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**North Fair Oaks Community Council
 Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 26, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City

Issue	Discussion	Decision/ Next Step/Action
<p>Roll Call</p>	<p>Present: Rafael Avendano, Laura Caplan, Beatriz Cerrillo, Dale Miller, and Esperanza Vasquez</p> <p>Absent: Mary Martinez, Everardo Rodriguez, Linda Lopez, Emily Cordova and Diane Zermeno</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Madeline Cain, Representative for RWC 2020 and Redwood Together Initiative, recognized the Siena Youth Center and Rafael Avendano for their leadership in welcoming all members of the North Fair Oaks community. The youth requested their “Welcoming Star Award” be presented in the Community Council Meeting.</p> <p>Janet Davis voiced a complaint about the parking on Devonshire and Buckingham, criticizing the Sheriff’s Office for not citing cars parked in front of fire hydrants and a lack of enforcement in regards to violations of large commercial trucks.</p>	
<p>Presentation by Recology on Mattress Rebate Program</p>	<p>Gino Gasparini, with Recology, provided the following information:</p> <p>Recology is strictly the collection company from Burlingame to East Palo Alto. Under the mattress rebate program, established by the state, Recology picks up mattresses either from an illegal dump sites or a bulky item collection program, marks the area from which the</p>	

	<p>mattresses were picked up, and then reports and allocates the dump to the proper agencies. Recology hopes to curtail illegal dumping for the proper recycling and reuse of these materials.</p> <p>Councilmember Esperanza Vasquez asked if Recology will do bulky item collections for businesses as well as family residents. Gino stated that Recology does not service, clarifying it is a caveat in Recology’s contract.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano mentioned Recology’s free service when dropping off metal.</p> <p>Councilmember Laura Caplan asked about invasive plants, such as bamboo, and whether those plants could be disposed of in the compost program. Gino explained they jam the machines, and should be thrown away with the trash.</p>	
<p>Presentation on the Report it SMC Update</p>	<p>Andrea Chow, from the Office of Sustainability, provided the following information:</p> <p>The Office of Sustainability informed the Council of their tool for reporting illegal dumping called “Report it! SMC.” This is one of many strategies in place to cleanse the county of illegal dumping. The app has been available for about a year now, and is accessible either through their website or a smart phone. “Report it! SMC” has been able to gather interesting information about illegal dumping, such as most of the 591 illegal dumping’s recorded consist of household items.</p> <p>Councilmember Laura Caplan recommend they take advantage of any electronic ways- such as email or a place to post, like NextDoor- to help disseminate the information more widely.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano asked if they do this presentation for youth or schools, and recommended they put it on the NFO Forward website. Andrea said she is happy to do more presentations.</p>	
<p>Presentation on the Illegal Dumping Ordinance</p>	<p>Brian Kulich, County counsel, presented the following information:</p> <p>The biggest issue in code enforcement is illegal dumping, and to rid the community of this plague, the NFO Response Team developed a two-part plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance existing toolbox 2. Engage in outreach <p>A new dumping ordinance, of which deems both loitering and dumping</p>	

	<p>a public nuisance and crime, has increased the civil fine with other severe penalties. Many new actions are being taken to enforce the new ordinance, including the installation of cameras at “hot” zones- areas where illegal dumping is common- and the new stipulation holding landlords responsible for their tenant’s illegal action, with the hope landlords will be incentivized to ensure their tenants will take the proper action.</p> <p>To engage in outreach, warnings have been posted to ensure residents understand that illegal dumping will not be tolerated. “Report it! SMC” was also mentioned as a tool being used to engage the community.</p> <p>Public Comment: A question was asked if illegal hazardous material went down the sewage drain, what the resulting consequence would be. Deputy County Manager Mike Callagy emphasized it would be a huge violation and the city would take immediate action to both clear out the drain of any hazardous material and prosecute the offender to the fullest extent the law allows.</p> <p>Councilmember Dale Miller asked when the ordinance takes effect. Brain explained it will take effect a month after the second reading, meaning two weeks remained before it took effect at the time of the council meeting.</p> <p>Councilmember Esperanza Vasquez asked how they would handle dumping on the railroad, to whom will the fines be reprimanded to, and more specifically, how will the perpetrator be accurately identified. Brain answered by saying in the case of large apartment complexes, their aim is to incentivize the landlords to ensure their tenants follow code, and in the case of illegal dumping on a railroad, it will most likely be done in a hotspot area with cameras.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano made the suggestion that signs be bilingual to suit the most predominant languages in the area.</p>	
<p>Recommendation Nonconforming Use Permit to allow the construction of a 2023 sq. ft. single-family dwelling with an attached two-car garage at 341 Berkshire Ave Redwood City</p>	<p>Tiare Pena, with Planning and Building, provided the following information:</p> <p>The planned project complies with all city ordinances and guidelines, except for a front setback, of which a request is being placed to allow a 15-foot setback. The land that would be used is a fairly blank property with no current use.</p> <p>In Tiare’s opinion the four caveats of the law are satisfied, them being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed parcel is proportional to the lot being used, 2. Investigations to get other lands have proven infeasible, 3. The proposed development is as close as possible to normal requirements, and 	

