



North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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January 23, 2020

7:00pm

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 meeting began at 7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Everardo Rodriguez, Vice Chair Beatriz Cerrillo, Council Member Linda López, Council Member Rosaura Lopez, Council Member Blair Whitney, Council Member Jennifer Ruiz, Council Member Juan Carlos Prado

Absent: Youth Member Francis Santos

Staff Present: Tim Fox, Deputy County Counsel; Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager; and Mitzy De La Peña Medina, Office of Community Affairs.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Lupe Gutierrez**, Fair Oaks Clinic Employee, urged the public and the North Fair Oaks Community Council to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 28, 2020 at 9:00am to support the clinic and voice their opposition to the elimination of health services. to \$57 million gap in the budget and Health is proposing to address that gap by eliminating 130 positions and closing the San Mateo Medical Center outpatient pharmacy. Many services and clinic hours have already been eliminated or reduced. Patients will likely go without care as a result of these ongoing issues with cuts.
- **Mike Morris**, resident of North Fair Oaks of 40 years, voiced his opposition to the Dumbarton Rail Corridor. This project would affect children and families as it would bring crime, pollution, and accidents to the area. Mr. Morris urged the North Fair Oaks Community Council to protect the people of North Fair Oaks and oppose this development.

- **Gabriela Valencia**, Nurse Practitioner at Fair Oaks Health Center and resident of North Fair Oaks of over 20 years, shared her concerns regarding the proposed budget cuts to the San Mateo Medical Center. The reduction of services will affect vulnerable individuals who depend on these critical services.
- **Linda Lopez**, Council Member: Asked Chair Rodriguez to make a note to request a presentation to the Council from the Health Department to find out what their proposal is for District 4 health services.
- **Justin Mates**, Deputy County Manager, added that on January 28, 2020, at the Board of Supervisors Meeting, there will be study session on this item and the Health Department will be presenting the proposals at that meeting.
- **Everardo Rodriguez, Chair**, while the presentation on January 28 will be comprehensive, it is unclear whether this meeting will discuss the Fair Oaks Health Center. It would be good to set aside some time for a presentation from the health department that specifically focuses on the issues pertaining to the Fair Oaks Health Center.

AGENDA

3. California Highway Patrol Quarterly Update

Presentation by CHP Officer Art Montiel, Public Information Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no new updates from last quarter. Thankfully, there have been no major collisions in the area. • Officer Montiel asked if the Council has any questions for CHP or something that they would like to see in the North Fair Oaks area that they have not seen in the past. • Chair Rodriguez asked whether CHP has increased the number of officers as traffic has increased in the area? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Montiel replied that efforts to hire additional officers have been made, but given the high standards of the process, hiring and retaining officers has been a challenge. • Council Member Prado asked what areas of unincorporated San Mateo County does CHP cover and what collaboration efforts exist with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Montiel replied that the Sheriff's Office will handle penal code violations in unincorporated areas and CHP will handle vehicular code violations in unincorporated areas. Sheriff's Office can stop and cite vehicles in unincorporated
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	<p>areas, but they will contact CHP for collisions and DUI investigations that occur in unincorporated areas. CHP has offices in San Francisco, Redwood City, San Jose, Hayward, and Dublin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding collaborations, CHP and the Sheriff’s Office collaborate in community events such as: Día del Niño, Bicycle Rodeo, Christmas events, and others.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Morris, North Fair Oaks resident, asked CHP Officer Montiel whether additional patrols could be added to Bay Road as there has been an increase of traffic there due to the Stanford building. Mr. Morris also reported that large trucks have been passing by Florence Street and Marsh Road and this is an area that does not allow vehicles larger than three tons.

