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North Fair Oaks Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City

Issue	Discussion	Decision/ Next Step/Action
Roll Call	Present: Everardo Rodriguez, Beatriz Cerrillo, Melinda Dubroff, Linda Lopez, Rosaura Lopez, Diane Zermeno Absent: Rosario Gonzalez, Mary Martinez, Emily Cordova	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janet Davis: Stated that she hopes that Trump's policies don't keep people from reporting crime to the Sheriff's Office Kent Manske: Stated that he is representing the Selby Park Health & Safety Committee. Expressed concerns about the Sunrise Senior Living development being built in the alley near Selby Park. Would like the council to consider putting this item on a future agenda. 	
Presentation by Peninsula Clean Energy on their county-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Kirsten Andrews-Schwind of Peninsula Clean Energy Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) is the official energy provider for San Mateo County, offering green 	

<p>rollout</p>	<p>energy at lower rates. It was launched by San Mateo County and all 20 cities to meet climate action goals and create a better future for our kids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The benefits are lowering greenhouse gas emissions, offering greener choices, investing in our community, and offering lower rates. • The ECOplus product is 50% renewable energy while the ECO100 is 100% renewable energy. • PCE buys renewable energy on the market, used PG&E infrastructure to deliver the energy, and PG&E continues to monitor the meter and send the bills. • This is the fifth program of its kind launched in the state. Energy rates with PCE are comparable to PG&E, if not slightly cheaper. • PCE launched in October 2016, and just about everyone else in the county was automatically enrolled in April 2017. • If you choose to opt out you will stay with PG&E. • Everyone received 2 enrollment notices and notices were sent out in English, Spanish, and Chinese. • Discount programs such as CARE or Medical Baseline stay the same 	
<p>Council Member questions for Peninsula Clean Energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Lopez: If I do nothing, then I just see the extra line on my bill, correct? But if I want to upgrade then I need to call in? • Kirsten Andrews-Schwind (KAS): yes, that is correct • Linda Lopez: Is your company the one making all these robo-calls? • KAS: No, were not making any phone calls, but there does seem to be a scam going on with callers claiming to be PG&E. If you get a phone call, call PG&E’s number directly • Melinda Dubroff: Where are the sources of the energy located? • KAS: We signed a contract for 200 megawatts of solar in Merced County, we contracted for wind 	

	<p>power in Altamont Pass, and we are looking for more local sources. In the long term we are interestd in building more solar sources in San Mateo County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ever Rodriguez: It seems like PG&E is losing some of their market share, how does that work for them? • KAS: PG&E makes their money off of transmission and delivery, so they shouldn't be losing any money on this. • Linda Lopez: What does your outreach to communities of color look like? • KAS: All of our notices go out in English, Spanish, and Chinese. I am also open to invitations to events we can do outreach at. This Sunday I'll be at the Kermes event at the Fair Oaks Library. • Everardo Rodriguez: What kind of response have you received from the community of North Fair Oaks? Any complaints? • KAS: It's hard to know what comments are coming from where. I haven't heard anything specifically from this community, but please let me know if you hear anything • Melinda Dubroff: What is the percentage of those that opted out? • KAS: Extremely low. It's less than 2%. If it stays under 5% we'll be happy 	
<p>Public Comment regarding the presentation by Peninsula Clean Energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment 	
<p>Recommendati on of fourteen use permits to allow the installation and operation of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Laura Richstone from the Planning & Building Department • The project consists of one new support arm, one to two panel antennas, and four equipment boxes, all of which will be mounted on utility poles, 14 total. • The project is split into two clusters. Cluster A 	

