



Report to the North Fair Oaks Community Council

Reporting Agency: North Fair Oaks Forward

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORTING PERIOD:

Dine and Dialogue

This summer, NFO Forward hosted a summer dialogue series with the purpose of bringing community members together to enjoy a casual dinner, learn about a featured topic and discuss with each other their hopes and ideas for the future of North Fair Oaks.

Our third dialogue took place on August 12 at the Fair Oaks Health Center and the discussion topic was Healthy Habits. The event resulted in great conversations and ideas that were shared among all 15 attendees.

The NFO Forward Team put together a summary of the entire Dine & Dialogue series, which contains notes from each discussion group and feedback from the evaluation forms. The summary will be posted on the NFO Forward website along with links to each presentation.

NFO Public Art Workgroup

The Public Art Workgroup has completed a variety of projects this summer, including three Utility Box Murals and the installation of four North Fair Oaks Entrance Signs. The workgroup is planning a community gathering in early October to celebrate the implementation of these recent projects. Moving forward, the workgroup is interested in exploring locations murals and other art projects in North Fair Oaks.

Local Business Sustainability Plan

The NFO Forward team has made numerous outreach efforts to local businesses along the Middlefield Road corridor to identify their concerns and needs regarding the upcoming Middlefield Road Redesign. Next steps include the development of a local business advisory workgroup that will continue to provide input as the Business Sustainability Plan is developed. We are currently in the research phase of this process and we will provide an update soon.

North Fair Oaks Zoning Changes

In addition to the public hearing on July 23, 2015, part of the North Fair Oaks Community Council meeting, another opportunity for public input on the proposed zoning changes along Middlefield Road between 1st Avenue and 8th Avenue was held on Wednesday, August 5th at the Fair Oaks Community Center. A one-page summary of both meetings with details on attendance and feedback received is available on our website.

Reimagine Flood Park Update

The San Mateo Parks Department hosted two community meetings on the redesign of Flood Park (located on Bay Road in Menlo Park). There was a great turn out at each meeting, one hosted at Menlo Park's Community Center and the other one at the Fair Oaks Community Center. After obtaining community input at the meetings and conducting an online survey to learn about priorities of the park users, the design consultant has prepared three design alternatives that are ready to be presented back to the community.

The third community meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Fair Oaks Community Center from 7pm-9m. Simultaneous translation and childcare will be provided. Please join us and provide your input on the proposed design alternatives.

Other Outreach Efforts and Events

NFO Forward continues to actively engage the North Fair Oaks Community. The team enjoyed participating in the 14th Annual North Fair Oaks Community Festival on Sunday, August 16, 2015.

Join us at our next event - Park(ing) Day on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 10am to 4pm. Multiple parking spaces along Middlefield Road will temporarily become community places!

NFO Forward is providing support to Steve Rasmussen Cancian (Shared Spaces) as he convenes a community steering committee to work on the next level of design for Middlefield Road.

For more information about North Fair Oaks Forward, please visit www.nfoforward.org.