4. Multicultural Institute Quarterly Update

<p>Presentation by Josue Revolorio and Cesar Meza-Esveile</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Meza-Esveile presented Multicultural Institute’s quarterly report, which covers October to December 2019. The Council was provided with a printed copy of this report. • Multicultural Institute’s office/ Casa de Paz y Bien in North Fair Oaks is still undergoing remodeling. It currently houses five Day Laborers. • Workshops and trainings occur on the streets, and every other week we hold meetings at the Fair Oaks Community Center for the Domestic Workers. • Mr. Revolorio highlighted Multicultural Institute’s events during this quarter and participation at various meetings. • The annual Navidad Jornalera was celebrated in North Fair Oaks. 155 people attended and more than 30 volunteers participated. • A partnership with Dr. Wong of Samaritan House health clinic was established, and Day Laborers will receive free flu shots and other health services. • Please save the date for Multicultural Institute’s annual celebration dinner on March 5, 2020 at Synapse School.
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Prado asked for the address of Casa de Paz y Bien. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Esveile-Meza replied: 533 Warrington Avenue. • Council Member Prado added that he is the President of the Bay Area Gardener’s Association and that he would like to see a collaboration with Multicultural Institute. • Chair Rodriguez asked whether rent increases in the area has had any effect in the rate at which Day Laborers are hired?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Esveile-Meza replied that their numbers have been increasing as people have been requesting additional Day Laborer assistance.
Public Comment	No public comment.

5. Sheriff's Quarterly Update

Presentation by Captain Christina Corpus and Sgt. Salvador Zuno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Corpus presented the Sheriff's Office quarterly report, which covers October to December 2019. A print copy of this presentation was provided to the Council. • In comparison to the same time in 2018, crime reports included: an increase in robbery and assaults, which are crimes of opportunity. Most of the assaults happened while people were intoxicated and leaving bars. Burglary rate went down by two cases. • Community engagement efforts to were made to proactively respond to the increase in crime, such as: community policing, CARON Sheriff's Program, and the Sheriff's Activity League. • Community outreach initiatives included: parenting classes, community academies, reading to kids at the library, and coffee with deputies. Other new initiatives included Painting with the Deputies, the Mental Health Academy with Supervisor Slocum's office, and Shop with a Cop Fundraiser, which raised enough money to provide 60 children with a \$150 Target gift card. • Sergeant Salvador Zuno is the new Director of the CARON Sheriff's Program.
Questions from Council Members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Lopez asked whether Shop with a Cop will become an annual event? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Corpus replied that this will be an annual event with Target. She invited the Council to attend next year's event. • Council Member Rosaura Lopez asked whether there will be additional children included in next year's event? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Corpus replied that the goal is to raise additional money to include more children next year. Outreach efforts will start earlier. • Council Member Lopez asked whether domestic violence assault rates would be reported? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Corpus replied that she can include those numbers in her next report to the Council.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Prado asked where could the Council obtain information about car vandalism as those incidents seem to be increasing? • Captain Corpus replied that car vandalism rates are included in the larceny numbers, larceny is classified as a property crime. • Council Member Prado asked whether patrol would be increased at Woodside Road and Middlefield Road, an entrance to North Fair Oaks, there are many red-light violations in that area. • Captain Corpus replied that intersection is a shared jurisdiction with Redwood City Police Department, we can work with CHP and RWCPD to increase enforcement in the area. • Council Member Prado mentioned that there are many speeding vehicles by Fair Oaks Elementary, near Hampshire and Warrington avenues. There are no stop signs, which is dangerous to the families living there. • Captain Corpus replied that she can work with Department of Public Works to see if a survey can be made to add a stop sign. This area is also being monitored given the traffic violations in the area.
Public Comment	No public comment made.

6. Presentation regarding Reimagine SamTrans

Presentation by Millie Tolleson, Principal Planner at SamTrans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tolleson provided an update on the Reimagine SamTrans project purpose, timeline, market research, and public outreach efforts. to identify the community’s needs for public transportation. • Reimagine SamTrans is an in-depth study of a transit network to identify areas of opportunity and improvement, based on changing demographics, reduced ridership, and changes in transportation options. • Reimagine SamTrans will result in a redesigned bus network in 2021, and what this looks like will largely depend on community feedback. • This project began in July 2019, there will be three rounds of public outreach prior to a plan for implementation in Fall 2020. • Based on community outreach, what has been identified as most important to the community has been: more frequent service, more service times throughout the day and weekends, service to new areas, faster routes, timed transfers to regional transit, more bus stop shelters, and improved real-time bus information.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments regarding this project can be made at reimaginesamtrans.com or by emailing reimagine@samtrans.com
Questions from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Rodriguez recommended that SamTrans reach out to organizations that currently do not offer a shuttle service to their employees in order to reduce traffic in the area. • Chair Member Lopez asked: whether SamTrans still intended on providing a shuttle for Middlefield Road once that project started? Can SamTrans provide additional bus shelters during Summer and Winter? How are SamTrans efforts being coordinated with the Dumbarton Project? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tolleson replied that Reimagine SamTrans is a near term project, much sooner than the Dumbarton Rail study, but coordination of those two systems will be evaluated at that time. • Council Member asked: Have any outreach efforts been made in North Fair Oaks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tolleson replied that SamTrans outreach was at held at the December food bank event in the Fair Oaks Community Center, at Redwood City Caltrain, and at the El Camino Real corridor.
Public Comment	No public comment made.

7. Presentation regarding Siena Youth Center Upcoming Projects

Presentation by Rafael Avendaño, Director of Programs, St. Francis Youth Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Siena Youth Center hosted various events, including: bike repair nights, art and self-expression nights with Danza Colibri, speaker series, advocacy efforts. • Youth leadership and financial education efforts are a key part of Siena Youth Center’s programs. • Sister Christina Hensley was awarded a Service Award by the Sheriff’s Office.
Questions from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member asked whether the Siena Youth Center only accepts students from North Fair Oaks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Avendaño replied that the Center accepts from students from any area, so long as they can make it to their site.
Public Comment	No public comment made.

8. Presentation regarding San Mateo County Reach Codes

Presentation by Rachel Londer, Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Londer provided an update on reach codes, including an analysis of policy for consideration, countywide progress, as well as a timeline and next steps.
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Sustainability Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach codes are local enhancements to State Buildings Codes and Standards, which are adopted by individual jurisdictions to meet local climate and building goals. New codes started on January 1, 2020. New County buildings are all electric. Climate action plans show that there is a need to reduce pollutants from the burning of natural gas to slow down the negative impacts of climate change. Additional goals with the usage of reach codes include: cheaper new construction, reduce the risk of fires, improve indoor air quality, and create a positive impact on our climate. Based on feedback from the Council, Sustainability staff will propose code language for the Energy and Green Building Local Amendments. These will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval on January 28. If approved, the code will likely be in effect in March 2020. For more information, you can visit: peninsulareachcodes.org
Questions from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Rodriguez recommended that many of the residents of North Fair Oaks would not be able to afford the updates. There needs to a way to assist those with very low-incomes with updating their homes.
Public Comment	No public comment made.

9. Reports to the Council

A. Supervisor's Report

Maggie Cornejo, <i>Legislative Aide to Supervisor Warren Slocum</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Cornejo reminded everyone about the Women's Wellbeing community conversation which will take place on February 18, 2020 from 6 to 8pm. Warren Slocum was elected President of the Board of Supervisors and will focus on equity and inclusiveness, continue to build more affordable housing, resolve homelessness—particularly for families and veterans, and reduce traffic congestion.
Questions from Council Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Member Prado asked whether outreach has been conducted to other groups at the Fair Oaks Community Center? Ms. Cornejo replied that CARON had conducted a lot of the research, but she will make sure that the classes receive an invitation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Ruiz asked whether there was a limit to the number of participants that can attend this event? • Ms. Cornejo replied that there is no limit, all are welcome to attend.
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B. County Manager’s Report

Justin Mates, <i>Deputy County Manager</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mates announced that there are three vacancies on the North Fair Oaks Community Council. Any interested applicants should submit their application by February 21, 2020. • The election of Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the next Council meeting on February 27, 2020
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C. Council Member Reports

Council Member Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
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D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday, February 27, 2020
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.