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

North Fair Oaks Community Council Meeting Minutes
Date: 7/11/13
Time 7:00 p.m. Location Fair Oaks Community Center Classroom 1&2

Present: Laura Caplan, Dale Miller, Manuel Ramirez, Beatriz Cerillo, Esperanza Vasquez

Not in Attendance: John Shott

Issue	Discussion	Decision/ Next Step/Action
Roll Call	Present Lt. Reid, Captain Tom Gallagher, Debbie Torres, Janet Davis, Ana Angel, Rafael Avendano, Linda Lopez, Jenny Corral, Irving Torres	
Public Comment	No public comment	
Oral presentation	<p>An oral presentation was made to the council by people who applied to be on the North Fair Oaks Community Council.</p> <p>Linda Lopez, resident of North Fair Oaks, talked about her experience growing up in North Fair Oaks. She has been living there since 1959, has gone to school in North Fair Oaks and was involved with establishing the council with then-supervisor Ruben Barrales. She stated to the council she had to leave the council due to health problems but would like to rejoin the council once again. Linda said that she, if selected as a council member, could bring experience and is committed to making North Fair Oaks a better place to live. She believes that it takes patience and a lot of hope in order to make changes in the community.</p> <p>Council member Ramirez asked what would she like to achieve or resolve in North Fair Oaks.</p> <p>Linda responded that she would like to see more community-driven decisions and communications. She sees that people aren't connected in the community and there isn't really a voice that the community can go to. She would like to be</p>	

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	<p>involved in the process from the ground up.</p> <p>Council member Cerillo asked if Linda had ever participated in other boards and/or commissions.</p> <p>Linda said that she was on the San Mateo County housing development committee, which meets quarterly every year.</p> <p>Jenny Corral is a lifelong resident in North Fair Oaks. She has attended school at Garfield and currently works as an executive assistant to the Chief of Police. She mentioned that she had volunteered in the past but hasn't done so recently. She was approached by many people to join the council and she believes it's a way for her to understand the issues that are going on in North Fair Oaks. She mentioned that she worked with then-Supervisor Rich Gordon and that her experiences working at the county could benefit the council.</p> <p>Council member Beatriz asked what are the Sequoia Awards.</p> <p>Jenny said that the Sequoia Awards is an award given to high school Seniors for their volunteer work in the community and who live in Redwood City. She mentioned that she was one of the people that spoke at this year's award ceremony.</p> <p>Council member Ramirez asked: What is the maximum potential for North Fair Oaks?</p> <p>Jenny said that having a recreation park and a playground is one way to maximize the community. She also mentioned working with the NFO business community and addressing public safety can contribute to growth within the community.</p> <p>Chair Caplan asked: How did you hear about the openings?</p> <p>Jenny said that the Supervisor approached her asking her to apply for the council.</p> <p>Council member Miller asked: Do you see anything in Redwood City that they do right that could apply to North Fair Oaks?</p> <p>Jenny said that all of the different departments work closely together seems to be different. Redwood City seems to be more visible and connects more with the people.</p> <p>Chair Caplan asked: what is the best way to get the community involved?</p> <p>Jenny said that mailers are great to communicate to the people of North Fair</p>	

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	<p>Oaks. Utilizing social media to get more people involved.</p> <p>Rafael was the next presenter and stated that he is the program director of the Siena Youth Center. He is in charge of all youth programs. Rafael lives in a similar environment as the youths in North Fair Oaks. He would like to join and bring a different energy to the council. He would like to advocate youth needs and learn about what is going on in North Fair Oaks. He is excited for the challenge and learning is a skill set.</p> <p>Council member Caplan asked: How do you reach and parents, adults, and youths, and how do you get parents invested and involved in North Fair Oaks?</p> <p>Rafael said that using social media is an effective way to get the word out. Also going door to door is another way to get things done.</p> <p>Council member asked: How long have you live in North Fair Oaks?</p> <p>Rafael said two years.</p> <p>Council member Ramirez asked: What other issues do you think are problems in North Fair Oaks?</p> <p>Rafael said that the streets should be bike friendly.</p> <p>Nereyda Guzman presented to the council. She graduated from Sequoia High School and will be attending Notre Dame University in the fall. She would like to be on the council to be a voice to the youth.</p> <p>She mentioned that she is part of the ELLA program; a collation in Silicon Valley to help Latinas become leaders in their community.</p> <p>Council member Cerillo asked: What changes would you like to see from the council?</p> <p>Nereyda said having opportunities for the youth to speak their voice and develop more activities.</p> <p>Council member Caplan asked: What are the issues affecting North Fair Oaks?</p> <p>Nereyda said that lack of education resources for the youth, parking is a problem, lack of involvement from the community</p>	

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Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.	

Next Meeting
<p data-bbox="618 548 1097 579">Date: North Fair Oaks Council Meeting 6/27/13</p> <p data-bbox="618 585 781 617">Time: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p data-bbox="618 623 1243 655">Location: Fair Oaks Community Center Multi-Purpose Room</p>