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**North Fair Oaks Community Council
 Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 28, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City

Issue	Discussion	Decision/ Next Step/Action
Roll Call	<p>Present: Rafael Avendano, Mary Martinez, Beatriz Cerrillo, Emily Cordova, Dale Miller, Linda Lopez, and Diane Zermeno</p> <p>Absent: Laura Caplan, Esperanza Vasquez, and Everardo Rodriguez</p>	
Public Comment	No public comments were made.	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes for the NFOCC meetings dated March 24, 2016.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez made a motion to approve the March 24, 2016 minutes with the correction. Councilmember Mary Martinez second the motion.</p> <p>Councilmembers Rafael Avendano, Mary Martinez, Beatriz Cerrillo, Linda Lopez, Diane Zermeno, Dale Miller, approved the minutes.</p>	
Sheriff's Report	<p>Mark Kuykendall presented the following information:</p> <p>The police report for the first quarter of 2016 shows a decrease in robberies and a significant decrease in assaults. Personal robberies and property crimes remain issues in the community. To address quality of life issues, the Sheriff's office, in conjunction with Supervisor Slocum</p>	

	<p>and Deputy County Manager Michael Callagy, hired two new community service officers. Deputy County Manager Michael Callagy urged citizens to form neighborhood watches to reduce property robberies.</p> <p>Public Comment: Janet Davis, property owner in North Fair Oaks, asked if any perpetrators of property robberies have been caught. Ms. Davis also inquired of how parking laws were being enforced in the North Fair Oaks area.</p> <p>Melinda Dubroff, from our Neighborhood Network, met with the U.S. Postal Service and Menlo Park Post Master to discuss better training of letter carriers, and addressed the shortage of personnel these service companies face.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez asked if the Sheriff’s department intend to do more community dialogues. Mark assured that he and the department would update the Council and public when appropriate. Councilmember Linda Lopez suggested a representative from the U.S. Postal Service be present at future meetings.</p> <p>Councilmember Diane Zermeno asked if Mark could specify what neighborhoods experienced the most property crimes. Mark clarified that not one particular area has been specifically targeted.</p>	
<p>California Highway Report</p>	<p>Mike Maskarich, commander with the California Highway Patrol, reported the following information on accident statistics and CHP activities:</p> <p>When comparing the first quarter of 2016 to the first quarter of 2015, in terms of number of accidents and corresponding types of accidents, the North Fair Oaks community saw very similar trends.</p> <p>The California Highway Patrol thanked and acknowledged the importance of their relationship with the Sheriff’s Department in curtailing illegal driving maneuvers. Mike also highlighted the significance of collaborative effort with the NFOYN and SafeKids in spreading the message of safe driving practices.</p> <p>The CHP is trying to work smarter, but given their relatively small staff in relation to the growing population they service, Mike endorses the idea of public awareness and engagement.</p> <p>No public comment.</p>	

<p>Recommendation that the council approve the amendment of the North Fair Oaks Community Council bylaws to eliminate the secretary officer position</p>	<p>Irving Torres, Legislative Aid to Supervisor Slocum, reiterated the recommendation and its meaning.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Janet Davis advocated the post be kept. Councilmember Linda Lopez responded to the comment saying the County handles the responsibility well, and the Council has no real place for the position.</p> <p>Councilmember Dale Miller motioned to approve the amendment of the North Fair Oaks Community bylaws as written. Diane Zermeno second the motion.</p> <p>Councilmembers Rafael Avendano, Mary Martinez, Laura Caplan, Beatriz Cerrillo, Emily Cordova, Linda Lopez, Dale Miller, and Everardo Rodriguez all in favor. Motion carries.</p>	
<p>Presentation on the Marsh Road Channel reconstruction project</p>	<p>Mary Grace Houlihan, the City Engineer of Atherton, provided the following information:</p> <p>The presentation give was divided into five items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Limits: the project is on Marsh Road; it begins on Middlefield and goes to Fair Oaks. 2. Reasons for the project: the project is happening because of the decayed open trapezoidal channel that is currently in place. The Channel is bounded by Marsh Road on West Side and residential properties along East side, and upstream and downstream of the channel is bounded by box culverts. These geographical and structural issues raise traffic and safety concerns. Emergency repairs to the channel already had to be taken in 2007; the channel is simply old and needs to be replaced. 3. Traffic Impacts and Delays: the road will be closed from May 31 to August 11. The road will be closed to through traffic for approximately 12 weeks, but one lane will be open each direction from Oak to Bay. For the local residents, the contractor will maintain ingress/egress. To finish work as quickly as possible, the the contractor is permitted 12-hour work days. 4. Anticipated Construction Sequence: (1) mobilize and establish traffic control/detour, (2) close Marsh rd. and establish temporary channel division, (3) install temporary sharing, (4) demolition for existing facilities, (5) replacement channel subsidiary complete, reopen March Rd., and (6) clean away any debris. 5. Where to Get Information: the Town of Atherton Webpage contains the projects history and outline of project plan. The website is: http:// www.ci.atherton.cc.ws//marshroad. One 	

