



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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June 26, 2025

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/94112301171> 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, Daly, Esser, Whitney, Parisi, Orozco, and Aponte

Absent:

Vice-Chair Saman and council member Rodriguez

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 Ever Rodriguez

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

No: 0

Absent: Vice-Chair Saman and Rodriguez

Agenda is approved.

- 4. Motion: Consideration of a Use Permit pursuant to Sections 6510 and 6512 of the San Mateo County Zoning Regulations, to install a new wireless radio and antenna facility, along with associated equipment on a new utility pole consisting of three 5G radios and antenna. Near the residential address of 403 Seventh Avenue, Menlo Park within the right of way.**
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Speaker:

Robby Miller, Planning and Building Department

- **Project Description:** Consideration of a Use Permit, pursuant to Sections 6510 and 6512 of the San Mateo County Zoning Regulations, to install a new wireless radio and antenna facility, along with associated equipment on a new utility pole consisting of three 5G radios and antennas, one 4G radio, and one 4G antenna.
- **Project Proposal:**
 - To construct a new cellular facility located atop a utility pole in the North Fair Oaks Neighborhood consisting of three 5G radios and antennas, and one 4G radio, and one 4G antenna.
 - To be installed near the residential address of 401 7th Avenue, Menlo Park on the sidewalk within the right of way.
 - The entire proposed footprint will occupy less than five and a half square feet of area at ground level.
- **The recommendation:**
- **Vehicle Licensing Fee Issue:** The district faces a potential loss of \$7 million due to the uncertainty of receiving vehicle licensing fees from the state, which could impact local services.
- **Measure K Uncertainty:** There is uncertainty regarding federal funding for Measure K, and the county is prioritizing essential services like housing, food security, and healthcare until further clarity is received on federal funding.

Council member questions/comments:

- How does outreach work for this type of project? How do the residents get notices?
- Was there any other consideration location for this project?
- When you reached out to the community about this project, did you get any concerns?
- Can other carries piggyback on this as well?
- How long will the process take? And are you guys planning to install new holes in the future, new antennas?
- What is the upside to this project to my community?
- How are community members informed about this project? And how many people received this notification, and can we extend the boundaries?

- This type of project is for commercial areas. And this is not commercial at all. I'm curious about what your company's due diligence was about looking for the appropriate commercial areas was.
- Is there no procedure for adding to what was being presented here to us tonight?
- If a permit was required later, are they obligated to come to the committee first?
- What else did you all take into consideration or was this more of a check off the box?
- We understand the letter of the law but the letter of the people that live there just doesn't feel right.
- Not sure if you can compare the 4G, 5G, capability in our area, to surrounding communities like the City of Atherton and Palo Alto – are we comparable to them?
- How long ago and how many weeks of notice were they given about this?

In-person Public Comments:

Niket Sirsi

Public Comments via zoom:

None

Motion: To make a motion to delay this project and allow the applicant/County staff to provide more information and respond to council members' questions.

First: Councilmember Parisi / Second: Councilmember Aponte

Yes: 5 – Chair Prado, Parisi, Daly, Orozco, and Aponte

No: 2 – Esser and Whitney

Absent: Vice Chair Saman and Rodriguez

Motion passes.

5. Discussion led to Motion: The NFOCC 2025-2026 Workplan.

Speaker:

Chair Prado

- **Review of 2025 Draft Work Plan goals:**
 - *Pedestrian Safety*
 - *Addressing overcrowded parking*
 - *Economic growth*

Council member questions/comments:

- Two surveys and talking to residents. Asking for money from D4 and going door to door to understand people's feelings on certain things.

- It's important for the community to stay active – and try to keep and stay united especially with what's going on.
- There are things that happen at North Fair Oaks that we either don't have a voice or a vote, and we see that here tonight. Also, there was a death here recently near Menlo. They are now looking at Menlo Park and Atherton Proper are looking to changing the speed limits. They're not getting all the homeowners or doing a study pr permit – they're just doing it. That doesn't happen here in NFO.
- Maybe we can talk and discuss parking meters in NFO.
- How do we as a council agree to bring that idea forward?
- I think we should gather with our subcommittees members and discuss what we have first and get the approval from the whole council – so we can put all of our ideas together in one letter.

In-Public Comments:

None

Public Comment via zoom:

None

Motion: Motion that each Ad-Hoc group come up with a recommendation/ proposal (plan and an objective) for Supervisor that council can review at the next upcoming study session meeting and vote on it at the September regular meeting and send it to Supervisor.

First: Councilmember Parisi / Second: Chair Prado

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

No: 0

Absent: Vice Chair Saman and Rodriguez

Motion passes.

6. Report Out

District 4: Connie Franco

County Attorney: Brian Petit

Council Members: Chair Prado, Parisi, Daly, Brooks, Orozco, Whitney, and Aponte

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.