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



Linda Lopez, Chair Rafael Avendano Laura Caplan Beatriz Cerrillo Dale Miller John Shott Esperanza Vazquez

## North Fair Oaks Community Council Meeting Minutes Date: 7/24/14

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1/Multi-purpose Room

Issue	Discussion	Decision/ Next Step/Action
Roll Call	Present: Rafael Avendano, Laura Caplan, Linda Lopez, Dale Miller, John Shott, Esperanza Vasquez	
	Absent: Beatriz Cerillo	
Public Comment	No public comment was made.	
Set the designated the number of members for the upcoming year/Recommnedati on of voting rights to youth member/alternate  Location: Classroom 1	John Nibbelin, County Counsel, explained to the council that under the North Fair Oaks Community Council Bylaws, Article 3 Membership, the Council shall be set at the community council's regular meeting in July of each year, and the designated number of members shall neither be increase not decreased until the community council's regular meeting July the following year.  John also stated that council could discuss the possibility of giving voting rights to the youth member who currently is a non-voting member and establishing a alternate youth member.  Council opened up for public comment:  Teri Chin read Carmela Meehan, North Fair Oaks Youth Initiative Program Director's, comments —  We believe that early civic engagement and early community involvement paves the way for lifelong commitment. We also believe an example of a healthy community includes adults in leadership positions who seek out youth to partner in decision making processes that impact them. Therefore, Carmela commend the NFO Community Council for opening their door to having a youth member on the council.  NFOYI goals are to strengthen leadership opportunities for youth in NFO, and to collaborate with youth and community stakeholders in NFO to sustain those opportunities.	

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	Not only would this partnership help achieve these goals, but it adds to the ladder of leadership for youth in NFO.	
	The youth members who apply for this position will already be selected NFOYI youth cohort members. This means that they are youth who are ready to make long-term commitments to leadership, and that they will have support from the program staff to help them through their term.	
	Teri's comments -	
	Teri is the Human Services Manager for the City of Redwood City, in charge of the Fair Oaks Community Center. Teri is also a founding member and adult supporter of the North Fair Oaks Youth Initiative.	
	She understands there are concerns regarding the lack of attendance from our first youth representative. Given the time commitments of a first year college student and of most seniors in high school, we have discussed with Irving the idea of targeting sophomores and juniors in high school from the North Fair Oaks Youth Initiative to fill the role of youth representative and alternate. In addition to having more time available, their participation on the Council would also be a positive asset to their future college applications.	
	Teri support the idea of the youth representative and alternate, as this helps to assure participation by at least one youth in most if not all meetings and activities of the Council. And previews both a learning and supportive context for both of the youth.	
	Finally, Teri is excited about the possibility of the youth being a voting member as this will provide further incentive for participation and empowers the youth member to have a full voice with the Council.	
	Chair Linda Lopez closed Public Comment.	
	Councilmember Caplan stated that she is concern of allowing voting rights to the youth member.	
	Councilmember Avendano stated his support for the youth member to have voting rights as they have as much of a voice in the community as the council.	
	Chair Lopez stated that it would be a good idea to maintain the membership to nine for this upcoming year if the voting rights are given to the youth member.	
	Dale made a motion to set the designated the number of members for the upcoming year to nine and recommend voting rights to youth member/alternate.	
	Councilmember Rafael Avendano seconded the motion.	
	Councilmembers Rafael Avendano, Dale Miller, John Shott, Esperanza Vazquez, Linda Lopez approved the recommendation.	
	Councilmember Laura Caplan opposed the recommendation.	
	Recommendation passes.	

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NFOCC Community Council Sponsored Meeting Road Options and Traffic Analysis presented by the Department of Public Works  Location: Multipurpose Room	The council reconvened at the multi-purpose room for their community meeting on options and traffic analysis presented by the Department of Public Works. For the community notes, please see attachment of the NFO Middlefield Redesign packet, which is posted on Nfoforward.org.	
Adjournment	Councilmember Rafael Avendano made a motion to adjourned the meeting.  Councilmember Dale Miller seconded the motion.  Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.	

Next Meeting	
Date: North Fair Oaks Community Council Study Session 8/21/14	
Time: 7:00 p.m.	
Location: Multi-Purpose Room	