



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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April 25, 2024

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/91721133930> . It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Daly, Councilmember Juan Carlos Prado, Councilmember Blair Whitney, Councilmember Brooks Esser, Councilmember Ever Rodriguez

Staff Present: Timothy Fox, Adam Ely, Community Affairs Office, Kenny Chu, Liset Gutierrez-Barraza, and Bo Unga

2. Public Comment

No public comment

AGENDA

3. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Intro/District Update.

<p>Presentation by Margaret McNiven, <i>from</i> <i>Midpeninsula</i> <i>Open Space</i> <i>District</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Midpen’s Mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To acquire and preserve and regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecological sensitive public enjoyment and education. ○ On the Coast, Midpen has an expanded mission to acquire and preserve agricultural land of regional significance, preserve rural character, and encourage viable agricultural uses of land resources. ● Midpen Facts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Created in 1972 – by grassroots voter initiative. ○ 763,00 constituents (2020)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funded primarily through property tax. ○ 27 preserves in Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz counties. ○ Preserves are free and open to the public. ○ Main office is in Los Altos. ○ 200 + employees, and 1000 volunteers. ○ Elected board – seven directors. ● Progress since 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preserved over 9,600 acres of open space. ○ 4,200 acres opened to the public at five preserves/preserve areas. ○ Opened 3 new parking areas, creating a total of 126 new parking spaces. ● Project Description – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New parking area and trails connecting the Coastal Trail on Highway 1 to the Bay Area Ridge Trail on Highway 35. ○ Track mountain lion use of Santa Cruz Mountain Preserves to inform wildlife management and public use decisions that are protective of wildlife and reduce potential conflicts.
Council Members Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you have similar programs for local schools? ○ With the taxpayers, they own this land and in terms especially in terms of maintenance. ○ Is the idea to expand the organization to other counties? ● Council member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If there’s any opportunity to get the kids out of the urban environment into the natural one is awesome. We’re blessed to have one of the top county parks on top of that is the Midpen district. ● Council member Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How much of the 300 million in bonds has been issued and spent? ● Council member Juan Carlos Prado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are the parks only open to hiking or is it open to horseback or what are the different uses?
Public Comment	No comment.

4. SR 84/US 101 Interchange Reimagined Project.

Presentation by Tiffany Gephart, <i>Project Analyst</i> from Gray Bowen Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gray Bowen Scott is the consultant project management team for this specific project. ● Project Need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The intersection on Woodside Road is very close to the
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	<p>Broadway intersection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This project will eliminate the intersection and construct the flyover allowing traffic to flow more smoothly. ○ Another challenge is the five-legged intersection with East and West Woodside Road north south and Broadway. ○ This is a problematic intersection that’s also subject to accidents as well. This also raises safety concerns for bicyclists and pedestrians. ○ There are also multiple slip ramps that are challenging for cars, bicyclists, pedestrians. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plan Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were previously gaps for pedestrians and bicyclists too that is very challenging. ○ There are also planned improvements that are also in the works as well. ● There are 4.2 miles over 22,000 linear feet of bicycle. Bicycle improvements is broad, so there’s several improvements in such a small area. ● This project supports multimodal movement from planned Ferry Terminal and seaport. ● Right now, there’s 105 million in funding needed to complete the project. 208 million has been raised so far. And looking at roughly the share will be 77 million in state funding and 25 million in federal funding. ● 65% of the funding has been local. ● 35% with federal and state funding.
Council Members Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you expect any disruptions to traffic during construction at any time? ○ Is the City of Redwood City own this project... or is this county? ● Council member Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 65% of the project funding is local – what is the source for that? Does it come from sales tax? ● Chair Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The alternative traffic intersection designed something like a diverging diam to help ease the congestion. Have you considered a pedestrian/bicycle over or underpass on Woodside and Bay? <p>*The council members who were present all agreed to have this project move forward.</p>
Public Comment	No public comment