<p>wireless telecommunications facilities on existing joint utilities poles located in the public right of way.</p>	<p>includes 5 proposed facilities located north of Dumbarton Ave between the railroad tracks and El Camino Real and Cluster B included 9 proposed facilities located east of Middlefield Road and south of Fair Oaks Elementary School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The projects will be located in a mix of single family, multi-family and light industrial neighborhoods. • The projects are compliant with County zoning regulations and fall below radio frequency emission limits set by the FCC • <u>Alternate utility poles were identified but ruled out due to possible complications such as relocating utility boxes</u> • <u>All proposed antennas fall below the height limits for the district</u> • <u>Presenter showed several slides with pictures showing how the proposed would look</u> • <u>These projects conform with the Conty’s General Plan, zoning regulations, and wireless telecommunications ordinance</u> • <u>Applicant would paint the antenna’s brown to match the existing utility poles</u> • <u>All residents living withing 300 feet of the proposed sites were notified of the council meeting 10 days in advance</u> • <u>Presenter asks that the North Fair Oaks Community Council provide a recommendation to the San Mateo County Zoning Hearing Officer</u> 	
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<p><u>Linda Lopez: How far out of North Fair Oaks do these benefit?</u></p> <p><u>Laura Richstone: the signal spreads out to a 6 block radius from the antenna. They work as a system and the antenna’s together create a polygon. There will be good coverage in the circle and then the circle spreads out from there a bit</u></p> <p><u>Linda Lopez: Why are you doing this in North Fair Oaks?</u></p>	

Laura Richstone: From my understanding it it required because of increased network demands

Linda Lopez: Does the City of Atherton benefit?

Laura Richstone: I am unsure but I have the applicant here to answer questions

Applicant: The coverage and surface area for these antenna's is limited to the North Fair Oaks area. The point of the project it to increase network capacity. The company that I'm representing is Extenet, which is a company that designs, builds, owns and operates wireless telecommunications facilities. Extenet is based in Chicago, but operate around the country. We are expanding service to communities throughout the area. There are facilities already installed in San Francisco and Palo Alto.

Linda Lopez: I'm concerned about potential health risks from having these antenna's placed in the community

Applicant: The FCC does control the radio waves, but Extenet does supply a third party RF report to show our compliance. I believe the presenter did show slides that show that we are well below the FCC limit for radio frequency.

Melinda Dubroff: I was initially imagining that these antennas would be disguised to look like trees, but what I'm seeing is that they're just boxes attached to utility poles. Are there any additional measures you can take so that it doesn't look like something is hanging over the sidewalk?

Applicant: We're doing what other jurisdictions have asked for. These are telephones poles that are already in the neighborhood, and were putting telephone equipment on them. We felt that the most appropriate place to to place telephone equipment is on the telephone poles. These small-cell facilities that the install in neighborhoods are

	<p>meant to provide better service and coverage.</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: Does Extenet lease it's infrastructure to telecommunications companies like AT&T? We're what's called a neutral carrier</p> <p>Applicant: Yes, that is absolutely correct</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: Do you have access to the content that is being transmitted through your equipment</p> <p>Applicant: To the best of my knowledge, we do not.</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: Is there any policy of net neutrality for the companies you're leasing the equipment to? Does everyone have the same speed? Because it it my understanding that some companies have the ability to slow down certain services. Does your company have a policy that endorses net neutrality?</p> <p>Applicant: To the best of my knowledge, we do not.</p> <p>Applicant and presenter show councilmembers picture of existing facility in another community</p> <p>Rosaura Lopez: After you install the antennas, how often do you check that it is still meeting the FCC requirements for radio frequency emmissions?</p> <p>Applicant: There is a department dedicated to "post compliance", although I'm not sure how often they go out and check. I think that could be a condition of your approval.</p> <p>Beatriz Cerrillo: Is there any cost to me as a consumer?</p> <p>Applicant: No</p> <p>Everardo Rodriguez: Have you set up antennas like this in nearby cities, like Palo Alto or Menlo Park?</p> <p>Applicant: Yes, there are some in Palo Alto and San</p>	
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	<p>Francisco, theres hundreds there?</p> <p>Everardo Rodriguez: Has the County received many request to install antenna's like these?</p> <p>Laura Richstone: This is the first request of this kind that we've received</p> <p>Melissa Andrikopoulos: If there were request or proposals in incorporated cities, our planning department wouldn't necessarily be aware of those.</p> <p>Everardo Rodriguez: It seems that although the FCC sets limits for RF exposure and that they have said that there is no conclusive evidence that it is harmful, they also haven't given any conclusive evidence showing that RF exposure isn't harmful.</p> <p>Linda Lopez: Long term effects need to be studied.</p> <p>Melissa Andrikopoulos: I want to make sure that the council is aware that federal law prohibits the County form denying these permits on the basis of radio frequency if it falls under the limits set by the FCC</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Un-named member of the public: I just wanted to know if the company would be renting the poles from the County</p> <p>Laura Richstone: The County does not own the poles, they are owned by a joint pole association of which Extenet is a part of</p>	
<p>Council Action</p>	<p>Linda Lopez: I make a motion that the recommendation for the installation and operation of 14 wireless telecommunications facilities not be approved by the council.</p> <p>Beatriz Cerrillo seconds the motion</p>	

