**October 26, 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/99763553233. 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, Joshua Caspillan, Kenny Chu, and Bo Unga

1. **Public Comment**

**Michelle Haro –** High school senior in middle college. She’s involved in the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition, specifically in Redwood City area. She’s passionate about making our community safer and more accessible for cyclists.

**Kadelyn Tsuboi –** Another high school student. Also is passionate about making it safer for cyclists in the Redwood City area. There are other cities within the County that have made it possible for cyclists to be safer on streets, so can Redwood City.

**AGENDA**

1. **Economic and Employment Center (30 mins)**

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| **Presentation by** JobTrain and Renaissance Center | * What is JobTrain? * A non-profit organization since 1965. Offers no-cost career training programs in high demand fields, employment services, GED/HSET, and supportive services. * Career development services include resume development, interview practice, access to laptops, Wi-Fi, and printer, and incentives for finding your new job, etc. * JobTrain have partnered with Fair Oaks Community Center and Sequoia Adult School to interact more with the community. * There are a lot of workshops that are open to the community that will be held via zoom and at the Fair Oaks Community Center in Spanish and in English. * What is Renaissance? * Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center transforms lives and communities by helping entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses since 1985. * This entails training classes, individual consulting, network with small businesses, and access to markets. * Updates from April 1st to September 31st overview: * Developed 4 websites for North Fair Oaks business owners. * Conducted 4 workshops in person. * 15 North Fair Oaks residents received technical training; 29 Redwood City residents received it as well. * 1 North Fair Oaks resident received a $5,000 grant; 8 Redwood City residents received $45,000 in Seed Grants. * Current outreach updates/efforts: * Supporting local businesses * Customized services * Schedule workshops at times convenient for local businesses, such as evenings, weekends, to maximize attendance. |
| **Council Members Comment** | * Council member Everardo Rodriguez * Is REN also working at Sequoia school too? * Are you going to remodel the old furniture store before moving in? * Council member George Saman * Thank you all for your hard work and what you’re doing. And helping the community. * Is there a plan to expand these training programs like culinary and carpentry? * Where is your main funding source for REN? Is it donations or paid services? * What assistance do you need from us, how can we help? * Council member Kathleen Daly * I know former employees that went through this program and they’re all doing amazing things. * What can we do to help you guys? * Is there any chance we have a Day worker, is there any way of having them filter into this program? * We have an email list with all the names of the businesses to help you and connect with you. |
| **Public Comment** | * **No Public comment** |

1. **City of Redwood City’s Residential Parking Permit Program. (30 mins)**

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| **Presentation by** Christian Hammack | * Existing parking issues consists of: * Driveway area * RV’s, Boats, etc * Abandoned vehicles. * Commercial vehicles * Street sweeping * Curb painting * Approximately 6,000 parking related complaints (Police department) and 9,000 related complaints (Public works department) * On-street parking is a limited City resource and at times requires management to help availability. * Permit Program required wide neighborhood support. * Program allows for 2-hr parking. * Must renew annually. * Limit 3 permits per address, eight 1-day guest permits per year, and two 14-day guest permits per year. * Typical hour of restrictions 7am-6pm, Mon-Fri. |
| **Council Members Comment** | * Council member George Saman * How many additional staff did you have to hire for this program? * How much more budget did you have to increase for this program? * Does it matter what size the house is with the 3 vehicles per household? * How do you determine Airbnb and medium-term rentals if you’re limited parking? * What does it mean when you have an average occupancy of 80%? * Council member Juan Carlos Prado * There’s a lot of spills over commercial especially in the areas where we have blocks that are half the block is Redwood City and half the block is North Fair Oaks – are you planning to do permits in those areas? * Is that different? Industrial vs commercial? * Council member Everardo Rodriguez * Does Redwood City have any policy pertaining size of vehicles that park in either light industrial or commercial? * What was the map that you showed with the data and the heat map? * There’s got to be a multi prone solution with the children school areas. They should be able to ride their bikes to school etc. * Chair Brooks Esser * Do you still have half a person of Revenue services allocated to that or is that 5 to 8,000? * This is more of how to implement it and how this was an example. * Council member Niket Sirsi * Can you talk more about the school area and kind of what you were looking at there because one issue is that having the adult school it provides many opportunities but not provided any parking? * Council member Kathleen Daly * How much parking has Stanford parking has and people aren’t allowed on there. If a young person needed to ark overnight and it got towed because the police removed him out. We need to think outside of the box when it comes to parking. |
| **Public Comment** | * **No Public comment** |

1. **Report Out**

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| **County Executive’s Report,** presented by Emma Gonzalez   * Measure K, 10/17 meeting, Board of Supervisors have agreed upon how they’re going to do future funding. * 60 million dollars – yet not enough money for all programs and services. * They will prioritize children/families, senior housing, homelessness, and emergency preparedness. * 10/24 – The Board of Supervisors. The Sheriff oversight had been working the last study session with their experiences if its needed or not. * Middlefield Road – Furniture store will be renovated for JobTrain and Renaissance center. Hopefully be completed before summer.   **Council Member’s Report**, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council   * Vice-chair Blair Whitney * No report out. * Council member Juan Carlos Prado * The league of women voter presentation in Redwood City. Great turnout. * Council member Everardo Rodriguez * Attended a meeting about water well project to create place on 4th avenue. The information was insufficient for the public to understand. * Council member Niket Sirsi * The tree ordinance – it’s tree season and where the county stands on that. * Council member Kathleen Daly * Shoutout to public works! * Council member George Saman * Shoutout to Public works! * Chair Brooks Esser * Interviewed two candidates and will approve them. * Still looking for two youth leadership role. * 5th avenue mural was a great turnout. * Resolution and updated the Middlefield. * The Board of Supervisors approve of the hotel on El Camino. |

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| The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.  **Next Council Meeting:** Thursday November 16, 2023; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. |

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