could also call Public Works at 650-752-0532, or one could visit their webpage, which contains Public Works email and 24-hour hotline.

Public Comment:

Emmy Adler, a property owner in North Fair Oaks, had three questions: how will local resident's homes be protected? How will biker's safety be protected? And why won't the bike lanes on the closed channel be built?

Janice Sharp, property owner in North Fair Oaks, asked how they will enclose the road's closure, especially considering the influx of traffic on 17th.

John Paul Hill, property owner in North Fair Oaks, reiterated the question of enforcement, especially in regards to the safety of 18th's roundabout.

Penny Durham, property owner in North Fair Oaks, holds the concern of what will happen with the trees lying between the edge of the road and private property.

Lisa Conrad, property owner in North Fair Oaks, wants to know why 15th and bay are not closed to through traffic.

Melinda Dubruff, property owner in North Fair Oaks, voiced a complaint of the lack of signage on 5th, Fairoak, and Bay roads. Ms. Dubruff also recommended the CHP place dummy cars to deter potential violations on back and side roads.

Wynn Sigman, property owner in North Fair Oaks, reiterated the complaints of a lack of signage and enforcement of local traffic. Mr. Sigman recommended residential id's.

Diane Jones, property owner in North Fair Oaks, demanded residential stickers for the convenience of the North Fair Oaks neighborhoods.

Mitchell Jones, property owner in North Fair Oaks, inquired as to, if all the side streets cannot handle the traffic, why is not all of 4th Ave. area restricted to local traffic only?

Susan Bircher, property owner in North Fair Oaks, reiterated concerns about Bay Rd. and 15th. Susan also endorsed the idea of residential stickers and promised she would help with their distribution. She also suggested 4-way stop signs to reduce traffic speeds in neighborhoods.

Lisa Brunet, a property owner in North Fair Oaks, expressed a frustration about the amount of traffic in the area. Ms. Brunet also

asked, considering the channel will be closed for construction, why it doesn't be made into a road now?

Mary Robins, property owner in North Fair Oaks, reiterated the issue of the streets lacking signage. Ms. Robins suggested stop signs be issued to slow through traffic speeds.

Michael Brownstein, property owner in North Fair Oaks, voiced acute frustration and demanded road closure for the people of North Fair Oaks, to ensure the peoples' safety.

Chris Bodicur, property owner of North Fair Oaks, expressed concern about the safety of living on 15th.

Carol Hideaway, a property owner in North Fair Oaks, wants to know what considerations have been made for the North Fair oaks community. Ms. Hideaway suggested earlier outreach when considering obtrusive projects.

Janet Morgan, property owner in Friendly Acres, expressed a different concern; Ms. Morgan requested that the traffic counts include Friendly Acres.

Steve Stallinger, a property owner in North Fair Oaks, asked if there is a plan for the contractor and the contractor's parking. Mr. Stallinger wants to ensure their parking not contribute to the already congested traffic. My Stallinger also recommended a Facebook or Twitter page be made.

Phyllis Kempt, a property owner in North Fair Oaks, expressed concern for pedestrian safety.

