



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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Esmeralda Rosales, Alternate
Youth Member

August 22, 2019

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 meeting began at 7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Everardo Rodriguez, Vice Chair Beatriz Cerrillo, Council Member Rosario Gonzalez, Council Member Linda Lopez, Council Member Rosaura Lopez, Council Member Blair Whitney, Council Member Jennifer Ruiz, Youth Member Francis Santos.

Absent: Esmeralda Rosales.

Staff Present: Emma Gonzalez –Office of Community Affairs, Melissa Andrikopoulos–Deputy County Counsel, Mitzy De La Peña Medina –Office of Community Affairs.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers

Jessica Miranda Assistant Principal of operations for KIPP Charter Schools introduced herself to the council.

Melissa Salgado Associate Director for Community Engagement for KIPP Charter Schools introduced herself to the council and announced that a plan to mitigate traffic is in progress.

AGENDA

3. Multicultural Institute Quarterly Update.

<p>Presentation by Cesar Meza-Esveile., Multicultural Institute.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural Institute in partnership with the San Mateo County, enhanced the Life Skills/Day Laborer Program and helped assist immigrants in their transition to economic self-sufficiency through economic development activities. The program objectives and outcomes were met and exceeded for this grant cycle. • As of June 30th, there were a total of 446 job placements made to short-term and long-term employment. • The program facilitated community team building opportunities by hosting street cleanups and workshops. • There was a total of 40 wage claim cases this cycle of which 27 were resolved. • There was a total of 21 women registered for workforce development trainings.
<p>Questions from Council Members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Linda Lopez asked if the number of low-income individuals served in the presentation include domestic workers. Additionally, the Council member asked if an alternative space for the math program has been found since the closure of the Fair Oaks school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Meza- Esveile answered that these do not include domestic workers as they are represented as part of the day laborer program. Additionally, Mr. Meza- Esveile answered that no location has been secured because there isn't enough funding to support that program. Therefore, the program has been canceled.
<p>Public Comment.</p>	<p>No public comment made.</p>

4. California High Way Patrol Quarterly Update.

Presentation by Officer Art Montiel., California Highway Patrol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No major incidents have occurred during the last quarter.• A pedestrian enforcement operation was conducted on Middlefield Road on July 16th; with 34 citations issued.• Introduction of Lt. Banuelos who now serves on the patrol for North Fair Oaks.
Questions from Council Members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Rodriguez asked for clarification on when a driver can be cited for not yielding to a pedestrian.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Officer Montiel answered that drivers must yield until the pedestrian exits the crosswalk. However, it is ultimately the decision of the officer who writes the citation based on the letter of the law.
Public Comment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Espy Vasquez resident of Redwood City asked if there is a law prohibiting pedestrians from using their phone while using a crosswalk.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Officer Montiel answered that there is no law. However, pedestrians should always be alert when using a crosswalk.

5. Presentation regarding Sheriff's Quarterly Update.

<p>Presentation by Administrative Sargent for Headquarters Patrol Andrew Hui., San Mateo County Sherriff's Office.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For part 1 crimes all percentages decreased in comparison to the second quarter of last year, except larceny which increased from 14 to 25 incidents and robberies which remained the same at 2 incidents. • Parking citations, moving citations, and bicycle citations all saw increases from last quarter. • Street sign boards were recently placed on 2500 Middlefield Rd. to raise awareness about yielding to pedestrians. • On the 4th of July, the shot spotter system recorded fewer activations and the Sherriff's department saw a significant decrease in calls compared to the previous year. • Two upcoming events are the CARON 20-year anniversary on September 21 and the mental health wellness academy taking place on October 15.
<p>Questions from Council Members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Linda Lopez asked for the date of the mental wellness event. Additionally, the Council Member asked how domestic abuse crimes are categorized on the clearance rates chart. Lastly, the Council Member asked what the department is doing about potential gun violence at large events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sargent Hui answered the event will be held on October 15. Additionally, the Sargent answered that he believes domestic abuse is categorized as aggravated assault but would have to confirm and get back to the council with an answer. As for gun violence awareness, the Sargent answered that they are working with CHP and a national threat assessment organization to determine the amount of security and countermeasures to place at events. • Chair Rodriguez asked if there was any report out to a previous question asked about specific statistics to youth related crimes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sargent Hui answered that he will investigate the matter and report back.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Whitney asked if the sheriff’s office has a home surveillance registry for neighbors who install their own cameras. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sargent Hui answered that it is something the department is currently working on and doesn’t have specific details yet. • Council Member Lopez asked for more information about the technology that detected fireworks on the 4th of July. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sargent Hui Answered that shot spotter is a technology that detects firework sound and models it on a map. This is used to conduct outreach and patrols in areas with a history of incidents.
Public Comment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Valencia, resident of Redwood City asked how the number of crimes solved compare to other cities. Additionally, the resident asked how the sheriff’s office typically announces their community events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sargent Hui answered that determining the number of crimes solved in comparison to other cities is information he does not have. ○ Sargent Victor Lopez director for the CARON program answered the question about announcing events. He stated that the events are typically promoted door to door and by distributing flyers. Additionally, there is an option to sign up for announcements through a text-based application.

