



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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Redwood City, CA
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Brooks Esser, Chair
Blair Whitney, Vice-Chair
Everardo Rodriguez
Jennifer Ruiz
Juan Carlos Prado
Niket Sirsi
Kathleen Daly

January 26, 2023

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.

The North Fair Oaks Community Council was held in person (455 County Center Room 101, Redwood City) and by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). It began at 7:00 PM and was accessed online at <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/94428609864> or by calling 1 (877) 568-4106 for Spanish interpretation.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Blair Whitney, Juan Carlos Prado, Everardo Rodriguez, Jennifer Ruiz, Niket Sirsi, Kathleen Daly, Chair Brooks Esser

Staff Present: Deputy County Tim Fox, Deputy County Executive Adam Ely, Community Affairs Office Emma Gonzalez, Kenny Chu, Joshua Caspillan, Diana Hernandez

2. AB 361 Resolution

Motion to adopt the AB 361 Resolution to Make Findings for Conduct of Meetings Via Teleconference

Council Member Blair Whitney / Second: Council Member Everardo Rodriguez

Verbal roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Whitney, Prado, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Sirsi, Daly, Esser (7)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

AGENDA

4. North Fair Oaks Small Business Grant Program and Economic Advancement Center Update

<p>Presented by Peggy Jensen, County Executive's Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.25 Million in American Rescue Act Plan • There were two rounds of the Small Business Grant Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Round 1 included \$5,000 grants to 103 businesses and round 2 included \$5,000 to previous recipients and \$10,000 to 19 new eligible businesses • Name for the Economic Advancement Center to be revamped • Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center and Job Train to partner and provide services for job seekers and support to small businesses
<p>Council Members Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Juan Carlos Prado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the timeline to finalize an agreement for this project? • Council Member Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will Job Train provide opportunities for individuals to advance in their professional development? • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update the name to the Economic Advancement Center ○ Is there a specific square footage for the size of the building? ○ Will the center be operating on regular business hours?
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment.</p>

5. San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Community Transportation Benefits Program

<p>Presented by Christa Cassidy, Project Manager & Transportation Equity Planner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce traffic congestion and encourage carpooling and transit use • Express lanes are free for buses, vans and HOV 3+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HOV 2 people in a car receive a discount • Develop a Pilot Equity Program that invests toll revenue in historically underserved communities in San Mateo County • Goals to improve community engagement approach • Equity program includes a clipper card with a value of \$100 or a FasTrak Flex Toll tag/responder with value of \$100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 260 FasTrak's and 1,207 clipper cards have been distributed
<p>Council Members Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How long does the application form take to complete? ○ Will there be a follow up study on the benefits of the fast lane? ○ Low-income families at disadvantage already • Council Member Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conduct outreach to NFO businesses • Chair Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reach out to the Office of Community Affairs for outreach
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment.</p>

6. 2021-2022 San Mateo County Libraries Annual Report, North Fair Oaks Library

<p>Presented by Carmen Letona-Adams, Branch Manager SMC Libraries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMC Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences • Service areas reach approximately 283,000 people, 76% of whom have a library card and 25% of which are enrolled in school • Ranked 1st in California Star Library Ratings with 935,621 library visitors in 2021-2022 fiscal year • SMC Libraries expanded business hours and are now open 7 days a week; totaling 29,749 number of hours open in the last fiscal year • Provided vital support including the distribution of free COVID-19 masks and test kits and worked to address food insecurities in the community • Launched the Empower Card program designed to simplify and expand student access to the library resources • Patrons gained access to valuable digital information and resources to employment opportunities, rent relief, and mental health support • Big Lift Inspiring summer camps served over 900 youth advancing literacy and academic performance in vulnerable communities • Launched a new hiking backpack program with the State Library to give out free passes to California State Parks
<p>Council Members Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How is the Spanish Language selection of materials conducted? ○ Is the library continuing to provide COVID-19 test kits? ○ Is the North Fair Oaks library moving to another larger space? • Chair Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How could the council support engaging more residents in North Fair Oaks to visit the library?
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment.</p>

7. Healthy Community Mural Project Update: including opportunity for community feedback, artist selection process, timeline, and next steps. Discussion and recommendation regarding the extent of Council involvement in the selection process.

<p>Presented by Kent Manske, Culture Collective of North Fair Oaks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Healthy Community Mural Project committee will select one artist to paint 16 panels along the 5th Ave underpass walkway: part of the North Fair Oaks Beautification Project • 273 community surveys were collected to determine the overall theme and topics for the mural project followed by a community meeting on November 29, 2022, to discuss the results • On February 7, three artist finalists will present their proposals to the North Fair Oaks community to provide an opportunity for feedback <p>Motion excused; no recommendation was provided. No verbal roll call was taken.</p>
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Council Members Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completion of mural project may coincide with the NFO Community Festival • Council Member Juan Carlos Prado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage community members to attend February 7 community meeting and share feedback • Council Member Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How could we encourage members of the public to participate? • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How could council members best provide feedback?
Public Comment	No public comment.

8. Report Out

<p>Supervisor’s Report, presented by Maggie Cornejo, Legislative Aide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Warren Slocum’s office has added a new Legislative Aide, Susie Castoria. Susie will be focusing on senior programs, public safety and other programs. <p>County Executive’s Report, presented by Adam Ely, Deputy County Executive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assigned Incident Commander and EOC director in response to the New Year Eve storms through January 15. The Emergency Operations Center was opened 24 hours. North Fair Oaks requested and accessed sandbags early on during the storms. • Working on a plan to address the needs of the victims impacted by the recent Half Moon Bay shooting • County launched a survey for residents to report storm impact and damage to report to FEMA, 365 responses have been collected • Beginning in March, all Boards and Commissions will resume operating meetings in person <p>Council Member’s Report, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Juan Carlos Prado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthy Community Mural Project community meeting #2 on February 7th ○ Hoover Park Master Plan community meeting on January 28th • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ North Fair oaks experienced flooding during the storms between 6th Ave and 9th Ave ○ Propose for an Emergency Preparedness presentation during a future Study Session • Council Member Niket Sirsi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talk to the County about updating the county’s tree and environmental plans ○ Uptake on fireworks being set off in North Fair Oaks • Chair Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vacant seats open for two positions, one council member and one youth council member, to apply online visit www.smcgov.org/bnc/vacancies

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday February 23, 2023; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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