



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.

Pursuant to the Shelter in Place Orders issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer and the Governor, the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, and the CDC’s social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, this meeting was held via videoconference. It began at 7:00 PM and was accessed online at <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/94081327351> or by calling 1 (877) 568-4106 for Spanish.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Brooks Esser, Vice Chair Juan Carlos Prado, Council Member Linda Lopez, Council Member Jennifer Ruiz, Council Member Blair Whitney, Council Member Everardo Rodriguez, and Youth Council Member Gabriela Ake.

Staff Present: Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager; Deputy County Counsel Tim Fox; Office of Community Affairs: Emma Gonzalez and Jennifer Mora.

2. Public Comment

- **Becca:** A street survey was passed around for neighbors between Bay Road and Spring Street. Neighbors would like more momentum on placing speed bumps, street lighting, and paint curbs to avoid people parking on these curbs.

AGENDA

3. Report Out

Supervisor's Report, presented by Maggie Cornejo, Legislative Aid:

- Measure K investments: Board of Supervisors approved funding for non-profit organizations in the area. Casa Circulo, Generations United, Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley received grants to continue their work.

County Manager's Report, presented by Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager:

- The Board of Supervisors approved two new programs under the San Mateo County Strong initiative: \$2 million dollars for small business assistance program and \$500,000 in grants for a micro-food business grant program.
- The Board of Supervisors initiated an approval of a new order as the first reading of a new ordinance to opt into the State's Micro-Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations Law
 - Home kitchens can operate commercially without having to satisfy all the requirements.

Council Member's Report, presented by Brooks Esser, Chair Member; Juan Carlos Prado, Vice Chair; Ever Rodriguez, Council Member; Blair Whitney, Council Member.

- Esser: Attended the Middlefield Road Improvement Project meeting for business owners. Meeting explained the impact to the businesses and work around solutions.
- Esser: Met with Ron Gonzalez, President of the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley, to go over programs that the foundation is running and can benefit North Fair Oaks.
 - Was invited to present to NFOCC in the beginning of 2022.
- Esser: The North Fair Oaks Community Festival is being organized for Summer 2022. Esser will be representing the Council on the organizing committee.
 - The focus on this community festival are local businesses and community groups.
- Prado: Noticed that there has been more communication between the County and small businesses regarding the Middlefield Road Improvement Project- especially among Spanish-speakers. Would like to congratulate the County on these efforts.
- Rodriguez: Attended the Equity Forum led by Shireen Malekafzali which went over on how to gather suggestions to advance equity throughout the County.
 - Also spoke to Hugo Torres, Program Director for the Siena Youth Center, on developing a curriculum around the environment and climate change geared towards the children.
 - Siena Youth Center will be hosting a carnival on Thursday, July 29 which will provide food, games, raffles, and COVID-19 vaccines. This effort is to fundraise for the eighth-grade trip to Europe.

- Whitney: Turned in some fireworks a friend gifted them to the Menlo Park Firefighter Department- turned out to be a process due to the nature of the fireworks. Didn't see a difference in this year's Fourth of July fireworks.

4. Recommendation for 716 2nd Avenue for an Off-Street Parking Exception (OSPX) for a residential remodel/addition to allow 1 covered parking space and 1 uncovered tandem parking space where 2 covered parking spaces are required.

<p>Presented by Summer Burlison, Senior Planner, Planning and Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convert living space (media room) into a third bedroom ○ Maintain a one-car garage ○ Maintain two uncovered tandem parking spaces in the driveway • Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Zoning Regulations Section 6119</i>: Two uncovered parking spaces required for a house with two or more bedrooms. ○ <i>Zoning Regulations Section 6120</i>: Exception with finding that the establishment, maintenance and/or conducting of the off-street parking facilities as proposed are as nearly in compliance with the requirements of Section 6119 as are reasonably possible. • Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That the North Fair Oaks Community Council provide a recommendation to the Community Development Director on the proposed Off-street Parking Exception, PLN 2021-00250. <p>Motion to recommend approval of the proposed Off-street Parking Exception, PLN 2021-00250: Chair Member Esser / Second: Vice Chair Prado</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: 7 - Esser, Prado, Lopez, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Whitney, Ake, No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3 - Cerrillo, Gillespie, Curincita</p>
<p>Council Member's Comment(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

5. Update: Post Fourth of July Updates on Fireworks, Etc.

Presented by Lt. Mark Myers, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening of July 4th, 2021, San Mateo County Public Safety Communications received 63 calls regarding illegal fireworks in North Fair Oaks • 6 citations were issued over 4th of July weekend in North Fair Oaks (2 were for the new County ordinance) • Hired 8 additional Deputy Sheriffs and started patrolling at 7:00 on July 4th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patrolled main areas such as 500 and 600 blocks of Stanford Avenue, Hampshire Avenue, Warrington Avenue ○ There were calls about the fireworks, but callers wouldn't provide exact location • As the night progressed, there were more fireworks and calls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was more a whole block setting off the fireworks, not individuals nor 1 or 2 residences <p style="background-color: yellow;">Informational Presentation. No Council Motion Required.</p>
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair Prado, Council Member Lopez, and Council Member Whitney
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela

6. Presentation: Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Presented by LaTrice Taylor, Samaritan House; Mark Nagales, Project Sentinel; Ana Avendano, Fair Oaks Community Center	<p>Samaritan House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA COVID-19 Rent & Utility Relief now available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19 dating back to April 1, 2020 ○ Have past due rent or utilities ○ Have a household income not more than 80% of the Area Median Income • San Mateo Residents may apply directly to Local Initiatives Support Corporation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Or can visit housingiskey.com or calling 833-430-2122 • Assistance for renters through this program does not qualify as income • Proof of citizenship is not required • On Jun 28th, AB 832 was signed which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extends current eviction moratorium through September 20, 2021 ○ Increases reimbursement to 200% for rent that is due or prospective payments. Utilities included. ○ Ensure landlords can receive compensation for vacated units
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Oaks Community Center provides assistance to NFO residents to apply for the Rental Relief Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An appointment is made between the resident and the LISC assistor to walk through the process ○ Mostly is done over the phone, but in-person services are available • Landlords can also apply for this program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can apply on behalf of former tenants/self-evicted tenants for 100% of back rent owed from April 1, 2021 – September 20, 2021 <p>Informational Presentation. No Council Motion Required.</p>
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Rodriguez and Council Member Lopez
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

7. Presentation: Fifth Avenue Underpass Mural Project

Presented by Kent Manske, Co-Chair, 5 th Avenue Underpass Mural Project	<p><i>Healthy Community murals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 community inspired mural panels under the 5th Avenue underpass • Concept developed in 2017 • Part of phase 2 in the North Fair Oaks Beautification Project • One topic per mural panel (example: eat healthy and exercise) • Some community benefits of the Mural Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unite community divided by the Caltrain Tracks ○ Encourage walking and biking between Middlefield Road and El Camino Real ○ Engage and educate NFO community on health and well-being • Opportunities available for community participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5th Avenue Underpass Mural Project Committee ○ Four workshops to develop ideas ○ Volunteer and donation opportunities <p>Motion to support the 5th Avenue Underpass Mural Project: Council Member Linda Lopez / Second: Council Member Rodriguez</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: 7 - Esser, Prado, Lopez, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Whitney, Ake, No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3 - Cerrillo, Gillespie, Curincita</p>
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Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Rodriguez and Council Member Whitney
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Next Council Meeting:*
Thursday, September 23, 2021; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
*North Fair Oaks Community Council will have a recess for the month of August.

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