

Council Report –June 16, 2014 Council Meeting -- Rick DeGolia

June 12 -- Meeting with Supervisor Slocum re: North Fair Oaks Forward

Joined City Manager Rodericks in meeting with Supervisor Slocum to discuss the North Fair Oaks Forward effort and plan to totally revitalize the North Fair Oaks commercial district over the next 5 years. It is very impressive that they have received input and suggestions from more than 2100 residents and businesses in the area. We also briefly touched on the aircraft noise issue, which affects North Fair Oaks, as well as Atherton and Menlo Park.

June 17 – San Carlos Airport/Aircraft Noise Working Group Meeting

Met at San Carlos Airport with Councilwoman Lewis, CEO and Operations Manager from Surf Air, San Carlos Airport representatives, Supervisor Slocum's Chief of Staff, Atherton resident David Fleck and a pilot who uses San Carlos Airport and has been involved with the FAA. Excellent meeting, during which Surf Air reported on a very good meeting that they had with the FAA, during which the FAA approved them resuming their lateral alternatives to the GPS flight path in good weather and they discussed the new, proposed increased elevation GPS Approach to San Carlos Airport. Surf Air also reported on a series of test flights, where they evaluated the noise impact of different operating procedures from the ground in the North Fair Oaks area. They concluded that the most significant change involved increasing speed (less time over the residential area) and slightly reduced noise when the plane's flaps and gear remains up. They expect to make these changes and train their pilots by mid-July. They also expect to add two flights a day, beginning July 1, which will bring the total number of flights into San Carlos to 11 per weekday.

Eliot Floresh, the independent pilot who has worked with the FAA, strongly suggested that Surf Air begin to add a 1500 vertical foot increase on the GPS Approach to their visual approach options. He argued that while a lateral change with a visual approach is good that a 1500 vertical foot approach would essentially eliminate the ground noise problem. Surf Air indicated that they were not ready to do that, but that they are looking at other airports in the area.

June 17 --Information Technology Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Joined Councilman Widmer and the City Manager at the first meeting of the Information Technology Committee. We discussed the need to add residents to the committee and the value of developing a strategy for the town to offer advanced connectivity to its residents, particularly in connection with the redefinition of the Atherton Library.

June 26 -- League of California Cities Quarterly Dinner

The presentation at this dinner meeting was focused on summarizing the CA Cap and Trade regulations that are being managed by the CA Air Resources Board. The largest controversy is the attempt by the Governor to use pollution credits that are paid on this program for the benefit of the High Speed Rail Authority. This was generally opposed by those in the room.

June 27 -- Council of Cities Dinner at San Mateo College

I joined Councilwoman Lewis at this dinner and tour of San Mateo College, which is a very impressive local community college.

July 1 -- Meeting with Susan Masetti

I met with Susan Masetti, co-President of the Dames, to discuss the Event Garden and Carriage House projects that are sponsored by the Dames.