



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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August 22, 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/82047142108> **It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Daly, Vice-Chair Saman, Councilmember Nike Sirsi, Councilmember Brooks Esser, Councilmember Ever Rodriguez, Councilmember Kelly Parisi, and Councilmember Blair Whitney, and Councilmember Juan Carlos Prado

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

2. Public Comment

Alborz Geramifard

Antonio Lopez

AGENDA

3. Motion: Seeking Letter of Support to District 4 Supervisor, Urging PG&E to power the streetlights along Middlefield Road on behalf of the North Fair Oaks Council.

<p>Presentation by <i>Vice-Chair George Saman and County Executive's Office</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft of the letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are multiple ways to draft the letter. You may discuss with council members some key points of the letter and agree on what it'll say. <p>Motion for Vice-Chair Saman to seek to write a letter of support to District 4 Supervisor:</p>
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	<p>Verbal roll call was taken: Yes: Daly, Saman, Prado, Rodriguez, Sirsi, Esser, Whitney, and Parisi (8) No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0</p> <p>Motion passes.</p>
<p>Council Members Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice- Chair Saman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there another way to write the letter or have an approval? ○ Is that 30 weeks to complete or 30 weeks to start? • Council member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I think it's healthy to discuss it and then the majority agree we delegate the chair to either speak verbally to the Supervisor or in letter form to communicate our desire to post it. ○ When this came up before – I reflected on how poor communities get treated worse than rich communities and I use the example in front of my apartment building there's a at&t – when they upgraded to Fiber – they abandoned my lighting view but never cared to move it. • Council member Niket Sirsi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I don't have any objection to motion, but I would like to hear the issues around energizing and what the hold up. Maybe we can address that in the letter itself. ○ Does PG&E have an obligation or what's the impact that we can do given and that they're a private company. I'm assuming you guys are putting as much pressure already on them. ○ I'm confused on why PG&E hasn't already taken care of all the easements that they were supposed to a while ago and given they were delayed. • Council member Kelly Parisi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I remember in the earlier meetings; I learned that the Middlefield Project and there were two agencies you need to work with PG&E and cable – the last one to remove it. • Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The letters – they both have issues that have public safety issues attached to them. In terms of the stop sign implementation, that is something that needs advocacy because electric lighting is not in the planning. • Council member Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ My impression was that pg&e was first to put their wiring through the other utilities would follow with the teaching you wouldn't energize their line until everybody else in sounds like that's a mistaken impression.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Gabriela Valencia</p>

4. Informational: North Fair Oaks Community Plan Review – Final Presentation.

<p>Led by Good City Company</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Final Report Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of accomplishments from the NFO Community Plan. ○ A table of priority policies selected based on community and stakeholder input. ○ Summaries of the current status of each policy (450+ policies) (Completed, Initiated & Partially Completed, Ongoing, Not Initiated). ○ Appendix with detailed descriptions of the current status of each policy (i.e. how the policy was completed or why it was not completed). ● Areas of Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neighborhood-scale commercial and retail amenities. ○ Community-oriented facilities, such as pocket parks, community gardens, plazas and neighborhood gathering spaces. ○ Gateway as key entry and exit points to NFO. ○ Parking management and shared parking, unbundled parking, and TDM (to comply with state law). ○ Support the continued assessment of potential long-term solutions including bus rapid transit options. ○ Complete streets, stormwater improvements, high visibility crosswalks, ADA accessibility enhancements, and street configuration to improve safety. ○ Collaborate with adjacent jurisdictions to develop workable solutions for regional flooding. ○ Stormwater treatment controls in private and public projects. ○ Maintain and upgrade water distribution and sewer systems. ○ Expand safe and accessible routes for non-vehicular travel. Enhancing these transportation options will improve mobility and safety for all residents. ○ Strengthen the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability, created in 2014, and target resources and tracking programs in North Fair Oaks. ○ Identify and secure additional land for parks and trails as well as enhance existing recreational facilities to better serve the community. ○ Support existing healthy food options, address environmental health issues and maintain the health infrastructure and services.
<p>Council Members Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council member Blair Whitney

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maybe we can have the long-printed version available for public access, and not going down to county building but maybe at the local libraries. ○ It's a high priority that you know cluster of cities that are innately adjacent, or jurisdictions do a better job of working together and that's high priority. ● Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Going back to your slide about feedback – there are missed in the assessment. I second with Blair, suggesting we make copies available for the public and for the members. ○ The council members in this group are special people that should be invested with looking through this report. We all should all identify things that most benefits the community, and as a council. ● Council member Kelly Parisi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you for your presentation. Why don't we ask local schools; they all have video yearbook departments who do lots of context to talk about this in ways that no one at this table can understand. There are better people to do this in our county/community than us. ● Chair Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For me personally, I am going to look at it myself. ● Vice-Chair Saman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you have the table form of this? ● Council member Brooks Esser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is it possible for staff to print them out so we can discuss this at our next meeting? Maybe we can establish priorities.
Public Comment	No Public Comments

5. Motion: Seeking Letter of Support to District 4 Supervisor, Recommending Additional Stop signs on Middlefield Road on behalf of North Fair Oaks Council.

