



**North Fair Oaks Community Council**

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

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**June 27, 2024**

**7:00 pm**

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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/84811434267>. It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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**Present:** Vice-chair Saman, Councilmember Blair Whitney, Councilmember Brooks Esser, and Councilmember Ever Rodriguez

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

**2. Public Comment**

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*Cesar Alonso* (in Spanish) – North Fair Oaks resident. Concerns near the traffic stop near Woodside Street (near Costco). Had an incident where he was hit, a friend was hit as well. People don't follow the traffic light near the area. Brought up that there's a tree that's blocking the bike sign as well and garbage everywhere near the area.

*Maria Alvarado* (in Spanish) – North Fair Oaks resident. Concerns that there should be signs near for traffic stops – so people can see people walking by or in the area. Near the 5<sup>th</sup> street and Costco. The cars are going way too fast.

*Poya Osgouei* – North Fair Oaks resident. Expressing his concerns about 4<sup>th</sup> street specifically. He's been reaching out to County/Public Works about this issue and still no response. Has asked the council members to reach out to department of public works to help fix this issue.

*Gabriela Valencia* – North Fair Oaks resident and former north fair oaks council member. She's encouraging all council members to advocate for ways to increase community participation so that items are being brought up during public comment to be on the actual agendas in the future.

*Dell.C.* – North Fair Oaks resident. Concerned about the stop sign on Middlefield and Hurling gate – people don’t stop at the stop signs coming from South to go North. Several times where she almost had accidents with cars. Not safe for people, especially children that attend Fair Oaks School.

**AGENDA**

**3. Information/Discussion: Town of Atherton and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority El Camino Real Complete Streets Corridor Plan. (The Town of Atherton is studying how to improve a 1.5-mile segment of El Camino Real (state route 82) from Selby Lane to Valparaiso Avenue, expanding travel options for users of El Camino Real).**

<p><b>Presentation by</b> Iris-Osorio Villatoro, <i>from</i> <i>Winter Consulting</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What are “Complete Streets”?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A complete street provides mobility options for people of all ages and abilities, particularly, people who are walking, biking, using personal mobilities devices, riding transit.</li> <li>○ Complete streets offer several benefits, including enhanced safety and quality of life by providing a balanced variety of options for travel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Background:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete Streets Study for El Camino Real (ERC) Between Selby Ln and Valparaiso Ave.</li> <li>○ TA Funding from Cycle 6 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program.</li> <li>○ One of the final gaps in a county-wide effort to improve multimodal and safety infrastructure on ECR.</li> <li>○ Prepare for Project Initiation Document phase.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Project Overview:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funding sources:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Measure A funding through the 2022 SMCTA Pedestrian and Bicycle Program.</li> <li>▪ Town of Atherton</li> <li>▪ City of Menlo Park</li> <li>▪ SamTrans</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Technical Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Traffic data to see the number of people, bikes, and cars at a given street or intersection during peak periods.</li> <li>○ Speed and density of traffic, and how often or far people are traveling to determine the current quality of transport infrastructure.</li> <li>○ Crash data collected between 2018 to 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Travel data, travel patterns, and information about travelers experience the sidewalk, road, and transit to create a mobility profile.</li> <li>● <b>Community Engagement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stakeholder and community engagement is needed to inform the development of a Complete Streets Study that reflects the community’s current and future mobility needs.</li> <li>○ This will help ensure the successful implementation of a preferred alternative backed by community support and ready for competitive grant opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engage diverse audiences.</li> <li>▪ Achieve a balanced representation stakeholder.</li> <li>▪ Maximize both awareness and participation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Council Members Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There’s not a bike lane when you’re coming from North Fair Oaks on El Camino headed towards Menlo Park. He uses his bicycle, yet he is cautious to where he travels headed that way.</li> <li>○ The intersection near 5<sup>th</sup> avenue has several challenges especially around Selby Lane – because of the school nearby. There needs to be a sidewalk on that stretch. This also causes an issue with bicycle lanes as well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Council member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I like the wide shoulders going south, especially during the day. Not great at night, and there’s no streetlights. It’s like a black spot. I feel like the lighting can improve a bit. If people don’t feel safe riding in the lane, then we can ride on the sidewalks legally.</li> </ul> </li> <li>●</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b>Kent Manske</b> – Require that bike lanes are needed in these specific streets. Entourages everyone in San Mateo County to be more involved that way it’s not Atherton Centered.</p> <p><b>Poya Olgone</b> – He’s familiar with that road – during the evening you can’t see anything on that road as to where you’re going. Lights would probably be the best priority of everything.</p>