	<p>Vote:</p> <p>Diane Zermeno: Abstain</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: No</p> <p>Rosaura Lopez: No</p> <p>Linda Lopez: Yes</p> <p>Everardo Rodriguez: Yes</p> <p>Beatriz Cerrillo: Yes</p> <p>The motion carries with a vote of 3 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstained</p>	
<p>Recommendation of a use permit and off street parking exception to expand the existing Synapse School located at 3375 Edison Way in to the adjacent buildings located at 3425, 3355, and 3345 Edison Way.</p>	<p>Presentation by Summer Burlison, Planning & Building department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal includes a non-conforming use permit to expand the school into the adjacent buildings, and an off street parking exception to reduce the number of required on-site parking spaces from 144 spaced to 127 spaces. • There would also be an increase in student capacity from 219 students to 260 students • The project complies with the County’s General Plan, the North Fair Oaks Community Plan, and zoning regulations • Presenter reviewed images and diagrams of the project site and the proposed project with the Council • A traffic impact analysis was prepared by Hexagon Consulting and it was reviewed by the County of San Mateo, Redwood City, Town of Atherton, and City of Menlo Park, and Caltrans • Mitigation Measures were recommended in the T.I.A. and were reviewed for the Council • County staff prepared an initial study and a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a 20-day public 	

	<p>review period from March 30, 2017-April 18, 2017 and no comments were received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff requests that the council provide a recommendation for the Planning Commission 	
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<p>Melinda Dubroff: Are there any mitigation measures planned for school events, like back to school night, open house, or graduations? Where the streets might have “ No School Parking” signs, or the neighborhood is noticed?</p> <p>Summer Burlison: I believe that on site school events are limited, but I don’t think any mitigation measures were made with regards to that</p> <p>Linda Lopez: What is the plan to make up the deficit for the 17 parking spaces?</p> <p>Summer Burlison: There isn’t a plan. The non-conforming use permit is asking for an exception to reduce the number of parking spaces</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: Since the land use designation for the area is industrial/commercial, did they get a non-conforming use permit to begin with?</p> <p>Summer Burlison: No they did not. There is a provision in the M1 zoning district that allows other compatible uses as determined by the community development director which gives them the power to review project proposals and determine if they are compatible to that zoning district</p> <p>Everardo Rodriguez: I wonder what percentage of the students are local or live in NFO and can ride their bicycles instead of drive</p> <p>Applicant (Jim Eagan): We have 3 families that walk from the neighborhood, 10-15 who bike, and 2 staff who live in</p>	