	<p>4. No special privilege is being given.</p> <p>Irving Torres re-read an email that raised concerns over the use of the land, specifically over a perceived waste issue. Tiare reiterated that the use of the land is for a single family dwelling, and that the waste issue had been resolved.</p> <p>Public Comment: Helen asked if the land is one or two parcels. Tiare explained the location of the parcel may disillusion a viewer to believing the land is bigger than it is.</p> <p>Councilmember Beatriz Cerrillo wanted to ensure the neighborhood had been notified. Tiare assured her that yes, the the neighborhood was notified with both Spanish and English postings, and no complaints were received.</p> <p>Councilmember Dale Miller motioned to approve the recommendation of nonconforming use permit. Councilmember Esperanza Vasquez second the motion to approve the recommendation of nonconforming use permit.</p> <p>Councilmembers Rafael Avendano, Laura Caplan, Dale Miller, and Esperanza Vasquez approved the recommendation.</p>	
<p>Presentation on the comprehensive update of San Mateo County Subdivision Regulations</p>	<p>Joe LeClair, Planning and Building, provided the following information:</p> <p>The update held three purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alright current subdivision regulations with state law and relevant case law 2. Implement General Plan and other County policies 3. Impose the content and usability of the regulations <p>The project schedule ranges from May 2016- March 2017. The goal is to create a complete, safe, and vibrant community with a broad range of employment, transportation, recreation, and services.</p> <p>Public Comment: Janet Davis believes that conditions specific to subdivision need to be adhered to more. Ms. Davis also raised a concerns about the protection of dry creeks, creeks, and water ways, for fear of their being ignored. Ms. Davis also suggested that more outreach be done, specifically to the Homeowners Association. Joe replied if any issues are reported, they will be cared for with the proper delicacy.</p>	

	<p>Councilmember Dale Miller asked if historic trees will be worked around during the project. Joe answered yes, saying the plans were reworked for the very purpose of protecting heritage trees. Joe further commented that if a tree were to fall down, a mitigation program exists to replant trees.</p> <p>Laura Caplan asked if subdivided lots exist with an area large enough to be used as green areas (such as small parks). Joe replied that the county is severely constrained in its ability to take action, but they can explore opportunities to use appropriate lots to accommodate smaller parks.</p> <p>Councilmember Beatriz Cerrillo asked if outside groups could respond to these actions. Joe informed the council that on their website they have summaries and powerpoints of the information presented, and there exists a section for public comment.</p>	
<p>Presentation on the Caltrain Modernization Program</p>	<p>Casey Fromsom, representative from Caltrain, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrain only owns the area between San Francisco and San Jose • Ridership growth has increased dramatically, and even more stunning is that 60% are choice riders, meaning those riders have personal vehicles • The area that will be modernized is 51 miles between San Francisco to San Jose • The project’s aim is electrification of the overhead contact system, which would provide service up to 79 m.p.h., with 6 trains/hr/direction, equating more stops and reduced travel time. The plans also include the restoration of Broadway and Atherton service. • The benefits include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greenhouse gases decreases with a 97% Caltrain emission improvement 2. Daily traffic congestion decreases 3. Engine noises decrease 4. A growing ridership (anticipated to reach 111,000 riders) 5. Faster trips <p>Public Comment: It was asked the construction would begin, and at what time of day will the construction take place. Casey informed the public it would begin the construction could begin next year, and the work will want to be done at night to ensure services to current customers.</p>	

	<p>Councilmember Laura Caplan said she's happy to hear the Atherton/Broadway station will be reopened. Laura recommended that bathrooms remain on train, despite considerations to do otherwise.</p> <p>Councilmember Esperanza Vasquez asked how the fares will be affected by the project. Casey assured that no change to the fare will take affect.</p>	
Supervisor's Report	<p>Irving Torres, Office of Warren Slocum, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Multicultural institute will organize a writing festival where 3rd and 4th graders are encouraged to write in this month long program. Mentors and participants are still needed. • Supervisor Slocum, in partnership with the American Medal Response program called "Save A Life" scholarship'/mentorship pilot program will select two applicants between the agers of 18 and 24 to offer a full ride to the College of San Mateo Emergency Technical Training program. Included in this program is a mentor provided to the applicant for guidance and tutoring. After the applications complete the curriculum, he or she will most likely be offered employment by AMR. 	
Deputy County Manager's Reports	<p>Mike Callagy, Deputy County Manager, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The graffiti abatement program is aggressively removing any graffiti, both on private and public property. The team reports twice a week on their active patrols. If needed, they can be contacted and will responded within 24 hours to remove any graffiti. 	
Council Member Reports	<p>Chair Rafael Avendano mentioned the "Be Seen, Keep It Green" event will be held Saturday, May 28. Rafael also proposed recognition awards at the beginning of meetings.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Chair Rafael Avendano adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.</p>	

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North Fair Oaks Community Council Study Session

Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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