Councilmember Linda Lopez asked where and how will traffic be directed. The intent, Mary Grace Houlihan assured, is to direct traffic onto Bay and streets that are better suited for heavy traffic, and not residential areas. Councilmember Linda Lopez commented on how brief a time table the work is to be done in.

Chair Rafael Avendano asked if resident's cars will have stickers to be more easily identified. Mary explained the Town of Atherton will work in conjunction with delivery services, but the hope is drivers will realize cutting through back and side streets is as slower than going down the designated streets.

Chair Rafael recommended consistent progress reports be posted on social media outlets. Mary confirmed progress reports will be posted with information and photos of the construction. Mary also offered people to write their email down, so they can receive updates directly.

	<p>In response to repeating concerns, Mary replied in saying: the amount of signage is still in debate, and if it suits the community and better promotes safety, more signage can be negotiated; in addressing biking, Mary will consider flaggers to protect crossing bikes; to the question of why a bike lane or road will not be built over the channel now, the answer is given to environmental factors and cost; in terms of enforcement on residential streets, the proposed idea of having non-sworn in officers posing on streets and extra signage will be strongly considered, but in terms of residential stickers, the idea needs further debate (the final decision will be posted on their website); the tree canopy will not be touched except for minor pruning; construction worker parking will be offsite and not contribute to traffic; and finally, Mary will work extra hard in protecting residential areas, one way being in collaborating with Wayz, a navigation app, to ensure the app does not consider side streets in creating its routes.</p> <p>Irving Torres mentioned two meetings that will take place in the future: Saturday May 7 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. and Wednesday May 11, between 7 and 9 p.m.</p>	
<p>Supervisor’s Report</p>	<p>Irving Torres, Office of Supervisor Warren Slocum, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On May 21 the fifth annual Latino Youth Conference will be held from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are still needed. • On Saturday, April 30 the County of San Mateo will hold the “Streets Alive, Park Alive” award event to promote fun, healthy activities. Other events with a similar theme are “Take A Hike,” a farmer’s market, a family friendly day and BBQ in Colma, and Kite Day. • The Latino Community Council of Redwood City held their annual Dia De los Niño’s, and deserve congratulations in having reached their goal of raising \$100,000 dollars. • On April 16 Supervisor Slocum and other elected officials went to the grand opening of Midpenninsula Regional Open Space, a center that will provide opportunities for underprivileged citizens of East Palo Alto to enjoy the natural wonders of the outdoors. <p>Chair Rafael Avendano commended Supervisor for his advocacy of outdoors and green areas.</p>	

<p>Deputy County Manager's Report</p>	<p>Mike Callagy, Deputy County Manager, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The graffiti abatement team has reacted to over 500 instances of graffiti found and reported in North Fair Oaks, and they should be commended for their work in the community. • An illegal massage parlor was reported by a citizen; this is a paradigm of how the community and county should work together to raise all people's quality of life. <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez asked if Mike could speak to the commercial vehicle parking issues. Mike reiterated that commercial vehicles cannot be in a residential area, and the law will be exercised to its fullest extent.</p> <p>Councilmember Everardo Rodriguez suggested that one alternative or a combined approach to the graffiti abatement would be to work with the youth to educate them about graffiti. He also suggested that a space be set aside for people to creatively showcase their artistic work.</p>	
<p>Councilmember Reports</p>	<p>Councilmember Beatriz Cerrillo participated in a Day of the Child festival, and was surprised to learn many parents did not know which parks to take their children to for hikes and other outdoor activities. Beatriz also commented that the Stanford Project was an awesome avenue for aspiring artist to collaborate.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano reported that the Siena Youth Center was recognized by Facebook, who sent people to the center to play dodge ball with the kids, and then painted the whole gymnasium, providing for all the resources themselves. Rafael also mentioned that the Bulldog Riders are a group of youth that are planning their Bike Rodeo for May 21.</p> <p>Mary Martinez mentioned that Facebook brought in about 20 new books for each grade level at Selby Lane, and that the Day of the Child festival was a great event for families to come together.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair Rafael Avendano adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.</p>	

<p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>North Fair Oaks Community Council Study Session Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1</p>