	<p>the neighborhood as well.</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: How many are on staff right now?</p> <p>Jim Eagan: We have 35 full-time staff, and 49 total including part-time</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: Is there an area for kids to play outside?</p> <p>Summer Burlison: Yes, there are two outdoor locations</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Denise Porterfield: Has concerns about the proposed used permit, notes that the timing of this hearing is not the best since the students are currently on spring break and she had no opportunity to go observe the traffic flow, so she's recommending that this be postponed for that reason. Indicated that there is not enough parking, and that some of the parking would be closed off during school hours to be used as a recess site. Recommends that the council vote no.</p> <p>John Kline: Lives on 8th ave. States that Synapse has not been a good neighbor. Stated that he hadn't heard about the meeting. Questions who would be financially responsible if kids were to hit a car, and notes that there are too many kids, and that these kids don't bring anything to the community.</p> <p>Russ (inaudible last name): Helps facilitate recess at Synapse. States that kids bring life and excitement to the neighborhood</p> <p>Nicholas Jock(sp?): Resident and parent. Stated that he walks his kids to school every morning and doesn't notice a lot of cars driving by. Feels that the school adds a lot of value to the neighborhood. Also feels that there is plenty of parking as it is rare to see all of the parking spaces</p>	

	<p>occupied.</p> <p>Bill Klapch (sp?): Resident. Feels that synapse hasn't been willing to work with neighbors. Asks council to postpone decision. States that parking really is an issue, especially for residents who live on Edison Way.</p> <p>Gary Riekes: Stated that Synapse has been a wonderful, conscionable, and compliant neighbor. Feels that they are a great benefit to the neighborhood.</p> <p>Caroline Klapch(sp?): Would like council to delay action. Felt she never had a chance to have input. Thinks Synapse is a great school, but impact on residents has been negative. Handed Victor a petition that neighbors had signed. Victor will distribute to council members.</p> <p>Unnamed resident: Resident. Thinks Synapse is a great school but that there hasn't been enough outreach.</p> <p>Gary: Resident. Experience with Synapse has been very positive. Noted schools bring value to propreties in the area. Urged council to vote in favor</p> <p>Bryanna Whitney: Works at Riekes Center. Works with Synapse students on nature programs. States most of the traffic throughout the day is foot traffic. Has never had trouble finding parking. Urges council to vote yes, but thinks there is outreach to be done.</p> <p>Rob: Parent of synapse students residents. Kids walk / bike to school. Has had a really positive experience with school</p> <p>Will Gordon: Resident and parent of student. Thinks the school is a huge addition to the neighborhood. Walks everyday and always sees staff keep the traffic flowing. Has always seen spots available in the lot. Urges council to vote in favor.</p>	
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<p>Council Action</p>	<p>Linda Lopez recommends that the recommendation be postponed until contingent on outreach from Synapse focusing on noise, parking, and traffic. Wants Synaps to come back to the council at the June council meeting.</p> <p>Mike Callagy: In order to postpone the applicant would have to agree, otherwise the council would have to give a yes or no vote tonight.</p> <p>Applicant agrees to postponement and to doing more outreach.</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: Seconds motion to postpone</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>Diane Zermeno: Yes</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff: Yes</p> <p>Rosaura Lopez: Yes</p> <p>Linda Lopez: Yes</p> <p>Everardo Rodriguez: Yes</p> <p>Beatriz Cerrillo: Yes</p> <p>Motion carries with all in favor</p>	
<p>Supervisor's Report</p>	<p>No Supervisor's report at this time</p>	
<p>County Manager's Report</p>	<p>Mike Callagy: Sheriff's office reported that there is no street parking on Middlefield Road every Thursday-Friday from 5am-7am for street sweeping. They are only handing out warnings right now but they will eventually hand out tickets.</p>	

Council Member's Report	<p>Everardo Rodriguez: Reminded council of Kermes Festival this coming Sunday at the Fair Oaks Library parking lot.</p> <p>Diane Zermeno: Reminded council that the OYE Conference is Saturday, May 6.</p>	
Adjournment		

Next Meeting
<p>North Fair Oaks Community Council Study Session Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1</p> <p>North Fair Oaks Community Council Regular Meeting Thursday May 25, 2017 at 7:00pm Fair Oaks Community Center, Multipurpose Room</p>