<p>Led by Chair <i>Kathleen Daly</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The draft of the letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The draft of the letter will be about additional stop signs from Second avenue through Douglas on Middlefield Road. ○ The priority is to discuss the issues of the letter and then agree with how to proceed afterwards. ○ Blair will help draft the letter with Chair Daly. <p>Motion for Chair Daly and Blair Whitney to seek to write a letter of support District 4 Supervisor to add additional stop signs on Middlefield Road.</p>
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	<p>Verbal roll call was taken: Yes: Saman, Prado, Rodriguez, Sirsi, Whitney, and Parisi (6) No: Esser and Daly (2) Abstain: 0 Absent: 0</p> <p>The motion passes with a 6-2 vote.</p>
<p>Council Members Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I support whatever was said in the last meeting where we had 10 people/public comment about the stop sign issues. ○ DPW did say that they were going to wait until things settle, however, it's better to do something than nothing. ○ I do see people using the crosswalks – some drivers yield, and some don't. • Council member Niket Sirsi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I think the sudden opening of Middlefield created like a whole new flow and there's a lot of uncertainty with stop signs. I think the pedestrians need to use the crosswalks and take some responsibility with doing their part before we ask about wanting other things. ○ I also don't want to rush things and take our time with things, but I also don't want us to create more issues. ○ I do feel safer with the new layout – but I do think we just have a lot of bad drivers in the area. Stop signs can also be more dangerous, as a bicyclist – drivers pay attention to more pedestrians than bikers. ○ Maybe we can tap in the Sheriff's Office to see some data that they might have to contribute. • Vice-Chair Saman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I live near the area, and it is not safe at all. Something must change. • Chair Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We heard from a few residents that actually cross that area and I want to challenge how many council members have actually walked in that area and have experienced what these residents are going through... as a pedestrian, and as a driver. • Council member Ever Rodriguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need to acknowledge that we live in a car culture where we need to think how we can slow down traffic. ○ Maybe we need to change the culture to be more a pedestrian culture.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No Public Comments</p>

6. Informational: Update regarding Request for Certificate of Public Convenience or Necessity related to Loop Neighborhood Market (3201 El Camino Real, Atherton) Application for Alcoholic Beverage License.

<p>Presentation by <i>County Attorney's Office, Tim Fox</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loop Market: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Before the Board of Supervisors could act on the request, the applicant withdrew the application for a type 21 license and has instead submitted a new application type 20 license now. Which is that the applicant now authorizes only the sale of beer and wine for consumption off the premises not distilled spirits. ○ Now, in the coming month there's a PCN request to the Board of Supervisors for type 20 license. ○ We wanted to inform the council members that the application has changed, and if you have any thoughts or concerns then advise your supervisor.
<p>Council Members Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Kathleen Daly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would a letter help from the Council members? • Council member Blair Whitney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chevron by Target sale beer and wine, it's not our issue but I've been paying attention.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Rawlings • Gabriela Valencia

7. Report Out

<p>County Executive's Report- Justin Mates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report out. <p>District 4 Report, presented by Connie Franco, Legislative Aide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district is aware of the CAL Water Building project – • District 4 Office (Little House) is officially open to the public. • Open invitation to tour the new CEO 500 County Center building. <p>Council Member's Report, presented by North Fair Oaks Community Council</p> <p>Vice-Chair Saman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very first car show was a success last Sunday. Lots of people – had to shut down the registration list to add your car. • Shout out to Joshua from D4 for being a major factor in planning this event. • I hope to plan more community events like this one. <p>Council member Juan Carlos Prado</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoutout to Josh and Kathleen for working hard on that car show.

- Nothing but great things about the car show – there’s a lot of potential for great upcoming community events.

Council member Kelly Parisi

- Josh, and Connie thank you for all your help with the Car Show! Shoutout to Kathleen and George for an amazing fun event.

Council member Niket Sirsi

- There’s ben a lot of activities with trees and permit. They’ve been responsive, and we really appreciate that.

Council member Blair Whitney

- I did the Disaster Preparation Fair of the Menlo Park CERT Team. It’s worth talking about and I think it’s important.

Council Member Ever Rodriquez

- No report out. Just want to say everyone keep up the great work.

Chair Daly

- No report out.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday September 19, 2024; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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