



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/95432112211> or by calling 1 (877) 568-4106 for Spanish.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Beatriz Cerrillo, Vice-Chair Juan Carlos Prado, Council Member Everardo Rodriguez, Council Member Blair Whitney, Youth Council Member Gabriela Ake, Youth Council Member Xitlali Curincita, Chair Brooks Esser

Staff Present: Spanish Interpreter Clara, Legislative Aid Maggie Cornejo, Deputy County Tim Fox, Office of Community Affairs: Emma Gonzalez, Jennifer Mora

2. Public Comment

Jenny- Importance of mature tree canopies, update the tree removal regulations, revoke any existing tree removal permits until regulations are updated

Ron- Propose the 2.6 acres available for lease on Ravenswood School District property be converted to green space to improve neighborhood sports and picnic areas

AGENDA

3. Report Out

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

- Support for San Mateo County residents includes: 7,000 rental assistance applications approved, \$71 million dollars in food assistance and support programs, 3 million meals distributed, and \$6.5 million dollars to second harvest food bank, \$16 million dollars on immigrant assistance with more than 1,600 grants approved, \$20.7 million dollars in emergency relief to small businesses with 1,075 grants approved, 500,400 businesses have permit relief, \$7.3 million dollars to child care and learning locations with 309 grants approved, \$6.4 million dollars into new technology and public wi-fi, and \$3.9 million in non-profit relief grants helping 109 non-profits
- Supervisor Slocum and RWC Together will host a Facebook Live on booster shots on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00pm
- Supervisor Slocum held virtual meeting to discuss concerns about developments of out-of-scale homes and tree removals
- On October 19, Board of Supervisors approved \$54.3 million for affordable housing commitments including: 759 units of affordable housing in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks and one-third of these units will be to help people experiencing homelessness, those with special needs or those with extremely low income
- Redistricting process resumes: Board of Supervisors must adopt the final map by December 15th, 2021
- In 2019, San Mateo County found over 1500 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, Board of Supervisors approved a development called the Navigation Center that will provide 240 beds in Redwood City

County Manager's Report, presented by Chair Brooks Esser on behalf of Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager

- County plans to place trees near the new benches being placed as an improvement effort of the Middlefield Rd project
- The color rust was approved for the new benches and an order has been placed

Council Member's Report, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council

- Chair Brooks Esser
 - Planning committee for the NFO Community Festival on August 14th, 2022
 - Middlefield Road Improvement Project installed new sewer line and started trench work on side streets
 - HSA reported funds are still available for the rental assistance programs
 - Volunteers needed for the one-day homeless count on January 27th, 2022
 - Let's Talk Housing meeting on affordability and racial equity
 - Redwood City Schools Education Foundation, recently received over a million dollars to invest in local schools
 - Civics 101 ten-week program

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NFO Community Festival planning meeting ○ Menlo Park Fire District Community based emergency preparedness meeting • Council Member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ North Fair Oaks Library resources and opportunities • Council Member Gabriela Ake <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boys & Girls Club host Second Harvest food drive every Wednesday • Council Member Xitlali Curincita <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ College of San Mateo to host vaccine pop-up ○ OYE Planning Committee ○ Cañada College to host Halloween community event
<p>Public comment: No public comment.</p>