6. Update regarding Redwood Junction.

Presentation by Michael Kaplan., Project Developer, Mercy Housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercy Housing is one of the largest nonprofit owners of affordable housing in the United States. • When the project is complete, rent levels will vary by household income. • The Project’s staffing needs will provide employment opportunities in the community. These include; Property manager, assistant property managers, maintenance managers, janitors, and resident coordinators.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the parking will be directed away from the public right away and will be facing the train tracks. • There will be discussions with the health center on how to best handle traffic issues that may arise.
Questions from Council Members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Whitney asked if the plans have any amenities such as a bridge over the train track for bicycle riders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Kaplan answered that there are no plans to build a bridge but that some of the funds will go towards public transportation and pedestrian projects that will benefit everyone.
Public Comment.	No public comment made.

7. Presentation regarding Canopy's Free Trees for NFO Program.

Presentation by Michael Hawkins and Maya Briones., Canopy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5000 trees have been planted since Canopy's founding. • 12,037 Students have learned about urban forestry with Canopy. • Over 2,900 trees have been planted in East Palo Alto since 2006. • Trees provide environmental, economic, and psycho-social benefits. • Canopy would like to provide free trees for North Fair Oaks residents, and it would commit to pruning and mowing the trees for 3 years. • Canopy also offers many courses and internships for teenagers, young adults, and seniors on urban forestry.
Questions from Council Members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Ruiz asked how people can sign up for courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Briones answered that people can sign up online or with a staff member.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Member Santos asked if the internships are held during the school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Briones answered that internships are held year-round, and that fall is when help is most needed because it is when most trees are planted. • Chair Rodriguez asked if the proposal is limited to trees on private property or if it also includes trees on city streets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Briones answered that Canopy does tress in public and private areas. However, in North Fair Oaks, it would depend on the county to make that determination. • Chair Rodriguez asked for more information on the program’s champions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Briones answered that a champion can be anyone from the community who can conduct outreach and talk to their neighbors. • Chair Rodriguez asked if participants can choose the type of tree planted on their properties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Briones answered that participants can choose any tree as long as it fits with the program’s parameters.
Public Comment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Valencia, resident of Redwood City asked for more information on the possibility of including trees for city streets in the proposal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Hawkins answered that planting trees on city streets is not possible at this time. The option is only available on private property.

8. Reports to the Council.

A. Supervisor's Report.

Irving Torres –Senior Legislative Aide to San Mateo County Supervisor Warren Slocum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announcement of resignation and acknowledgement of Council Members and County Staff.
Questions from Council Members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Rodriguez thanked Irving Torres for his service.

B. County Manager's Report.

Emma Gonzalez –Program Manager for Office of Community Affairs on behalf of Deputy County Manager Iliana Rodriguez.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department of Public Works is currently conducting sidewalk steam cleaning along Middlefield Rd. as an effort to beautify North Fair Oaks.• The City Pilot Program and the beautification of 5th avenue is now complete. With the reassignment of two employees from Department of Public Works to the North Fair Oaks area, there has been an overall reduction in illegal dumping and overgrown vegetation. Additionally, new turf and decorative plants have been installed on the 5th avenue corridor.• The Office of Community Affairs and Immigrant Services has distributed over twenty thousand know your rights cards within the county. In North Fair Oaks these were distributed along Middlefield Rd. to businesses, libraries, schools, and faith-based organizations.• The parking lot on Berkshire will open soon. Signs will be placed, and the surrounding business will be canvassed with flyers that announce the parking lot is now open.• Deputy County Counsel Melissa Andrikopoulos has been reassigned and will no longer be tending to the North Fair Oaks Community Council matters. The new County Counsel, Tim Fox, will begin his assignment to the North Fair Oaks Council in September 2019.
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Questions from Council Members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Rodriguez acknowledged and thanked Deputy County Counsel Melissa Andrikopoulos for her service.
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C. Council Member Reports.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Member Linda Lopez. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported the new restaurant Selby's has opened and there are concerns with parking from neighbors. Sunrise Senior Housing has broken ground and construction has started.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Rodriguez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A council newsletter initiative will not be possible under the sponsorship of the County as an advisory board. However, there might be opportunity for council members to engage in other forums on their own accord and not as a formal representative of the North Fair Oaks Community Council. One Council Member vacancy is open. Interviews will take place next week and the selection will be announced in the next Council meeting.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, September 26th, 2019 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.