**4. Explore and discuss whether additional stop signs are needed between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> avenue.**

<b>Led by Vice-Chair George Saman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Middlefield Traffic Control:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stop signs were put on Middlefield during the construction to help the flow of traffic. However, it was causing trouble for local businesses. It’s been trouble for the businesses.</li> <li>○ From a safety perspective – some kind of traffic control, specifically stop signs can help.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Instead of having stop signs at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – there can be a stop sign on 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Members Comments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vice-chair Saman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There definitely needs some kind of traffic control on Middlefield. However, having stop signs on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> maybe a bit slow of traffic – makes more sense if there’s a stop sign on 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>○ There are also too many kids in the area, especially Casa Circulo for it to be that dangerous.</li> <li>○ I think the balance is how much is too many to where it stops business flow and what’s the right balance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One issue is no having stop signs that people only trust pedestrian lights on Middlefield. However, these lights can be delayed. Often, some drivers don’t see those lights. So having stop signs will be better for pedestrians and drivers.</li> <li>○ Not having a stop sign in that long stretch can be very dangerous. I would advocate one or two stop signs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Council member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A lot of traffic is cutting across to get deeper in the neighborhoods. I think Second avenue would be better than other areas.</li> <li>○ The Sheriff’s Office won’t be as strict to that but will be a crackdown.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b>Araceli Agustin</b> (in Spanish) - NFO resident. Concerns are on Middlefield all the way down to F street and Pacific Street – we can use some road bumps or stop signs in between those specific streets. Her concern also is are the residents walking in the area.</p> <p><b>Elena Valencia</b> (in Spanish) – Concerns are about the lack of access for a no U Turn in Fair Oaks. There needs to be something there because the amount of children and people walk among there.</p> <p><b>Gabriela Valencia</b> – Advocating in favor of installing two stop signs on Middlefield Road. She witnesses cars speeding along Middlefield Road. Suggest on having two stop signs at Second avenue and another on Dumbarton Avenue. This will help make the traffic on Middlefield better.</p> <p><b>Poya</b> – Traffic concerns in his neighborhood on fourth and fifth avenue. The slowdown traffic is confusing to other drivers and especially during the evening. Cars drive fast because of the liquor store on fourth street. Advises stop signs should be on every street on Middlefield.</p>

## 5. Report Out

### **County Executive's Report- Emma Gonzalez**

- Community meeting and all the work with the collaborative partners regarding those who were affected by the fire. There was a strong collaboration with great partners coming together to have resources available to the community members.
- The County just finished the budget hearings this week as well as Measure K.

### **Supervisors Report, presented by Connie Franco, Legislative Aide**

- Community meeting in regard to the Mercy Housing fire.
- Sheriff Oversight Committee first meeting will be held Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at the County Government Center from 6pm – 8pm.
- Fireworks Buyback event through the Sheriff's Office this Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Nominations through SEL County Veterans Commission, celebrating veteran's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual veteran's luncheon.

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

- Vice-Chair Saman
  - Trying to get more tension in the neighborhood, so pushing internally to have some events, potentially a car show coming up that's in the works. Trying to get more attention to the businesses in NFO.
- Council member Ever Rodriguez
  - Had a meeting with North Fair Oaks Alliance – to create public meetings where people can learn about disasters and how to be prepared to things.
  - The meeting for the Mercy Housing Fire meeting – provide resources for the residents.
- Council member Brooks Esser
  - Also attended the meeting with the Mercy Housing fire. Incredible meeting.
  - Shoutout to Connie for managing Slocum's social media.
- Council Member Blair Whitney
  - Thank you all for attending tonight's meeting. There's also an opening to be a part of the council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Next Council Meeting:  
Thursday July 25, 2024; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information on future meetings, agendas, minutes, and presentations/presentation materials, please visit: <https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/north-fair-oaks-community-council>