



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/83212928307> 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, Vice-Chair George Saman, Brooks Esser, Kathleen Daly, Kelly Parisi, Ever Rodriguez, and Beatriz Orozco

Absent:

Council member Blair Whitney

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person Comments:

Niket Sirsi

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 Ever Rodriguez

Yes: 7 – Chair Prado, Vice-Chair Saman, Esser, Daly, Parisi, Rodriguez, and Orozco

No: 0

Absent: Council Member Blair Whitney

4. Recommendation: PLN2024-00139, an Off-Street Parking Exception Permit on 3041 Glendale Avenue

Speaker:

Jonathan Burns (Planning and Building Department)

- Existing development leaves insufficient space on property to allow for the development of an additional covered parking space.
- Oversized driveway allows for off-street parking on property.
- General Plan/North Fair Oaks Community Plan
- Existing structure is legal non-conforming.
- Off street parking exception to allow continues use of one-car covered parking where two covered parking spots are required.
- One uncovered off-street parking spot in the existing driveway. Driveway affected by interior remodel scope.

Council member questions/comments:

- Is the part of the remodel encompassing existing garage space and turn it into living space?
- Were the neighbors notified and if there was feedback from last year?
- Is the remodel done?
- You mentioned 3 remodels have already been completed – why did it trigger a permit issue now if it's already been done?

In-person Public Comments:

None

Public Comments via zoom:

None

Motion to provide a recommendation to the Director of Planning and Building on the proposed Off-Street Parking Exception to allow for the continued use of a one-car garage where two covered parking spaces are required.

Motion: Council member Brooks Esser / Second: Vice-Chair George Saman

Yes: 7 – Chair Prado, Vice-Chair Saman, Esser, Daly, Parisi, Rodriguez, and Orozco

No: 0

Absent: Council member Blair Whitney

5. Discussion on Safety Concerns, Traffic Accidents, and Ways to Address Traffic Safety on Fair Oaks Avenue (Between 2nd Avenue and 5th Avenue)

Speakers:

Captain Del Porto (San Mateo County Sheriff's Office), Captain Patrick Etchebarne (California Highway Patrol), and Tim Cheng (Department of Public Works)

- All traffic collisions or traffic crashes in 2024 – there was 3 that CHP investigated.
- 3 of the 2 happened on a Friday night during evening hours, while the other one was on the Sunday early morning hours.
- CHP’s biggest assets is the enforcement of his officers and campaigns and the educational program, and shedding light with their social media platforms.
- Sheriff’s Office 2024 stats:
 - 304 citations in that area
 - 0 citations for speeding
 - 6 accidents reported
- Moving forward 7 different steps – submit a petition, including signatures of nearby residents of North Fair Oaks.
- Following the petition, the Department of Public Works – the traffic engineering team would conduct a traffic study. Specifically, the 85th percentile speed to be over 32 miles per hour – Once that is in place they need approval from CHP, Sheriff’s Office, and Fire Department because putting in speed humps will impact response times.
- Third step – neighborhood survey. People that are mostly impacted by the installation of the speed bumps.

Council member questions/comments:

- You mentioned the \$400 fee, does that mean the person that originated this request or claim need to pay that fee?
- Do we know the breakdown of the 304 citations from last year?
- With those 3 reports that happened last year, are those reports where officers showed up or phone calls that came in?
- What is the best deterrent for speeding?
- Is it difficult to get a petition with 85% of residents in the NFO area on any issue let alone something of speed bumps?

In- person Public Comments:

Jesus Santos
Francisco Magana

Public Comment via zoom:

Hugo Lawton

6. Motion: Finalizing 2025 Priorities

Speaker:

Debbie Schechter, Consultant

- **NFOCC’s Mission Statement:** *Provide recommendations on the health, safety, welfare, public works and planning for the North Fair Oaks geographic area.*
- **Values:** Quality of life, Business Economic Prosperity, Collaboration, Safety, Affordable housing, climate and environmental, equity, family unity, prosperity, and well-being in community.
- **Top 3 Priorities: 1)** Pedestrian Safety (Juan Carlos, Kelly, Beatriz) **2)** Addressing Overcrowded Parking (Ever and Kathleen) **3)** Economic Zone/Growth (George, Brooks, Blair).
- **1** – Identify one to three key locations within NFO where pedestrian safety improvements are needed. Also use data from law enforcement and DPW to come up with a solution.
- **1** – Collaborate with relevant agencies, residents, schools, etc. targeting issues that are directly impacting residents.
- Mobilize community support and bring some recommendation to the Supervisor liaison about the common issues or lack of resources.

- **2** – Overall goal is to reduce the number of cars on the streets, parked on the streets.
- **3** – Regular quarterly events, with small budgets. Support small local businesses (discussing rebranding)

Council member questions/comments:

- Wanting to be more data driven - and to more realistic about accomplishing these goals.
- Will there be additional support, funding, or access to resources for council members to accomplish all 3 of these priorities and long-term goals?
- It's difficult to get a petition and getting 85% of residents on the street to reply.
- Maybe the process should be to see if we can modify the process for our district –
- One initiative is to have the county assigned a dedicated resource and provide a certain budget.
- It'd be a great idea to have small groups in your initiatives, working together and coming back and reporting back every month.

In-person public comments:

None

Public comment via zoom:

None

Motion to Approve to Finalize Priorities and to submit a 2025 North Fair Oaks Council Workplan

Motion: Council member Kelly Parisi / Second: Vice-Chair George Saman

Yes: 7 – Chair Prado, Vice-Chair George Saman, Esser, Daly, Parisi, Rodriguez, and Orozco

No: 0

Absent: Council member Blair Whitney

7. REPORT OUT

Speakers:

County Executive's Office: None

District 4: Joshua Caspillan

Council Members: Ever Rodriguez

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.