



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/85821076714> 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 Prado, Vice-Chair Saman Esser, Whitney, Rodriguez, and Orozco

Absent:

Council members Daly and Parisi

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, Vice-Chair Saman, Esser, Whitney, Rodriguez, and Orozco

No: 0

Absent: Council Members Daly and Parisi

Motion passes.

4. Motion: Chair/Vice-Chair (if applicable) election and discussion.

Speaker:

County staff and Chair Prado

Council member questions/comments:

- None

In-person Public Comments:

None

Public Comments via zoom:

None

Motion to reappoint the current chair and vice-chair for next year.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: Council members Daly and Parisi

Motion passes.

5. Recommendation: Stormwater Ordinance Update.

Speakers:

San Mateo County Sustainability Department – Sultan and Melissa Perkins

- Update San Mateo County's stormwater ordinance to align with state mandates and protect water bodies from pollutants.
- Collaboration with Environmental Health Services, Parks, and Public Works.
- Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for pollution prevention.
- Conduct inspections and enforce compliance.
- Include green infrastructure and trash capture devices.
- Next steps: Present to community councils, then planning commission, and finally the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Council member questions/comments:

- Pertaining kitchen discharge – was this a reference to industrial kitchens or residential?
- Are you shifting power resources from your team and spreading it across to other county services?

- In this new ordinance, does this provide expanded powers to any of these departments or to one specific department? Does this require additional staffing, where is the funding in all this?
- Does any of this require additional funding from local businesses, developers, anyone at all?
- If there's a big rainstorm, does the storm drains ever intermix with the sanitary drains?
- In your opinion, are the right things being handled by right departments?

In- person Public Comments:

None

Public Comment via zoom:

None

The North Fair Oaks Council recommends that the Planning Commission approve the updated ordinance, regard the Stormwater and by the extension by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion: Council member Brooks Esser / Second: Ever Rodriguez

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

No: 0

Absent: Council members Daly and Parisi

Motion passes.

6. Informational: El Camino Real Complete Streets Project Study – Design Concepts.

Speaker:

San Mateo County Transportation Authority - Carolyn Monroe, Deb Kim, and Andrew Lee

- The study involves multiple stakeholders, including North Fair Oaks, Redwood City, and Menlo Park, with a focus on the El Camino Real corridor.
- Study Phases: The study is in phase 2, evaluating design concepts, with phase 3 targeting a final plan by spring 2025.
- Community Needs: The study considers local needs, including safe pedestrian and cyclist facilities, traffic flow, and connectivity to regional transportation networks.
- Existing Conditions: El Camino Real lacks sidewalks and bike lanes, with high vehicle traffic (36,000 vehicles/day) and a mix of pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users.
- Survey Results: A 2023 survey highlighted safety for pedestrians and cyclists as top priorities, followed by concerns about driver safety.
- Design Concepts: Three design alternatives are being considered, ranging from maintaining existing lanes to reducing vehicle lanes to add more space for bikes and pedestrians.
- Next Steps: Ongoing community engagement and feedback collection, with plans to present a recommended design to the town council in April 2025 and coordination with Caltrans for the next phase.

Council member questions/comments:

- Which concept would you recommend and why?
- What concept is losing parking in NFO?
- Are there any other cities in the county that are currently making similar changes along El Camino Real?

- Is there any coordination between Atherton and Menlo Park?
- Is the ask being a recommendation from the council or from the residents and their say?
- Would we lose any parking spots in NFO or are we losing bike or street lane?
- I'd like to confirm how the final selection of a design is going to happen, will there be an opportunity for a vote?
- Leaning towards the second alternative, because safety is a primary consideration when you look at the crosswalks lights that have been inputted in the years.
- Is there a fourth or fifth more radical design that wasn't presented here tonight?

In-person public comments:

None

Public comment via zoom:

None

7. Motion: Approval of NFOCC Meeting Schedule.

Speaker:

Chair Juan Prado

Council member questions/comments:

- No comment

Motion to Approve that there will be no meetings in July of 2025.

Motion: Vice-chair Saman / Second: Chair Prado

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

No: 0

Absent: Council members Daly and Parisi

Motion passes.

Council member questions/comments:

- Typically, we would run into issues for the month of November because of Thanksgiving. I think there are some values in having some of them on the calendar like in January where we can do annual planning and then quarterly through the year or three times. We can modify the schedule from five to maybe three study session meetings. Or maybe first month of each quarter.

Motion to Approve to change the study session meeting schedule to January, April, and September. And is needed by the board chair.

Motion: Council member Esser / Second: Council member Whitney

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

No: 0

Absent: Council members Daly and Parisi

Motion passes.

8. Report Out

Speakers:

District 4: Connie Franco

County Attorney: Tim Fox

Council Members: Blair Whitney and Chair Prado

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.