results to be presented by June

Council Member's Report, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council

- Vice-Chair Blair Whitney
 - Volunteered at the OYE conference and supported with the covid-screening station
 - Updates on Middlefield Road Improvement Project via newsletter
- Council Member Ever Rodriguez
 - Woodside Road Interchange project plan includes redesigning the underpass at the junction to include bike lanes, pedestrian walkways and aims to reduce traffic jams
 - Day Laborers part of the Multicultural Institute will have covid testing available
- Council Member Gabriela Ake
 - Sequoia High School conducting covid testing by appointment to students & families
 - Attended OYE conference, networking with local organizations
- Council Member Xitlali Curincita
 - Attended OYE conference and gave welcoming speech
- Chair Brooks Esser
 - Attended OYE conference, high engagement of young attendees
 - Planning committee for NFO Community Festival is looking for sponsorships

Public comment: No public comment.

5. Discussion: Propose to change meeting time of NFOCC Study Session

<p>Led by North Fair Oaks Community Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To change the meeting time of Study Sessions from 7:00pm to 9:00pm <p>Motion to approve changing Study Session meeting time to 7:00-9:00pm Council Member Everardo Rodriguez/ Second: Council Member Juan C. Prado</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: Prado, Cerrillo, Lopez, Rodriguez, Whitney, Ake, Curincita, Brooks (8) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Gillispie, Ruiz (2)</p>
<p>Council Members Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Linda Lopez • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment.</p>

6. Recommendation: Letter to County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors requesting endorsement of AB 893

<p>Presented by John Pimentel, San Mateo Community College Board of Directors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable an adjustment in state statute, flexibility would allow San Mateo College District to charge less than \$46 enrollment fee per unit • Potentially reduce enrollment fees to zero • General fund would support other non-academic student support services such as food, transportation, technology, and rental assistance • Passing legislation would require granting county community colleges the authority to explore programs to address the declines in enrollment • Reducing enrollment fees, parking fees and health fees would eliminate barriers to entry and barriers to college completion <p>Motion to approve sending letter of support for SB 893 to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Council Member Blair Whitney/ Second: Council Member Juan C. Prado</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: Prado, Cerrillo, Lopez, Rodriguez, Whitney, Ake, Curincita, Brooks (8) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Gillispie, Ruiz (2)</p>
<p>Council Members Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez • Council Member Blair Whitney • Council Member Linda Lopez
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment.</p>

7. Recommendation: North Fair Oaks Rezoning Extension and Zoning Revision Project and Project Working Group. Overview of proposed North Fair Oaks zoning expansion project and request for Council working group membership.

Presented by Will Gibson, Planning & Building Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Working Group to provide expertise, advice, guidance on project, liaison to stakeholders, departments, and community • Expand high-density mixed-use residential zoning in two areas • Modify and improve existing newly adopted zoning districts • Ensure consistent zoning throughout contiguous areas • Facilitate development without requiring rezoning of contiguous parcels on a project-by-project basis • Revisit and revise standards in existing rezoned areas • Volunteer to join Advisory Work Group: Brooks Esser, Xitlali Curincita, and alternate council member Blair Whitney
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez • Council Member Xitlali Curincita
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent • Gabriela

8. Presentation: County of San Mateo Equity Programs

Presented by Shireen Malekefzali, Chief Equity Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Equity Officer purpose to support and engage San Mateo County to build and drive more equitable and accountable systems, produce more equitable outcomes for communities living and working in the county • County of San Mateo brings an equity lens into all its operations and transforms its systems with explicit intention to advance equity • Projects currently in action; infrastructure development, stakeholder engagement & learning, board partnerships, special projects, development of racial & social equity action plan 1.0 • 2022 equity priorities & covid recovery impacted community priorities <p>Informational presentation. No Council motion required.</p>
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Linda Lopez • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura • Kent • Gabriela

9. Presentation: Middlefield Road Improvement Project Update

Presented by Krzysztof Lisaj, Principal Civil Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway improvements, utility undergrounding, sanitary sewer replacement • Some key elements include new lane configurations, streetlights, bike lanes, traffic signals, and street trees • Contractor Granite Rock Construction, budget of \$21,044,550, Measure K funds pay for majority of project, construction began May 17, 2021 and anticipated completion winter 2022 • Businesses remain open during construction • Ongoing communications & engagement, monthly GovDelivery updates, canvassing, 1:1 outreach, postcards, SamTrans Bus Shelters, new
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	billboard installations and bilingual MRIP Newsletter Informational presentation. No Council motion required.
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Linda Lopez • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez • Council Member Juan Carlos Prado
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent • Gabriela

10. Presentation: Redwood City School Healthy Meals Committee

Presented by Jessica Shade, Chair of RWC Healthy Schools Meals Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School meals are pre-made and pre-packaged, the menu consists of heavy repetition of hamburgers, corn dogs, pizza, and chicken nuggets • These meals are ultra-processed, heavy on carbs & salts and low on fresh ingredients, fiber, and protein • Students share that schools are not modeling healthy eating and school lunches are not tasting good • More than 50% of students in Redwood City Schools are low-income or food insecure households, majority live and go to school in NFO • Parents express frustration with school meals, they feel that healthy meal education falls on them, they get blamed if their children develop unhealthy eating habits, meals are not culturally diverse • Survey distribution for RCSD parents to express their concerns and experiences, 250 responses, rated school meals as low quality, 80% of students go home hungry after skipping school meals <p>Informational presentation. No Council motion required.</p>
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez • Council Member Linda Lopez
Public Comment	No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Next Council Meeting: *
Thursday April 28, 2022; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

*North Fair Oaks Community Council will have a recess for the month of December.

For more information on future meetings, agendas, minutes, and presentations/presentation materials, please visit: <https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/north-fair-oaks-community-council>