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**North Fair Oaks Community Council
 Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 24, 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, Laura Caplan, Beatriz Cerrillo, Emily Cordova, Dale Miller, Linda Lopez, and Everardo Rodriguez</p> <p>Absent: Mary Martinez Esperanza Vasqyez Diane Zermeno</p>	
Public Comment	<p>Melinda Dubroff, Chair of the Neighborhood Network, stated that her neighborhood association will be a sponsoring a Neighborhood Watch Community-wide Meeting to discuss U.S Mail Theft and Fraud in NFO, The meeting will occur on April 21st at 7pm at the Sports House.</p> <p>Carolina Ornelas, RWC2020, stated that on Tuesday March 29th RWC 2020 will be hosting a dialogue on race relations which will start at 5:30pm at Sequoia High School Multi-Purpose Room. Dinner is free and childcare will be provided.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes for the NFOCC meetings dated February 25, 2016.</p> <p>Councilmember Laura Caplan mentioned that there needs to be a correction to the last month's minutes with the following: The person who spoke last month stated that his issue was that his home was between the two jurisdictions.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez made a motion to approve the February</p>	

	<p>25, 2016 minutes with the correction. Councilmember Everardo Rodriguez seconded the motion.</p> <p>Councilmembers Rafael Avendano, Laura Caplan, Beatriz Cerrillo, Emily Cordova, Linda Lopez, Dale Miller, and Everardo Rodriguez approved the minutes.</p>	
<p>Presentation of the OYE Conference</p>	<p>Ralph Mejia, OYE Outreach Committee Intern, provided the following information:</p> <p>The 5th Annual OYE Latino Youth Conference will gather together 300 youth and parents for a day of inspiring speakers, interactive workshops, energizing performances, and resource networking. The conference is aimed at youth ages 12-22 and focuses on helping youth and young adults explore their identity, passions, and goals for now and the future.</p> <p>This year’s speakers are:</p> <p>Dr. Francisco Jimenez, author and educator (most known for his autobiographical book, <u>The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child</u>.</p> <p>and</p> <p>Favianna Rodriguez, artist known for using her art as an activism tool (known in the immigrant rights community for her "Migration is Beautiful" butterfly imagery).</p> <p>The Conference will be on Saturday May 21st from 8:30am to 3pm at Canada College.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez suggested that Ralph reach out to the Probation Department to recruit youth that are on probation to attend the conference.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano asked if young adults can attend the conference. Ralph mentioned that the conference is open to young adults.</p>	
<p>Emergency Response Update</p>	<p>Jeff Norris, Office of Emergency Services, presented the following information:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The County of San Mateo and several partnering agencies are working together on a countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan and are seeking public input at an upcoming community meeting on Thursday April 21st from 5:30pm to 7pm. The plan will help to open up possible federal grants in the near future. ○ Exploring the possibility of assembling a partnership with the council on outreaching to the NFO Community on workshops and trainings. ○ Reminder to sign-up for SMC Alert. <p>Public Comment: Janet Davis, property owner in North Fair Oaks, mentioned that the SMC Alert is not as effective as other websites that are out there.</p> <p>Councilmember Laura Caplan asked how does one sign-up for the SMC Alert. Jeff mentioned that you go to www.smcalert.info to fill out the information and an account will be generated.</p> <p>Councilmember Rafael Avendano asked if the alerts are in Spanish. Jeff mentioned that they are working to see if automatic translations can be possible. In the meantime, for severe disasters the Office of Emergency Services tries to translate the notifications in Spanish before they send out an alert.</p> <p>Councilmember Everardo Rodriguez mentioned that the council should have a study session or discuss at a future council meeting about partnering up with the Office of Emergency Services to conduct a Spanish preparation training.</p>	
