



## North Fair Oaks Community Council

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

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**March 25, 2021**

**7:00pm**

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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/94925163206> or by calling 1 (877) 568-4106 for Spanish.**

## 1. ROLL CALL

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**Present:** Chair Brooks Esser, Vice Chair Juan Carlos Prado, Council Member Beatriz Cerrillo, Council Member Joanie Gillspie, Council Member Linda Lopez, Council Member Everardo Rodriguez, Council Member Jennifer Ruiz Council Member Blair Whitney

**Staff Present:** Justin Mates, Deputy County Manager; Office of Community Affairs: Emma Gonzalez and Sandra Becerra.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- None

## 3. REPORT OUT

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### a. Supervisor's Report

- Madahi Cornejo, Supervisor Slocum:
- A Facebook live week of 4/19 to celebrate the partnership with SMC County & library. Presentation will discuss all the programs and meet the library staff.
- Department of Public Works is managing a landscaping company to add plants and beautify the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave underpass
- Welcomed new restaurant in NFO Tokemoana's (3102 Middlefield Rd)
- 1<sup>st</sup> dose clinics EPA 3/24; 3/26; 3/27, NFO 3/25, 3/27, Belle Haven 3/27; 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinics Redwood City 3/26;3/27<sup>th</sup>
- Help canvassed with the OCA team for NFO's vaccine clinics around 700 were vaccinated

- Facebook Live 4/15 at 6:00pm, partnership with Unidos & Redwood City Together to share mental health resources.
  - Supervisor Slocum and Don Horse co-sponsored, and it passed ominously the Digital Bill of Rights, to ensure all SMC residents have access to reliable internet & public wifi.
  - BOS is working on a reopening plan for the Hotel Industry. A sub-committee is working with legislators to provide an opening date and help the 25,000 jobs that were lost.
  - BOS approved funding for green strive light bike lane in NFO
  - Slocum and Esser met to discuss plans for the NFO progress
- b. County Manager's Report
- None
- c. Council Member's Reports:
- Brooks Esser:
    - Attended the Neighborhood Response Team: RWC fire plans having inspections for all R2's building
    - Bikes will be added,
    - Preference survey were conducted on Encina.
    - COVID work groups, 40% of residents 16+ have been vaccinated
    - Met with Warren Slocum and reviewed council priorities. COVID & the Middlefield project are priority.
  - Juan Carlos:
    - Participate 3/16 COVID as a panelist and presented in Spanish
  - Beatriz Cerrillo:
    - Schools are re-opening April 5<sup>th</sup> following CDC guidelines. Students will be given the opportunity to attend in cohorts.
  - Linda Lopez:
    - Climate ready NFO- Stanford research students' high impact of wildfires
    - El Concilio board meeting, suggests that we ask the council to mercy housing
    - Thrive Alliance has been conducting varies webinars focusing on water access gaps (issue with pipes, sewers) in La Honda & Pescadero
    - Outreach updates
  - Everardo Rodriguez
    - NFO Community Alliance- NFO residents sent a letter of BOS to restore direct reporting to NFO council office to the office of supervisor
    - MC and interpreted a Facebook Live 3/19 with Redwood City Together catered to immigrants, labor, legal counsel, health, housing issues
    - San Mateo Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Effort pushing survey for all SMC residents to gather information and see if they are prepared for an emergency.
    - Canopy wrote a letter to asking county if willing to increase the variety of trees/plants that can planted in the exterior places

## **AGENDA**

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### **1. Presentation: Middlefield Road Project Update & Outreach**

<p>Presentation by Ann Stillman, Deputy Director of Public Works- Engineering Services, County of San Mateo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/14/21 received bid: Granite Rock Company approved for the bid \$131,379</li> <li>• 3/17/21 pre-construction meeting to review aspects of project</li> <li>• Notice to proceed: TBD</li> <li>• priority project: underground work &amp; a location to stage supplies</li> </ul>
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<p>Council Member Everardo Rodriguez: Hetch Hetchy utilized for staging, alternative renting industrial sites by Edison way. Is the 180 days timeframe for the completion of the project?</p> <p>Ann Stillman: S. South Francisco would not be an option because they city has more restrictions. We will continue looking for a place. Yes, 180 working days (M-F) to finish the project if there a good working weather.</p> <p>Council member Linda Lopez: what is the name of the company who won the bid? What comes first? The Sewer line that's going to be replace or the undergrounding utilities.</p> <p>Ann Stillman: Granite Rock won the bid. We looked at the conditions a of the sewer lines, contractors will start on that first and the sub-contractors will start on the trench</p> <p>Council member Linda Lopez: Is there a mitigation plan for the streets? I did not see the Office of Community Affairs included in this work.</p> <p>Ann Stillman: We have been working with the Office of Community Affairs to ensure people are informed and that correct signage is posted. Through the chair the council did not have a mitigation to the council</p> <p>Justin Mates: there was a mitigation process we are in the process of taking a survey, to learn the impacts if the neighborhood and businesses. We should talk about the mitigation process in the next meeting</p> <p>Brooks Esser: Let's make a note of discussing mitigation and business outreach next month.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

