**September 28, 2023 7:00 pm**

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.

**The North Fair Oaks Community Council was held in person at the Fair Oaks Community Center (2600 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City) and by teleconference using Zoom** [**https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91572012277**](https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91572012277). **It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.**

1. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Members Blair Whitney, Juan Carlos Prado, George Saman, Niket Sirsi, Everardo Rodriguez, Kathleen Daly, and Chair Brooks Esser

**Staff Present:** Timothy Fox, Community Affairs Office, Jennifer Castro-Lara, Kenny Chu, and Bo Unga

1. **Public Comment**

 **No public comment**

**AGENDA**

1. **NFO Community Plan Update (30 mins)**

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| **Presentation by** Good City Company | * North Fair Oaks community plan 10-year review update:
* Create community awareness by discussing the plan to residents, including its purpose, initiatives, and how it is used by the County of San Mateo.
* Collect community input by **collecting a minimum of 200 surveys to understand their needs and that their voices are heard.**
* **Surveys will have questions from housing to health etc.**
* Continue to outreach to the community especially at events when appropriate.
* Engage with community members as much as possible.
* Community input will:
* Guide the County with which priorities to focus on.
* Help the County understand how to be more successful when implementing activities in the future.
* Help the County develop recommendations for any changes to the plan’s priorities.
* Next steps are to review and analyze the responses of the surveys and to adjust the priories.
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| **Council Members Comment** | * Council member Niket Sirsi
* Because you’re focused on certain areas, is that going to impact the plan or shift the priorities in terms of the original plan?
* Is this data effecting the direction?
* How often do you do these reviews or these general check ins?
* If you had a different population of surveys, then they wouldn’t have the same needs or priorities as other people within the communities.
* Regards to the online surveys, how much were using it like nextdoor or other community biased applications?
* We need to make people in the communities aware of what we do and how we do it.
* Council member George Saman
* Agreeing with council member Niket, with making sure this data is not skewed into one direction. Make sure that we have the community’s input in there as well.
* My concern is that we’re utilizing this data to make community plan changes for the whole community so it’s something we need to keep in mind.
* Council member Kathleen Daly
* I’m curious about the implementation staff and who you’re talking to and how it relates back to the council members.
* Another thing to consider is how many people need to get out of the neighborhood to get to work and school. They didn’t choose those circumstances. There’s a ton of people that low middle income that can’t ride a bike to work etc.
* Chair Brooks Esser
* Whether or not they’re representative of the community, they’re representative of the people that do indeed leverage County services.
* With the inflicting priorities, is the number one out of 18 or 18 out of 18?
* Can you walk us through the process to use to gather data from the implementers – are you going to start with the survey results?
* Council member Everardo Rodriguez
* Earlier you stated about taking into consideration of equity.
* Even though the surveys have passed, are you still open to taking information that might be additional to your survey or helpful?
* Is this only for county staff or county departments? With the surveys. Would this include community based or NFO Council as well.
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| **Public Comment** | * **No Public comment**
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1. **Report Out**

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| **County Executive’s Report,** presented by Adam Ely, Deputy County Executive * No report out.

**Council Member’s Report**, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council * Vice-chair Blair Whitney
* No report out.
* Council member Juan Carlos Prado
* Attended the NFO neighborhood get together and it was successful. And all the businesses sponsored the event as well, which they donated. Giving props to all those who were involved.
* Council member Everardo Rodriguez
* Attended the fire distribute at Menlo Park. And community organizations that do work around disaster preparedness.
* Council member Niket Sirsi
* It’s tree trimming season – there’s also PTSD with the neighborhoods about whether they’re cutting the trees or trimming the trees.
* Also want to know an update about the tree ordinance and where the county stands on that too. And learning how we can help as well.
* Council member Kathleen Daly
* No report out.
* Council member George Saman
* Been taking the Civics 101 class about learning more about the County government. Great class, highly recommend it.
* Chair Brooks Esser
* Attended a few community events the past week:
* Neighborhood response meeting with whether tables and chairs will be allowed on Middlefield Road.
* The county banned flavor tobacco –
* Middlefield Road update – PG&E related the wires will be pulled through.
* Sat, Oct. 7th – Community Mural in NFO
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| The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**Next Council Meeting:** Thursday October 26, 2023; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. |

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