



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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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 at the Fair Oaks Community Center (2600 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City) and by teleconference using Zoom:

<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/88104458790> It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety and shows each agenda item here: [YouTube Video](#)

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council members: Chair Juan Prado, Blair Whitney, Brooks Esser, Kathleen Daly, Kelly Parisi, and Beatriz Orozco

Absent:

Vice-Chair George Saman, Council member Ever Rodriguez, and Council Member Niket Sirsi

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person Comments:

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Comments via Zoom:

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3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Council member Brooks Esser/ Second: Council member Blair Whitney

Yes: 7 – Chair Prado, Whitney, Parisi, Esser, Daly, and Orozco

No: 0

Absent: Vice-Chair George, Council members Niket Sirsi and Ever Rodriguez

4. WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBER – BEATRIZ OROZCO

Speaker:

Chair Juan C. Prado

- Welcome to the Council, Beatriz!

Council member questions/comments:

- Did we appoint two new members?

In-person Public Comments:

None

Public Comments via zoom:

None

5. INFORMATIONAL: 2025 PROPOSED GARBAGE RATE CHANGES, INCLUDING TO NORTH FAIR OAKS RESIDENTS

Speakers:

Regina Wheeler, Project Manager for Office of Sustainability & Anthony Guerra, Sustainability Specialist at Office of Sustainability

- Proposed garbage rate changes for 2025, with approval set for January 2025.
- SBWMA is a joint powers authority that sets rates and manages solid waste for 11 local jurisdictions, including the County.
- Rates are adjusted annually based on reports that factor in costs, consumer price indexes, labor rates, and fuel costs.
- In 2024, a 16.9% increase was reduced using a rate stabilization fund and surplus funds, with some costs carried into 2025.
- The proposed rate increase for 2025 is 11% for both residential and commercial services, completing a two-year phased increase.
- Residential customers will see a \$4.56/month increase, or about \$54/year.
- Included services are garbage, recycling, and organics collection for residential; garbage and recycling for commercial; plus bulky waste collection and shredding events.
- Under SB 1383, residents and businesses must participate in organic waste collection and properly sort materials.
- Final rate changes will be presented to the Board for approval in January 2025.

Council member questions/comments:

- When showing these increases, are you only talking about North Fair Oaks specifically, or other unincorporated areas facing the same rate increases?
- Are the NFO garbage rates comparable to other city rates?
- Was it the best interest of NFO to be a part of the trade powers?
- Are we on the path to where the future rate increases will tie somewhat better, to CPI?
- For how long has North Fair Oaks been a part of the JTA?

In- person Public Comments:

None

Public Comment via zoom:

None

**6. INFORMATIONAL: MIDDLEFIELD JUNCTION UPDATE (AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT)
LOCATED AT 2700 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD, REDWOOD CITY**

Speaker:

Elaine Palacios, Project Developer

- The project includes 179 units: 27% one-bedroom, 45% two-bedroom, 28% three-bedroom, and 20 units reserved for homeless individuals.
- The units are targeted for families earning 15-80% of AMI.
- The project consists of two buildings: one 5-story and one 4-story, with community and commercial spaces.
- The community space will include an Early Education Center for 30 infants/toddlers, operated by People’s Love Family Service, and an open rental space for local events.
- There will be open spaces, playgrounds, and garden areas throughout the project.
- A major fire in June 2023 primarily affected the 5th floor of Building B, with minimal impact on other areas.
- Building A is on track for its original delivery date, while Building W is undergoing repairs with expected completion in early February 2026.
- The construction of Building W may be accelerated to possibly finish by January 2026.

Council member questions/comments:

- Are there any other problems that have come up since the fire that need to be addressed?
- How does the process for leasing look like?
- How do I sign up to be on the list or how what does that process look like?
- How does the application for those who are planning for the regular use of the population?
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In-person public comments:

None

Public comment via zoom:

None

7. MOTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO HONOR SUPERVISOR SLOCUM

Speakers:

Chair Juan C. Prado

Council member questions/comments:

- So many things Supervisor was involved with in his 12 years of service with the community and continued to be great within the community.
- Supervisor is like the unofficial bidder of North Fair Oaks and is a fellow armed veteran. He’s touched so many lives in so many ways. He’s a role model in showing how you can remake your life and get into public service. It’s going to be sad to see him go.

- Supervisor Slocum has really driven the creation of North Fair Oaks Community Plan which has been a guide voice for us in terms of the things that we work on in the development of our community.
- I will always be grateful for the time I had worked with him about the small businesses and project. Super grateful for him and the amazing public service he's been apart of.
- Supervisor is the unofficial Mayor of North Fair Oaks and deep roots in the North Fair Oaks community. He was also so accessible, and that's something you don't see in elected officials.

In-person public comments:

None

Public comment via zoom:

None

Motion to Approve Resolution of Supervisor Slocum.

Motion: Council member Brooks Esser / Second: Council member Blair Whitney

Yes: 7 – Chair Prado, Whitney, Esser, Daly, Parisi, and Orozco

No: 0

Absent: Vice-Chair George Saman, Council Members Ever Rodriguez and Niket Sirsi

8. REPORT OUT

Speakers:

County Executive's Office: None

District 4: Joshua Caspillan

Council Members: Blair Whitney, Kelly Parisi, Brooks Esser, and Chair Juan C. Prado

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.