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**North Fair Oaks Community Council
 Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 26, 2018
 7:00 p.m.**

Fair Oaks Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City

Issue	Discussion
Roll Call	Present: Everardo Rodriguez, Beatriz Cerrillo, Rosaura Lopez , Rosario Gonzalez, Linda Lopez, Yesenia Mendez County Staff: Mike Callagy – Assistant County Manager, Melissa Andrikopoulos – Deputy County Counsel, Victor Gaitan – Office of Community Affairs
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terri Chin—invites the community to attend the 7th Annual Latino Youth Conference in Canada College on April 28
Sheriff’s Office Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Captain Christina Corpus, Sheriff’s Office • Update on Part 1 crime stats (homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft) in 2018 vs 2017 • There are a total of 71 Part 1 Crimes in the Q1 of 2018, a reduction of 1.4% compared to 2017 • There has been an increase in petty thefts and parking enforcement compared to 2017. • A bilingual pamphlet has been created to educate residents on how to avoid parking violations • Community events will be hosted in the Summer for kids and family
Questions from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council member Linda Lopez— asked Capt. Corpus to elaborate on the summer activities planned aside from the STAR camps and the capacity of the STAR camps • Capt. Corpus reported that the STAR camp can accommodate 120 students and

	<p>is a 4-day event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council member Rosaura Lopez—asked to clarify the trend in parking citation and expressed concern about the street sweeping schedule and the lack of parking spaces • Capt. Corpus reported that there is an increase in citation compare to last year, but a decrease of 800 parking citations compare to last quarter • Council member Linda Lopez suggested to invite a representative from Recology to give more information about street sweeping to the Council and gave compliments on the parking violation educational pamphlet • Chair Everado Rodriguez asked about the statistics of mail package thefts • Capt. Corpus reported that mail package thefts are occurring in many communities across the County and gave some recommendations on how to avoid getting one’s package stolen and encouraged residents to give video footages of the crime to the Sheriff’s Office if they have security camera installed
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment
California Highway Patrol Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Officer Art Montiel, California Highway Patrol • Explained the difference among municipal police departments, the Sheriff’s Office and CHP • Asked the council for input on what to look out for when they are patrolling on the street • Council member Rosaura Lopez expressed her gratitude to the CHP and the Sheriff’s Office for their work in the community • Council member Linda Lopez asked about summer activities for kids to be involved • Officer Montiel reported that there is no summer activities planned
Questions from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment
Update on the Fair Oaks Library Hours and Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Derek Wolfgram, Director of the Redwood City Public Library. • Fair Oaks Library is on target to open in June 2018. • Due to a \$420,000 budget cut to the Redwood City Library System, book, program and employee budget will be affected. Library hour might be reduced by 22% starting in January 2019.
Questions from Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Everado Rodriguez asked Mr. Wolfgram to elaborate on the funding sources and partnership of the Fair Oaks Library and the anticipated length of

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the budget cut

- Mr. Wolfgram reported that the Fair Oaks Library receives funding from the City of Redwood City and the County Library Joint Power Authority, but also needs to pay rent to the County for the space. The budget cut is anticipated to last at least the next 10-15 years.
- Vice-Chair Beatriz Cerillo asked how the usage hour presented is calculated and if they account for the difference in usage during school vacation
- Mr. Wolfgram responded that the hour usage presented is an average over the year.
- Council member Rosario Gonzalez suggested to cut service time on Saturdays instead of weekdays because there is a decrease in usage on Saturdays based on her personal observation. She also suggested that more outreach to be done with special education classes in nearby schools.
- Mr. Wolfgram responded that there is flexibility in the hours of operation and he will consider the suggestion of cutting Saturday to preserve normal operational hours on weekdays.
- Mr. Wolfgram stated that they would be interested in outreaching to the special education classes if the connection is made. They have a similar program that targets 0-3 year-old children with autism or speech delay in the Downton Branch Library.
- Council member Linda Lopez asked if it is possible to move the temporary library to a larger space. She also expressed concern about not filling vacancies and cutting incumbent positions concurrently.
- Mr. Wolfgram explained that since the library will only be moved to the temporary location for a relatively short time period, they decided to move to the selected location because of the proximity to the permanent location.
- Mr. Wolfgram says hourly extra help can be hired to bridge service gaps caused by vacancies until January when they start cutting operation hours.
- Council member Rosaura Lopez asked if the Library can host more family activities when the branch reopens in June
- Mr. Wolfgram responded that the Fair Oaks Library receives an annual allocation for programming from the Redwood City Friends of the Library. They can ask for more family-focused programs in the new fiscal year if the community desires.
- Chair Everardo Rodriguez asked if there is anything the Council, the community or the County can do to alleviate the budget cut to the library system
- Mr. Wolfgram responded that if any party can provide \$60,000 per year to support a part-time employee, they can sustain the library hours

Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martina --1:01:46
North Fair Oaks Permitted Parking Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Lo Coco, Deputy Director of Public Works, County of San Mateo • The permitted parking program is expected to be piloted in a specific neighborhood in North Fair Oaks. Each single family household can apply for 2 permits and 6 transferrable visitor permits. Permits need to be re-applied every 2 years. • To be eligible for the program, the community, with a demonstrated parking issue, needs to submit a petition, 1/2 of the community needs to respond to a survey and 2/3 support is needed • Assistant County Manager Mike Callagy emphasized that there are many permitted parking programs exist and the County wants to gain input from the Council in molding the most suitable program for community.
Questions from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council member Linda Lopez asked what other neighborhoods have requested for such program besides Selby Park • Deputy Director Joe Lo Coco reported that Menlo Oaks, Edison Way near Sport House and Princeton on the Coastsides have inquire about the program • Council member Linda Lopez asked how this program would fix the problem of commercial vehicles parking near Waverly & Fifth Ave. • Deputy Director Joe Lo Coco reported that parking restrictions will be enforced near Waverly Place after its opening in May • Chair Everardo Rodriguez suggested that the County make a presentation to residents living in areas where the program is going to be piloted to inform them about the changes • Assistant County Manager Mike Callagy reported that the County is planning to hold these meetings in the upcoming months in the form of study sessions. The County is willing to work with the Council in finalizing the details to accommodate the community needs • Council member Rosaura Lopez asked if the information is online • Deputy Director Joe Lo Coco answered that it is currently not online but they are happy to upload them
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unidentified community member expressed his support for using mailers to notify the community about the upcoming study sessions

<p>Update on the proposed Fair Oaks Community School Closure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Maria Diaz-Slocum, President of the Redwood City School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. John Baker • The School Board agreed to continue the operation of Fair Oaks Community School if 200 students can be committed to enroll in the next school year by May 15
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council member Rosaura Lopez asked how many students are currently enrolled at the Fair Oaks Community School • Superintendent Baker reported that there are 114 students currently enrolled. • Council member Linda Lopez commented on the dilemma of the public school system being under-enrolled and having more charter schools in operation. She asked how can the community help to increase the enrollment in the public school system • Superintendent Baker reported that a parent-initiated marketing campaign targeting charter school students is ongoing to promote increased enrollment at the Fair Oaks Community School. Community members who are interested in joining the effort can contact the Communication Director of the Redwood City School District, Jorge Quintana • Chair Everardo Rodriguez asked if other school districts in the nearby area are encountering similar challenges • Superintendent Baker reported that the Ravenswood School District is also facing the same challenge • Council member Rasario Gonzales expressed her gratitude as an employee and a community member of the District for the opportunity to preserve the school • Chair Everardo Rodriguez suggested to continue the conversation in a study session • President Maria Diaz-Slocum emphasized that the School Board concerned not only the enrollment of the Fair Oaks Community School, but also the quality of education it provides. The District and the families need to work together to improve the performance of the school.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis G • 1:51:30
<p>Public Comment for Proposed Flavored Tobacco</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unidentified community member commented that age restriction should be more strictly enforced instead of banning flavored tobacco, which can hurt local businesses • Unidentified community member suggested that the County should work more closely with community organizations to educate young people about tobacco

<p>Ordinance</p>	<p>instead of banning flavored tobacco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liliana Acosta opposed the ban because it will start an underground economy and bring outlaws into the community • Florence Ortiz opposed the ban because prohibition didn't work and the ban will mostly affect lower income families • Liz and Patrick Pounders, proprietors of the local Exxon gas station, opposed the ban because the loss of tobacco sale would have a real economic impact on their business and the community
<p>Proposed Flavored Tobacco Ordinance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Edith Cabuslay, Program Services Manager, San Mateo County Health System • To prevent youth in trying tobacco products, the County is proposing to ban all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, in the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Member Yesenia Mendez asked why is the ban only enforceable in unincorporated areas of San Mateo County • Ms. Babuslay answered that the Board of Supervisors only has jurisdiction over the unincorporated areas of the County • Chair Everardo Rodriguez asked if the proposed ordinance would pose any limitation on where the tobacco industry can advertise • Ms. Babuslay answered that that the proposed ordinance would have no effect on where advertisements can be placed • Council member Linda Lopez asked if Ms. Babuslay could answer the questions raised by attendees at another meeting held on April 24. In particular, if retailers would receive any compensations for any unsold products after the passing of the ordinance • Ms. Babuslay reported that the current language of the ordinance does not include any compensations for retailers. All the input from the listening session will be brought back to authors of the ordinance for their consideration
<p>Supervisor's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Slocum urges the Council to conduct a study session on the proposed flavored tobacco ban and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisor
<p>County Manager's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report from the County Manger

<p>Council Member's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Linda Lopez reported the following upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Neighborhood Association of Redwood City had extended an invitation to the unincorporated North Fair Oaks community in joining them to talk about community issues in their June 13th meeting at 7 o'clock ○ Rents Too High, a youth-sponsored housing coalition at the Sienna Youth Center, is hosting a housing panel on May 15th ○ Waverly Apartments has a grand opening on May 23rd ○ Transportation Coalition has a housing forum on May 9th at 6:30pm at the Redwood City Library ○ Public Art Workgroup has their next regular meeting on May 7th at 6pm at the Fair Oaks Clinic ○ Neighborhood Response Team Meeting in County Center on May 24th
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<p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>North Fair Oaks Community Council Study Session Thursday, May 17, 2018 Fair Oaks Community Center</p> <p>North Fair Oaks Community Council Regular Meeting Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00pm Fair Oaks Community Center, Multipurpose Room</p>