## 2. Presentation: North Fair Oaks Library

<p>Presentation by Anne-Marie Despain Director of Library Services &amp; Carmen Letona- Adams Senior Librarian</p>	<p>For more information: Anne-Marie Despain Director of Library Services <a href="mailto:despain@smcl.org">despain@smcl.org</a> Carmen Letona-Adams Senior Librarian <a href="mailto:Letona-adams@smcl.org">Letona-adams@smcl.org</a> Call: 1-833-YES-SMCL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Mateo County Libraries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Atherton • Belmont • Brisbane • East Palo Alto • Foster City • Half Moon Bay • Millbrae • North Fair Oaks • Pacifica Sanchez • Pacifica Sharp Park • Portola Valley • San Carlos • Woodside</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ San Mateo County Libraries strengthen our community by creating an inclusive sense of place and environment for learning</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Strategic Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We cultivate an active presence and create spaces that support discovery, enrich lives and uplift the community</li> <li>▪ We are leaders in establishing a foundation of early literacy and supporting exploration and growth at every stage of life</li> <li>▪ Understand needs and promote meaningful library services as solutions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annual Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bridge digital divided access better technology</li> <li>▪ Empower community &amp; increase racial social equity by providing impactful services</li> <li>▪ Reimagine summer learning</li> </ul> </li> <li>• North Fair Oaks Library: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3/16 began Curbside &amp; Walk Up Services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Current Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Book Bundles, Take &amp; Make Kits, Laptops, Hotspots, Paper &amp; 3D Printing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Virtual Collections &amp; Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Author talks at schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Current Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Library Cards, Welcome Package, Staff Recruitment Collection Assessment, Community Outreach</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Coming Soon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Survey, Laptop Vending, Literacy Services, Reopening Facility mid-April-may</li> <li>▪ BOS awarded \$500,000 from Measure K fund for facility enhancement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Summer Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Virtual performance, educational topics, free books, reading logs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<p>Vice Chair Juan Carlos: Will the main collection of the library stay the same? Will the hours extend?</p> <p>Anne-Marie Despain Director of Library Services: Collection remains the same. Under the library JPA, NFO is entitle 60 hours however we are only in phrase II (curbside only). Library hours could expand in result of the survey hours.</p> <p>Council Member Everardo Rodriguez: What is the requirement for getting a library card? What is the alternative for people without ID?</p> <p>Carmen Letona-Adams Senior Librarian: Picture ID and mailing address documentation. People who don't have ID are provided with a temporary card.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>

## 5. Presentation: Siena Youth Center

<p>Presentation:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission:</li> </ul>
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Hugo Torrez,  
Director of  
Programs

- Our mission to provide a safe, fun, educational, and active environment for the youth and families in the NFO and Redwood City communities
- 4 focus areas:
- Education, Health & Wellness, Leadership & Advocacy, Community
- 5 program goals:
  - improve student academic achievement
  - Increase student movement and activity
  - Strengthen youth our leadership.
  - Positively increase students' mental well-being.
  - Provide more community workshops to parents.
- SYC'S Date Statistics:
  - 135 participants
  - 40 tutors
  - 20 counseling
  - 8 NFOYI coaches
  - 70% female of household
  - 11 JVP Junior Coaches
  - 80% extremely low income
  - 15% very low income
  - 5% low income
- After-School Program 1:
  - Online via zoom
  - In-person programming only 35 children at a time
- After-School Program 2: COVID Guidelines
  - clean & safe following CDC protocols
- After-School Program 3: Weekly Schedule of Enrichment Classes
  - Classes are provided Monday-Friday in person & online
- SYC Timeline:
  - July 2020 New Director New Directions
  - Aug 14, 2020 New NFOYI is Ready
  - Aug 17, 2020 First day of SYC
  - Sep 4, 2020 Free Technology
  - Sep 13, 2020 Bike repair stand
  - Oct 5, 2020 RWC school partnerships
  - Oct 19, 2020 SYC opens
  - Oct 23-26, 2020 Flu vaccine clinics: 130 people vaccinated
  - Oct 27, 2020 Community workshop #1
  - Nov 29, 2020 flu vaccine clinics #3
  - Dec 1, 2020 Community workshop #2
  - Dec 17, 2020 community workshop #3
  - Dec 18-19, 2020 NFOYI retreat
  - Jan 8, 2021 JVP in full effect
  - Jan 16, 2021 Free COVID testing: 529 tested
  - Jan 22, 2021 NFOYI + JVP join forces
  - Jan 29, 2021 SYC Team is vaccinated
  - Feb 16, 2021 Community workshop #4
  - Mar 22, 2021 Mental Health week #1 & vaccine community meeting
  - Mar 24, 2021 Mental Health week #2
  - Mar 25, 2021 SYC COVID vaccine clinic: 300 vaccinated