<p>Sustainable Transportation Encouragement Program: Active Transportation Grant for North Fair Oaks</p>	<p>Ellen Barton, Active Transportation Coordinator Office of Sustainability, provided the following information:</p> <p>The San Mateo County Office of Sustainability in partnership with Redwood City 2020 has been selected for award of a \$963,000 grant for the Sustainable Transportation Encouragement Program (STEP) in North Fair Oaks. STEP is a three-year education and encouragement program centered on expanding the Safe Routes to School program and offering expanded services to the whole community to reduce traffic congestion and increase walk/bike/active trips.</p> <p>STEP was awarded funds through this competitive grant program because it addresses three key issues in North Fair Oaks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High traffic crash rates • High rates of traffic congestion 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevated health risk factors <p>The implementation of this program will occur in 2017-2019 and a final project report will be presented in June 2019.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano stated that he would like to share the data with the youth.</p> <p>Councilmember Beatriz Cerrillo mentioned that she like the report and the designated dates on when the safe routes to school will occur.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez asked who will be leading the plan. Ellen mentioned that RWC 2020 will be continuing their Safe Routes to School program but the grant provides additional programs and staff support to them.</p> <p>Councilmember Ever Rodriguez mentioned that the program should consider looking into creating more bike paths in North Fair Oaks.</p> <p>Councilmember Laura Caplan mentioned that the program should also identify ways to improve walking paths in North Fair Oaks</p>	
<p>Presentation on NFO Forward 2016 Strategies</p>	<p>Jenifer Logia, NFOForward, provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFOForward mission is still to develop a better neighborhood, for our neighbors, in collaboration with our neighbors. • NFOForward had a staff retreat to develop a plan for 2016 and out of the retreat came five areas of focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Community Expectations B. Parking C. Quality of Life D. Economic Prosperity E. Community Education • Part of the plans for 2016 is looking into vacant lot opportunities, community input, renter survey, strategies to reduce illegal dumping, and updating the parking study. <p>Chair Rafael Avendano asked if the county could update the Council on activities going on in North Fair Oaks .</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez asked who developed the plan. Mike Callagy, County Manager’s Office, mentioned that the plan was developed in partnership with his office and District 4. The purpose was to see what NFOForward could focus on for the upcoming year.</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 March 19th Supervisor Slocum co-sponsor the Citizenship Workshop at Costano Elementary School in East Palo Alto this morning. This workshop helps people who are interested and eligible for citizenship to move forward by providing a legal review of their citizenship application and supporting documents, an application fee waiver, and legal advice from immigration attorneys. Nearly 400 people were served this morning. • On Tuesday, March 8th the Board of Supervisors directed staff to study noise at San Carlos Airport and in June bring back a more refined list of strategies to ease its impact on residents, particularly in the communities of EPA, Aherton, NFO, and RWC. The Board heard from more than 60 speakers Tuesday at a packed Study Session held to decide whether to go forward with further analysis of the noise and options to ease its impacts. 	
<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 county has gone into contract with a graffiti abatement company starting April 1 identifying and cleaning up graffiti two to three times a week in North Fair Oaks. They will also respond to graffiti complaint within 24 hours. • The county is also looking at a couple of parcels on Middlefield Road for parking to help with the possible reduction of parking spaces for the Middlefield Road re-design. <p>Councilmember Everardo Rodriguez mentioned if one alternative to the graffiti abatement would be to work with the youth to educate them about graffiti. Councilmember Everardo also suggested to possibly provide a space for people to be creative for their artistic work.</p>	
<p>Councilmember Reports</p>	<p>Councilmember Laura Caplan mentioned Peace Village is hosting a Peace Camp for campers ages 7-13 where they learn from one another and their cultures. They also learn about non-combative skills, media literacy, and traditions of other groups and other faiths. They are also looking for counselors that will get a stipend. You can visit their website at villagerelations.com/sanmateopeacevillage/</p> <p>Councilmember Everardo Rodriguexz stated that the Steering Committee met with Professor Richard Ford to discuss gentrification. Everardo mentioned it’s a difficult situation to tackle but there are</p>	

	<p>several components that could help to slow down the process.</p> <p>Councilmember Linda Lopez mentioned that if you visit the Just Cause website there is a publication that gives additional information about the topic.</p> <p>Chair Rafael Avendano stated that on March 30th at 11am there will be a meeting to discuss the upcoming Bicycle Rodeo on June 11th. The meeting will be held at the Siena Youth Center.</p>	
Adjournment	Chair Rafael Avendano adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.	

Next Meeting
<p>North Fair Oaks Community Council Study Session</p> <p>Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1</p>