**July 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/83323982977> **It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.**

1. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Daly, Councilmember Nike Sirsi, Councilmember Brooks Esser, and Councilmember Ever Rodriguez, Councilmember Kelly Parisi, and Councilmember Blair Whitney

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

1. **Public Comment**

*Gabriela Valencia* – North Fair Oaks resident. Requests the council to plant and replace the several trees that are missing on Middlefield Road between ninth avenue and fifth avenue. And to take care of the newly trees that will be planted as well.

**AGENDA**

1. ***Presentation:* Generations United.**

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| **Presentation by** *Angie Ibarra & Keith Miller from Generations United* | * **History:** * Founded in 2007 * 20 years ago – a leading concern of community leaders was the reading level of low-income students. * Community organizations included RWC, the library, police, local churches, and Angie Ibarra Miller. * This program partnered adult volunteers with students and was called Redwood City Reads. * Redwood City Reads was the genesis of Generations United, a non-profit located in NFO. * **Our mission:** * Our mission is to empower Redwood City and North Fair Oaks children and their families to reach their full potential… in this generation and the next. * **GU – Providing Emergency Assistance:**  1. -2021 COVID-19 Pandemic Response  * GU Provided 289,000 meal equivalents to NFO families. * Raised emergency aid fund to assist NFO families.   2023 – Bayshore Mobile Home Park Flooding   * Provided small amounts of financial assistance. * To families that lost personal property.   2024 – Middlefield Road Fire – Pacific Ave Families Impacted   * Facilitated emergency clean up with other organizations. * Coordinated with NFO Community Center and Redwood City Together – two community info and support meetings; provided food and supplies. * **Gentrification in NFO:** * Gentrification is defined as a profit-driven change in the socioeconomic and racial demographics of a low-income neighborhood. Many factors contribute to gentrification. One is the rapid influx of capital or job growth into a city that causes a quick increase in population. * There’s always some positives and negatives of both. * Generations United has a call to action for NFO Community Council to manage gentrification for the benefit for NFO. |
| **Council Members Comments** | * Council member Ever Rodriguez * You mentioned a negotiation with the different of things like, fitness classes, etc. Where is the status with that? * Council member Niket Sirsi |
| **Public Comment** | **Kent Manske –** 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.  **Poya Olgone –** 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. |

1. ***Informational:* Middlefield Road Improvement Update.**

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| **Led by Deputy Director,** *Krzysztof Lisaj from Department of Public Works* | * **Project Limits and Key Components** * Roadway Improvements: * Pacific Avenue to Fifth Avenue * Utility Undergrounding: * MacArthur Avenue to and Fifth Avenue * Sanitary Sewer Replacement: * Douglas Avenue to Sixth Avenue * **General Layout and Elements** * New lane configuration: 1 lane in each direction * Widened Sidewalks * Streetlights * Buffered Bikes Lanes * High Visibility Crosswalks * Traffic signals * Bike racks, benches, trash receptacles * Undergrounding Overhead Utilities * **Remaining Future Work** * Utilities Undergrounding overhead lines (18-24 months duration) * PGE * AT&T * Verizon * Wave * Atherton Fiber * Comcast * Health Clinic/Redwood junction Traffic Signal activation (1-3 months duration) |
| **Council Members Comments** | * Vice-chair Saman * There definitely needs some kind of traffic control on Middlefield. However, having stop signs on 2nd and 3rd maybe a bit slow of traffic – makes more sense if there’s a stop sign on 3rd. * There are also too many kids in the area, especially Casa Circulo for it to be that dangerous. * I think the balance is how much is too many to where it stops business flow and what’s the right balance. * Council member Ever Rodriguez * 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. * Not having a stop sign in that long stretch can be very dangerous. I would advocate one or two stop signs. * Council member Blair Whitney * A lot of traffic is cutting across to get deeper in the neighborhoods. I think Second avenue would be better than other areas. * The Sheriff’s Office won’t be as strict to that but will be a crackdown. |
| **Public Comment** | **Araceli Agustin** (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 the residents walking in the area.  **Elena Valencia** (in Spanish) - |

1. ***Informational:* Planning and Building Presentation – Update on Tree Removal.**

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| **Led by Planning Services Manager,** *Bharat Singh, and Team* | * **Why Update the Tree Ordinance?** * Community concerns: increased construction impacting trees. * Consolidate significant and Heritage Tree Ordinances. * Clear Process for tree removal and trimming (Development vs non-development) * Equitable enforcement costs for unincorporated communities. * Align with other environmental and developmental requirements. * **Community Involvement – Feedback reviewed and addressed:** * Variety in County landscapes call for different tree regulations. * Clarify definitions. * Applicants express challenges with inconsistencies in ordinance interpretation between individual planners. * Arborist report templates needed. * Evaluate replacement requirements and in-lieu fees. * **Summary of changes – Protected Trees** * All trees >12.1” DSH\* - Undesirable species are excluded (invasive, fire risk) * Heritage Trees * Mitigation trees, trees retained by permit conditions, etc. * A community of trees. * Protected indigenous trees. * **Summary of Changes – In-lieu fee** * When replacing the trees is not appropriate * Flat fee: $3,345.00 per tree * County Tree Replacement Fund * Supports urban forest management program. * Tree plantings, replacements. * Public or Private property. |
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1. **Presentation: Upcoming NFO Community Events.**
2. **Report Out**

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| **County Executive’s Report- Justin Mates**   * No report out.   **District 4 Report, presented by Joshua Caspillan, Legislative Aide**   * Many of the departments of the county, along with the Sherif’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. * Some Measure K approvals: * Sonrisas Dental to help with dental screenings for kids in school settings and for olde adults. * Also funded a budsman which is a long-term care facility. * Funded Planned Parenthood – * Collaborated with D5 for the com veteran’s village shuttle that will help access some of our veterans that have mobility issues. * The Board of Supervisors have passed and had the second reading of the Equity ordinance that’ll promote racial and social equity inclusion. * Saturday, June 15th is the NFO Clean-up Day. * Fire Works Buyback event on Saturday, June 29th. * Disaster Preparedness Pillowcase project at the NFO Library – on June 22nd. * Sherriff oversight committee is moving along – the BOS meeting will approve things for that commission. * Sign up to the newsletter to stay updated on events, news, etc. * The County is helping with the issue of the Maldonado’s – hopefully to find a solution and an agreement.   **Council Member’s Report, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council**   * Council member Blair Whitney   + I just wanted to point out in the newspaper that the daily marijuana use out spaces daily drinking in the U.S. in the newspaper so we got 15 or 12 liquor licenses but no dispensaries. * Council member Juan Carlos Prado * Casa Circulo, which is our big non-profit and organization is having a big fundraiser at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos on Thursday, June 6th – at 6pm… a dinner and fundraiser. Come out if you’re available. * Council member Everardo Rodriguez   + El Consilio, which is an organization that’s been ongoing for about 40 years, and they have an office in NFO. They’re going to have an open house on Thursday, June 13th from 5pm to 7pm. Everyone is welcomed. * Council member Niket Sirsi * No report out. * Chair Kathleen Daly   + Come out on June 15th – we need all hands-on deck for the clean-up day. Also, hand out flyers for the event as well.   + If anyone has a pickup truck or rent a UHAUKL truck to help for the clean-up day. * Vice-Chair George Saman * No report out. * Council member Brooks Esser   + No report out. |

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| The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.  Next Council Meeting:  Thursday August 22, 2024; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. |

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