<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<p>Linda Lopez council member: Will SYC be making appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose?  Is Dignity Health helping sign up people who missed the vaccine event?  Hugo Torrez, Director of Programs: Yes, SYC registered all 2<sup>nd</sup> doses. 215 people are on the waitlist. SYC is advocating for more doses.  Chair Brooks Esser: Can you provide a dollar amount for “80% extremely low-income?”  Hugo Torrez, Director of Programs: The percentage is based on the SMC housing income.  Council Member Everardo Rodriguez: Were all 300 people NFO residents? The 140 kids are they from St. Francis’s or from other schools.  Hugo Torrez, Director of Programs: Yes, they are all NFO, Redwood city, essential workers, 16+. For those who did not fit the category they were placed on a waitlist for non-residents. We are prioritizing our community first. The kids are from both our housing and public schools.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>

### 3. Presentation: Update: COVID-19 Vaccination

<p>Presentation: Justin Mates Deputy County Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine Communication Equity Working Group Meeting #12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data Updates – Countywide</li> <li>▪ 263,665 SMC residents vaccinated (3/24)</li> <li>▪ 390,884 vaccines administered in SMC (3/24)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vaccine Allocation Dose Allocation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State: Kaiser, Sutter, Dignity local healthcare system</li> <li>▪ Federal: LTC Program, Federal retail, Healthcare Orgs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Updates from State &amp; Federal Governments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3/15 Expanded Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 65+, healthcare workers</li> <li>✓ 16-64 with underlying medical conditions</li> <li>✓ Occupational categories essential workers</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ 4/1 ages 50+ &amp; 4/15 ages 16+</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vaccine Equity: Community/Neighborhood Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ sites in communities impacted by the pandemic</li> <li>▪ clinics chosen based on HPI data by census tracts</li> <li>▪ → ei. DC, HMB, EPA, NFO, Belle Haven, SSF, SM</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Strategies to Reach Low HPI Communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CBO-partners conduct direct outreach</li> <li>▪ referral process/ reservation based to schedule appts by CBOs →ei. texting, emailing, direct calling</li> <li>▪ eligible populations upon hospital discharge</li> <li>▪ drop-in/walk-in opportunities, no-advance registration</li> <li>▪ door-to-door canvassing</li> <li>▪ mobile vaccine units</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community/Neighborhood Focus—NFO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County-Sponsored neighborhood clinics</li> <li>▪ 3/20: 2500 Middlefield Road (in p’ship with RWC) (~660 doses) –</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3/25: SYC (in p’ship with St. Francis Center &amp; Dignity) (~300 doses) –</li> <li>▪ 3/27: 2500 Middlefield Road (in p’ship with RWC) (~600 doses)</li> <li>▪ 3/29: additional mix of appointments and walk-up opportunities</li> <li>• Other Targeted Efforts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All homeless shelters, staff, unsheltered &amp; encampments in SMC (over 450) vaccinated</li> <li>▪ Safeway pharmacy partners vaccinated 700 GGRC members &amp; caregivers (disabled populations)</li> <li>▪ Identify mobile units Midpen Senior sites &amp; homebound seniors</li> <li>▪ reach agriculture workers/families</li> <li>▪ 3/15 correctional health vaccinated over 100 jails</li> </ul> </li> <li>• State Framework—Multiple Pathways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Major health providers (Kaiser, Sutter, Dignity)</li> <li>▪ Federal pharmacy partnership</li> <li>▪ Federal partners mass vaccinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ ei. Oakland Coliseum</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ CDC Pharmacy Partnership Long-term care</li> <li>▪ North Medical Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ei. Ravenswood FQHC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Questions from Council Members</p>	<p>Council Member Everardo Rodriguez: Thanks Justin Mates. How do we find future vaccination events?</p> <p>Justin Mates Deputy County Manager: They will be shared when details are finalized. However, we will be distributing information as it comes in.</p> <p>Council Member Linda Lopez: Thanks Justin Mates. I want to thank the organization and people who have been attending equity and communication events. What is the status of the youth applicants? There are two applicants.</p> <p>Chair Brooks Esser: I don’t know the status, we do have candidates, but they have not been scheduled for interviews.</p> <p>Chair Brooks Esser: Is there a reservation process for second doses?</p> <p>Justin Mates Deputy County Manager: The state doesn’t have us reserve doses anymore, if they find out we have some they will take them away.</p> <p>We survey all providers and confirm if they need second doses. We prioritized that allocation.</p> <p>Council Member Blair Whitney: The VA Hospital, Palo Alto is offering vaccines for veterans. They are drawing from a separated source from the county and the state.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>

**6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm**