



North Fair Oaks Community Council
*A Municipal Advisory Council to the
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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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.

Pursuant to the Shelter in Place Orders issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer and the Governor, the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, and the CDC’s social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, this meeting was held via videoconference. It began at 7:00 PM and was accessed online at <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/99653581035> or by calling 1 (877) 568-4106 for Spanish.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Francis Santos

Staff Present: Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager; Office of Community Affairs: Emma Gonzalez, Mitzy De La Peña Medina, and Sandra Becerra.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

AGENDA

- 3. Recommendation on 823 6th Avenue, Redwood City, Off-Street Parking Exception to allow for the maintenance of an existing one covered parking space, where two covered parking spaces are the minimum required associated with a proposed addition to the rear of an existing single-family residence which was built in 1948 with only a one car garage. No changes are proposed to the front of the house. An Off-Street Parking Exception is required since there is insufficient room on the sides of the house to construct an additional covered parking space**

Presentation by Dennis Aguirre, Planner, County of San Mateo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An off-street parking exception is requested as the owner wishes to construct a 583 square feet bedroom in the back of their house to accommodate their growing family. The existing property is currently 1,477 square feet. The proposed addition would bring the total floor area ratio to 2,060 sq. ft., which is still below the maximum floor area ratio for that region which is 2,717 sq. ft.
Council Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair Juan Carlos Prado made a motion to approve the parking exception as proposed. Council Member Blair Whitney seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yes, 7: Rodriguez, Prado, Cerrillo, L.Lopez, Whitney, Ruiz, R. Lopez. No: 0. Absent: Santos. The motion carries.
Public Comment	None

4. Update: Department of Public Works, Middlefield Rd Project

Update presented by Koa Vo, Deputy Director of Public Works and Gil Tourel, Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconstruction of Loyola Avenue, from El Camino Real to Glendale Avenue, will commence in approximately 2 months and it is part of the North Fair Oaks priority list. Out of 27 streets on this priority list, this street is number 19. It will likely be completed by early October. Property owners will have the option of voting for either a 2 ft. wide or 3 ft. wide gutter and a 22 ft. wide roadway. In this case, Loyola Ave. residents voted for a 22 ft. wide roadway and 3 ft. wide valley gutters. If anybody would like to get an idea of what Loyola Ave. will look like after construction, Amherst Ave. would be a good example. The last update that was provided to the Council on the Middlefield Road project was on November 2019. At that time, it was projected that construction would begin in Spring 2020. Now, it is expected that the project will begin Summer 2021 as this is contingent on permit and agreement approvals from the railroad agencies: CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission), SamTrans, Union Pacific Railroad, and PG& E. COVID-19 is also a factor that is being considered as many local businesses have been affected. Dept. of Public Works will work closely with Supervisor Slocum's office to determine whether it is appropriate to move forward with the project at this time. The anticipated construction duration is 1.5 years (through Fall/Winter 2022).
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5. San Mateo County’s Sheriffs discussion regarding Firework usage in North Fair Oaks

<p>Discussion led by Captain Christina Corpus, San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Redwood City cancelled their official firework show and many individuals throughout the Bay Area have held their own firework shows with illegal commercial grade fireworks. • Efforts to deter this illegal activity included collaboration with Menlo Park and Woodside Fire Departments as well as: canvassing the neighborhood with door hangers, issuing citations to offenders, social media posts, and placing banners throughout North Fair Oaks. • The Sheriff’s Office received 48 calls for service in the North Fair Oaks area, an increase of 11 calls from 2019. • 2 Deputies and 2 Sergeants were assigned to work the firework suppression detail in North Fair Oaks. Two unmarked vehicles drove around the area. This year had an increase in the number of incidents. Large crowds made it difficult for the Sheriff’s Office to enter the area in the dark as streets were blocked to allow for illegal fireworks to be ignited. • Deputies wrote 20 citations and confiscated a considerable number of illegal fireworks. • Prevention planning has begun for New Year’s Eve 2021 and July 4, 2021. It was determined that additional technology is needed to assist with the apprehension of these offenders. The focus will be to get the fireworks off the street and issue search warrants of homes that are suspected of selling these illegal fireworks. • Deputy County Manager Justin Mates added that he would be happy to continue the conversation about different strategies to implement next year as this year was a strain on the community.
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6. Report Out

<p>a. Supervisor’s Report, presented by Maggie Cornejo, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Warren Slocum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Slocum’s office is partnering with the Human Services Agency to prepare over 700 backpacks for donation which will include back-to-school items as well as hand-wipes, face masks, headphones, and water bottles. • North Fair Oaks resident Ana Juarez was featured in a video called “Community Heroes” as she began creating face masks for the community when the pandemic began and started a small business this way. If you know of any positive stories such as this one, please share it with our office. • The Board of Supervisors extended the eviction moratorium to August 31st.
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<p>b. County Manager's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Immigrant Relief Fund is ongoing and is managed by Mission Asset Fund. 2,500 individual awards have been issued thus far. • Upcoming COVID-19 test dates are on July 30th and August 6th at Everest High School. • The County's census response is good thus far, as 2010's numbers have been met at a 73.4% response rate. There is still time to get additional responses, particularly in the North Fair Oaks area as it has a low response rate. • The Great Plates Program, which provides free meals to seniors, has been extended through August 9th. • The County has a total of 4,400 COVID-19 cases. There is a disproportionately high infection rate among Latinos. Micro-targeted outreach efforts have been done for the Spanish-speaking Latino community in North Fair Oaks. These efforts will be expanded to other parts of the County.
<p>c. Council Member's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small committee of the North Fair Oaks Community Council met and interviewed candidates for the two vacant spots on the Council. Two candidates were selected and recommended for appointment. They are pending approval from the Board of Supervisors. Once approved, they will be sworn in as council members.
<p>d. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm • Next Council Meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2020; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.