



## **Report to the North Fair Oaks Community Council**

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### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORTING PERIOD:**

#### **Park(ing) Day Celebration**

This past Friday, September 19, 2015, North Fair Oaks celebrated their second annual Park(ing) Day, an international event where parking spaces are transformed into temporary community places or parklets for the day. There were three locations along Middlefield Road, each with a different theme. Many local residents, business owners, and students stopped by to enjoy the green space and have a snack. It was a great day where community members came together to reimagine their urban space, including a classroom of students from Fair Oaks School who stopped by for a presentation by Landsystems Landscapes staff about sustainability.

North Fair Oaks Forward collaborated with over five local businesses, various San Mateo County departments, and many volunteers who donated their time and effort to make this day a reality. A big thanks to Landsystems Landscape, San Mateo Credit Union, Connoisseur Coffee, Chavez Market, Man Crates, Coast Metal Cutting, Multicultural Institute, Sheriff's Office, Parks Department, Department of Public Works, Office of Sustainability and Planning Department for all of their support throughout the day.

#### **Middlefield Road Redesign Project**

The Middlefield Road Redesign steering committee held their first meeting on September 9, 2015 with a great turnout of about 30 stakeholders from North Fair Oaks. North Fair Oaks Forward continues to support Steve Rasmussen Cancian (Shared Spaces) in preparation for the community workshop on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at Garfield Elementary School at 6:30 pm.

### **NFO Public Art Workgroup**

On Saturday, October 3, 2015 a North Fair Oaks Art Walk will take place from 10am to 12 noon beginning at Garfield Elementary School to celebrate the public art accomplishments in North Fair Oaks. Moving forward, the workgroup has released a Call for Artists for a utility box at the corner of Waverly and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The workgroup will also continue thinking about locations for other art projects in the meantime.

### **Local Business Sustainability Plan**

The NFO Forward team has made numerous outreach efforts to local businesses along the Middlefield Road corridor to identify their concerns and needs regarding the upcoming Middlefield Road Redesign. Next steps include the development of a local business advisory workgroup that will continue to provide input as the Business Sustainability Plan is developed. We are currently in the research phase of this process and we will provide an update soon.

### **North Fair Oaks Zoning Changes**

The Zoning Workgroup will restart October 6, 2015 to review the proposed zoning changes for phase 2a along El Camino and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Local residents and businesses from the surrounding area will be recruited to participate in the workgroup.

### **Reimagine Flood Park Update**

The San Mateo Parks Department hosted three community meetings on the redesign of Flood Park (located on Bay Road in Menlo Park). There was a great turn out at each meeting, one hosted at Menlo Park's Community Center and the others at the Fair Oaks Community Center.

After obtaining community input at the meetings and conducting an online survey to learn about priorities of the park users, the design consultant prepared three design alternatives that were presented to the community for feedback on September 1, 2015. Based on the community input on the alternative designs, a final design proposal will be prepared and previewed to the community at a meeting (date to be determined) before it is presented for consideration by the San Mateo County Parks Commission.

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