5. Discussion: Sub-committee discussion and formation.

<p>Led by <i>Chair Kathleen Daly</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small business association: • One thing that I think is super important is the North Fair Oaks small business association. I’m starting to draft of two paragraphs of what the small business association looks like. • I want your input with what I have drafted so far. I wanted to run this language by you all. • Especially with Middlefield being closely completed: • “NFO Middlefield Road small business association is designed to bring small business owners together to form a powerful voice for the community surrounding Middlefield Road and NFO has deep roots in San Mateo County and the business owners are vital to the community and the association is being formed to support the efforts of the owners and their employees. The association is designed so businesses can share UpToDate information, connect with other business owners and open dialogue for topics that all the small business owners care about in order to gather and share information. We’re going to invite the business owners to go through a small survey to understand where they’re at number of employees, do they know their landlord, do they have any issues...” -the draft. • The subcommittee will move forward. • Connie, Josh, and Kathleen have been working on this. • It’s important to let these business owners know that we support them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What should a small business look like? ○ Street vendors are also counted as small businesses too.
<p>Council Members Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are street vendors being considered as part of this group, or no? ○ Asking because sometimes they may want to be apart of the benefits of this. ○ Once the business owners gather – maybe ask them what the needs are and what the ideal needs of them are... to see what’s possible. • Council Member Juan Carlos Prado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There used to be, years ago, a North Fair Oaks Business Association which was obviously concentrated focused on the Middlefield Road Corridor – do you know if there any connection? ○ I’m not sure if there is currently one..because that can help too. • Council member Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One person that would know, would be Josh. (Asks Josh during the meeting) – he says no. ○ The date changed about the community cleanup day – in June. ○ We want to focus • Council member Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did we ever get the results if anyone was interested in that

	committee?
Public Comment	No public comment

6. Report Out

County Executive’s Report- Adam Ely

- Middlefield Road update – They’re almost done. Streetlights won’t turn over until they remove all electrical poles – about 12 months.
- The Economic Employment Center, along with Job Train, and Renaissance center is a new county owned facility at 3009 Middlefield Road. County is doing a lot of moves etc. About to open.
- The event this Friday April 26th – and the upcoming event hosted by Casa Circulo, the Children’s event. 11am -2pm – Kids activities and music.
- DEM also have places for people if the power is out for extended periods of time or overwhelmed by heat. It’s a big priority. Libraries are one of the places where we’re looking to.
- Measure K announcements – close to being final of the climate resilient committees.
 - The city of EPA housing fund project.
 - Roughly 100,000 awards for Legal Aid Society.
 - 100,000 for eviction defense services award for One Life Counseling.
 - Still more than a dozen of awards, with helping families and seniors.
 - Many mental health programs to assist those programs.

Supervisors Report, presented by Connie Franco, Legislative Aide

- Many of the departments of the county, along with the Sheriff’s Office will be going out to do education and outreach to food vendors on Middlefield Road to inform about inspection and how to sell their food with the permit. And how to address that.
- We’re also opening the district 4 office next to the EEC – It’ll be opening up next month.
- There’s an update on the Tree ordinance – we met with Niket and Kelly about the timeline – May 13 we’ll hopefully receive the draft with that. The week of June 30 there will be a public release on the updated ordinance between the weeks of July 8 and 15 – they will hopefully present with the update. Oct. 28. It’ll be brought to the court.
- We’re also working on the illegal dumping.

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

- Council member Blair Whitney
 - No report out.
- Council member Everardo Rodriguez
 - I attended a meeting with a couple of community organization that talked about identifying sites that are called resilience hubs that is for preparation emergencies. Some participants are Consilio, County of San Mateo, nonprofits that have been working 40 years or so. They're thinking to make that space a resilience hub – they're also looking for alternative of funding.
- Council member Niket Sirsi
 - Really enjoying Middlefield Road and driving through there has been better now It also seems like people walking are enjoying it more.
- Council member Kelly Parisi
 - No report out
- Council member Juan Carlos Prado
 - No report out.
- Council member Brooks Esser
 - There's a SamTrans board meeting next week. – I'm planning on talking to the CEO about the issues with the Maldonados about the parking issue – and the car wash issue. Wanted to see of there was an update or progress.
- Chair Kathleen Daly
 - We're losing an important person of NFO – Josh, thank you. I walked Middlefield with you – You know every business owner. You have been so instrumental in helping us along Middlefield Road and I see you how you are with everyone. It being your last day makes me sad. Thank you for everything – If you need a letter of rec, let me know.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next Council Meeting:
Thursday May 16, 2024; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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