



Report to the North Fair Oaks Community Council

Reporting Agency: North Fair Oaks Forward

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Highlights from the Reporting Period:

Dine and Dialogue – This summer, NFO Forward will host a summer dialogue series on a variety of topics relating to health and the environment. The dialogues will be held on the second Wednesday of the month in June, July and August.

Our planned dialogues are an opportunity for residents and other interested people to learn about the featured topic, have a conversation with each other, and discuss how it relates to the future of the community.

The first dialogue (Wed. June 10, 6-8 PM, Fair Oaks Health Center) will be on the topic of **complete streets**. A light dinner will be provided.

Update from the Public Art Workgroup

- North Fair Oaks Entrance Signs –installation scheduled for completion early August 2015
- Utility Box Mural Project – see action item below
- Mural at 2890 Fair Oaks Avenue – A Call for Artists will be issued this summer for a mural on a building adjacent to the Fair Oaks Elementary School. Once the Public Art Workgroup has reviewed applicants, a recommendation will be presented for consideration to the Council.

NFO Zoning/Parking Workgroup

- This workgroup continues to meet on a monthly basis. Currently the workgroup is reviewing the Neighborhood Mixed Use Zoning Ordinance along Middlefield Road between 1st and 8th Avenues. The final NMU Ordinance changes will be presented for consideration to the Council in June 2015.

Local Business Sustainability Plan:

87 business owners along Middlefield Road were interviewed to inform the development of the Local Business Sustainability Plan. Additionally, a survey was mailed to property owners to

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gather further information. Sixteen responses have been returned so far. A presentation on the information gathered is scheduled for June 2015.

Other Outreach Efforts and Events:

- NFO Forward continues to actively engage the North Fair Oaks Community. Several upcoming events includes:
 - North Fair Oaks Clean-up event (May 30, 2015)
 - North Fair Oaks Bike Rodeo (June 6, 2015)
 - North Fair Oaks Community Festival (August 16, 2015)

Council Action requested:

- **Utility Box Mural Project**

Recommendation

Approve the recommendation from the North Fair Oaks Public Art Workgroup for mural designs on three County-owned utility boxes.

Background

The North Fair Oaks Community Plan envisions a vibrant, safe and healthy community that includes public art highlighting the local history and cultural background of the community. A Call for Artists was released on April 17, 2015 inviting local San Mateo County artists to submit mural designs for three County owned utility boxes on Middlefield Road and 5th Avenue. Installation of the art will be completed between June 1, 2015 and July 31, 2015, and \$500 stipend will be awarded for each box.

Discussion

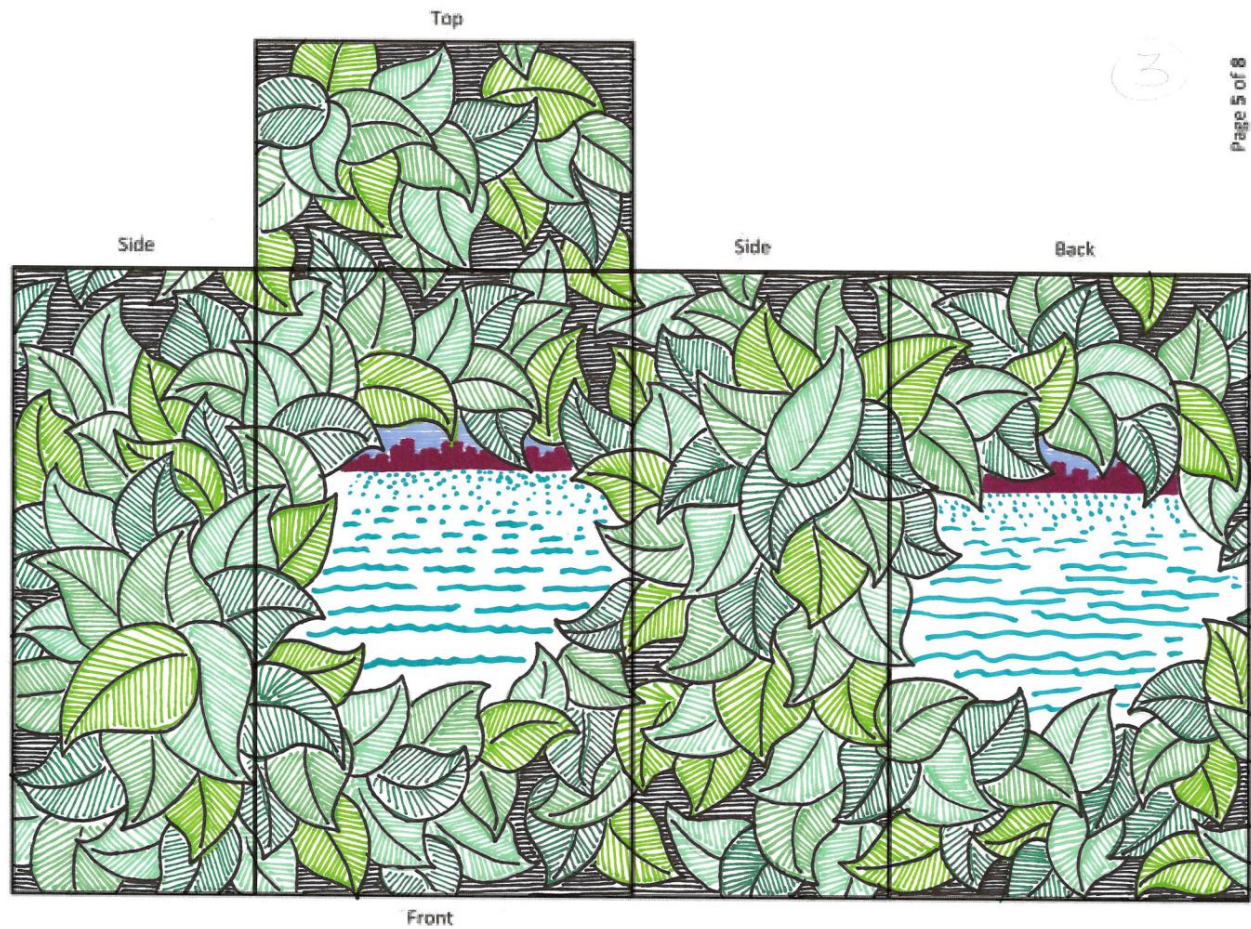
A total of four applications were submitted, and 8 different designs were reviewed by the workgroup by the Public Art workgroup based on the following criteria:

- Artistic excellence, innovation and originality
- Experience to complete the project within the required time frame
- Incorporation of local youth and student artists
- Preference will be given to artists who live or work in North Fair Oaks

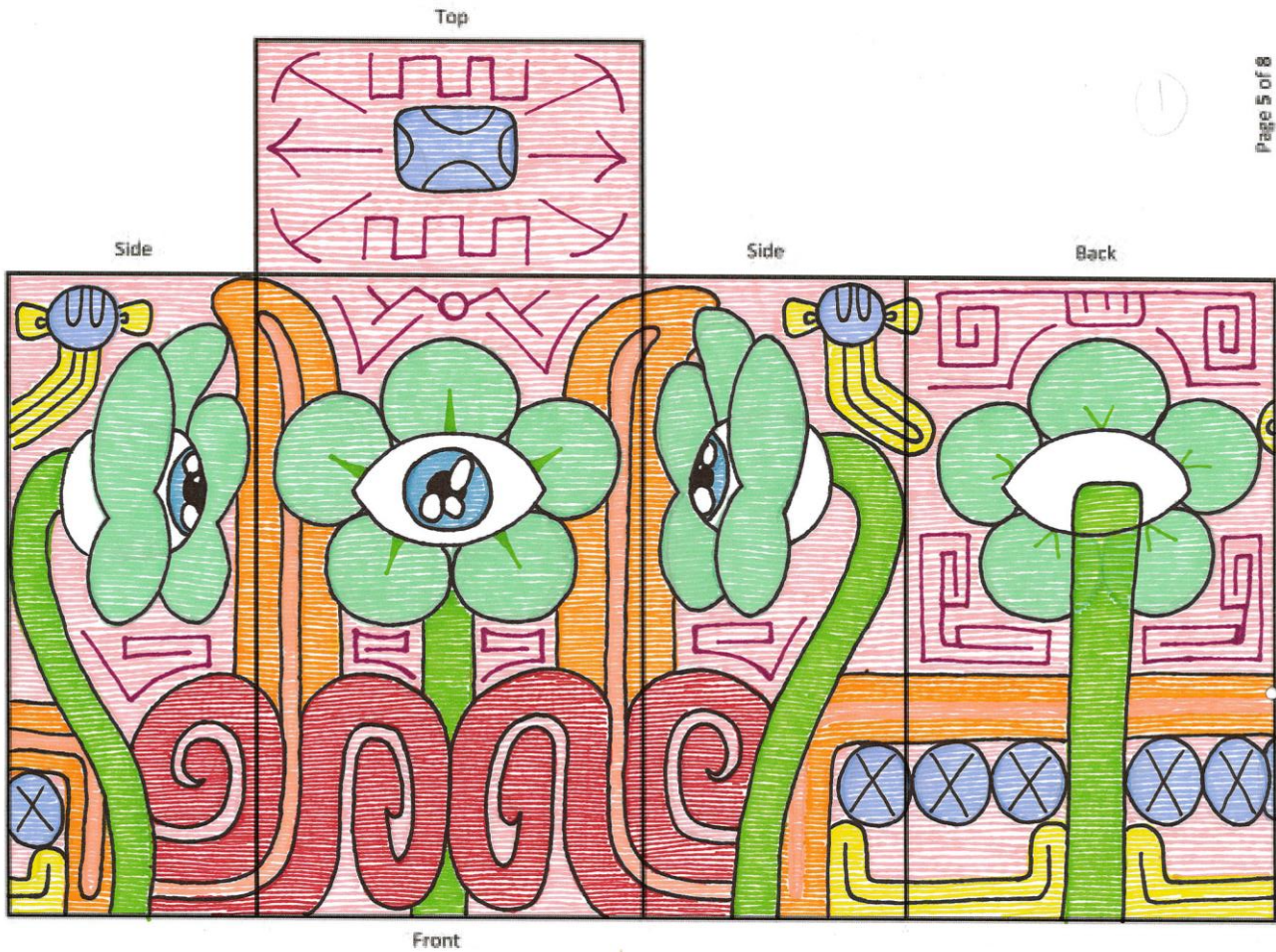
Based on the majority vote of the Public Art Workgroup, the following designs were recommended for the following utility box locations (see pages 3-5).

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Location 1: Corner of Middlefield Road and 5th Avenue



Location 2: Corner of 5th Avenue and Semicircular



Location 3: Corner of Middlefield Road and Semicircular