4. Presentation: Aging and Adult Services Elder Dependent Adult Financial Abuse and TIES Line

<p>Presentation by Shannon Morgan, Health Services Manager, Aging and Adult Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services is a division of San Mateo County Health System • Aging and Adult Services provides a wide range of services optimizing the quality of life for older adults and persons with disabilities in SMCo. • Adult Protective Services is a county-based program that intervenes to remedy or reduce danger to elders and dependent adults at risk of physical, sexual, mental or financial abuse, and neglect or self-neglect. • Older adult population age criteria is 65, dependent age criteria is 18-64, new adult protective services regulations will be changing January of next year that will lower the age criteria. • EDAPT is a multidisciplinary team dedicated to three objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Streamlining the investigation of elder and dependent adult financial abuse cases ○ Coordinating supportive services to victims ○ Bring awareness through targeted outreach to the community/training departments • 2010 Census Data: retirement-aged population grew 50% faster than the rest of CA between 2010-210. Rapid increase. • NCEA and National Institute of Justice reports family members and caregivers being 90% of all abusers • Most common financial scams that elder’s encounter: Telemarketing, Sales, Lottery & Sweetscapes, “OnlineSweetheart”, “Government Agency Rep”, Money Transfer
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	Informational Presentation. No Council Motion Required.
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question(s): Does the County have assisted living facilities for the elder? In relation to collaborative with community-based organizations, does EDAPT do that with organizations? • Council Member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comment(s): Grateful for EDAPT in bringing awareness. Hopes for the community to look out for one another.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment

5. Recommendation: Off-Street Parking Exception (OSPX) for 891 Fifteenth Ave.

Presentation by Tiare Pena, Executive Aide, Planning & Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration for off-street parking exception • Proposal for single family residence to build and add on an additional 432 sq ft to allow for a master bedroom and bath suite into the rear yard setback • No residential homes located behind 891 Fifteenth Ave • Category of the object exempt from CEQA, maintenance of an existing structure, no negative declaration needed to be produced for this project <p>Motion to recommend approval of the Off-Street Parking Exception on 891 Fifteenth Ave: Council Member Juan C. Prado/ Second: Council Member Blair Whitney</p> <p>Verbal roll call vote was taken: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3</p>
Council Member's Comment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question: Are they adding rental units to the home? Plan to market on Airbnb? • Council Member Juan C. Prado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question(s): What would be the percentage of the lot that would be built out? Does this exceed the county percentage? • Council Member Everardo Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question: Was there any public concerns from neighbors?
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment

6. Presentation: Tree Canopy

<p>Presentation by Maya Briones, Community Forestry Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission is to grow urban tree canopy in Midpeninsula • San Mateo County gave commitment statement to growing the urban forest and canopy cover throughout the county including NFO • NFO Community Plan discusses improving the tree canopy coverage through street tree programs as well as provide new trees along alleys and driveways • Many low-income NFO residents work multiple jobs to make ends meet, 50/50 renters and homeowners, medium income is 77k, this brings on barriers when associating costs to tree planting • Historically communities of color and low-income communities live in areas built with less green space resulting in more heat waves • Increases in climate will continue to impact NFO community. Less tree canopy and more concrete in communities like NFO leads to more respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, more air pollution and increases of health costs • Received support from Supervisor Slocum’s office through Measure K funding for outreach efforts • Planted 11 trees in December 2020 with the support from the Siena Youth Center community • Ask NFOCC to revise and expand current list of approved tree species, reduce permit fees, and reconsider tree maintenance responsibilities <p>Informational Presentation. No Council Motion Required.</p>
<p>Council Member’s Comment(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Juan Carlos Prado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question: What have been the efforts of trying to illustrate to the county the unique obstacles that the NFO community faces and the need to expand the list of approved tree species? • Council Member Beatriz Cerrillo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comment: Challenge with ongoing tree maintenance, more council input in community conversations • Council Member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions: How can a renter take advantage of free trees offered by Tree Canopy? Can any trees be planted along on the Hetch Hetchy pipeline corridor? • Council Member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comments: Reforestation in NFO is very important as it improves the health and livelihood of people. Supervisor

	<p>Slocum supported a request to incentivize tree planting in NFO and provide funding. Some of San Mateo County policies regarding tree planting are outdated and not reflect the commitment to address climate change. A recommendation to the department of Public Works to support free tree planting in the public right-of-way of NFO by expanding the list of approved tree species, reduce permit fees, and reconsider maintenance responsibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question: Clarify if the work done by Melissa Ross in regards to tree regulations is part of the upcoming meeting on November 15th with Supervisor Slocum?
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Kaplan • Cade Kennedy • Kit • Susanne Beattie

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm

Next Council Meeting:
Thursday, November 18, 2021; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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