

FAIR OAKS AMERICAN RIVER GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Fair Oaks, California

September 2022

ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC @ SACRAMENTO BAR PARK!

Saturday October 15TH
11 A.M.

The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association will hold its election of next year's directors and welcome all neighborhood residents for food, drinks, raffle prizes and more.

GET UP TO DATE NEWS!

Don't wait for the Annual Newsletter to find out what's going on in our beautiful community! There are several ways to stay informed and get involved.

Receive or share critical news:

<https://fo-gateway.org/contact/>

Let us know what's important to you:

<https://fo-gateway.org/survey/>

Pay annual voluntary dues or donate:

<https://fo-gateway.org/membership/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 31, 2022, FOARGNA had \$7,303.14 in its account.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF FOARGNA?

The purpose of this group is to protect the political, environmental, social, recreational, safety and quality of life interests of the residents of the neighborhood. We are organized:

a. To enhance the livability of the area by establishing and maintaining an open line of communication and liaison between the neighborhood, government agencies and other neighborhoods. **b.** To provide an open process by which all residents of the neighborhood may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood. **c.** To perform all of the activities related to said purposes, to have and enjoy all of the powers granted and engage in any lawful activity for which corporations may be organized under California non-profit corporation law. **d.** To be organized exclusively for social welfare purposes. Notwithstanding any statement of purpose or powers aforesaid, this association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of its specific and primary purpose.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. *

Date: 2nd Thursday of every month *

Contact us at F.O.Gateway@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

During meetings the board discusses old business, new business, current events, listens to public comments and decides which actions to take for the betterment of our community.

* Subject to change

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Justin Roberts

Vice President: Jon Bennett

Secretary: Rebecca LaBoriel

Treasurer: Michael Faber

Director: Brenda Boston

Director: Maryse Normand

Director: Monica Guill

Director: Roger Smith

Director: David Ginsburg *

Director: Max Boyko *

* End of current two-year term

NEXTDOOR WEBSITE & APP

Did you know that FOARGNA is on the NextDoor App? We are part of the “Magnolia” and “Glenview” groups, which overlay most of the association’s territory, which is bounded by Fair Oaks Blvd. to the North, Sunrise Blvd. to the East, Southcliff to the West and the American River to the South. The NextDoor app’s mission is to connect neighbors, cultivate trusted connections and exchange helpful information. For some, this app provides “real-time” safety information and for others, “genuine” neighborhood connections. We will be using the app to post events and more. To join us, go to “groups” and lookup “Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association.”

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2022 Priorities:

- Reach out to our neighbors to ensure correct contact information
- Enhancements to our website
- Creation of a Facebook Page
- Outreach on NextDoor.com
- Explore new opportunities with Fair Oaks Living Magazine and others

2023 Priorities:

- Ensure our neighbors are aware of monthly meetings and priorities
- Engage underrepresented streets: Tobias Way, Southcliff Drive, Minnesota Ave., and Oak Hurst Cir
- We would love to hear from you @ facebook.com/groups/foargna

SACRAMENTO BAR PARK

I recently decided to purchase an American River Parkway Parking Pass. To get the senior discount, I rode my bike down to William Pond. Along the way I admired how pretty all the many parks were along the way. They were lush green and mowed. It dawned on me that our Sacramento Bar Park wasn't being maintained to the same standard as the other Parks. Sacramento Bar's landscaping is completely dead; there isn't any green grass; the picnic area is a dust bowl. So, on the ride home, I took pictures of Parks along the way and emailed them to Rich Desmond, our County Supervisor, asking the question "why isn't Sacramento Bar getting any love?"

As a member of FOARGNA, I reached out to our Board to speak at the next meeting. I also reached out to Fair Oaks Community Action Partnerships to speak on this topic.

In the meantime, the Sacramento County Park Maintenance Supervisor has gotten back to me stating that there have been water system issues at Sacramento Bar for quite some time. He assured me that the water system would be repaired. I think we should keep an eye on the situation until we see the trees and lawns are being watered. --*Your neighbor, Wes Trunnell*

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Pointe at Fair Oaks is a 1.36 acre parcel of undeveloped land located on the hilltop at the south-west corner of Fair Oaks Blvd. and Sunrise Blvd. Since 2007, the owner has been trying to develop the site. He has submitted project plans to the Fair Oaks Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) for approval on at least four prior occasions. One of the reasons FOARGNA was founded was to oppose the first proposal for a multi-office building and restaurant complex for the reasons of safety, traffic, and preservation of our rural atmosphere. FOARGNA has been monitoring the development plans and opposing them as necessary.

The October 2020 and 2021 issues of this newsletter contain the history of the various development plans for The Pointe and is available on FOARGNA's website under the 'news' tab.

The last development plan in July of 2020 called for a 39-unit three-story apartment complex that required deviation from many zoning laws. FOARGNA vigorously opposed this and ultimately the owner revised his plan to comply with zoning laws for a 26-unit two story residential complex of two buildings at which time FOARGNA withdrew its opposition. On ...

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (cont.)

... September 2, 2020 CPAC approved the application and sent the development plan to County Planning. Finally on June 28, 2021, the Sacramento County Planning Commission Project Review gave final approval to the development plan.

In August 2021 a For Sale sign went up on the property: 1.34 acres, entitled for 26 units Build-To-Suit, flexible zoning--SPA, Asking Price: \$895,000. The asking price increased to \$1,295,000, but is now reduced to \$1,095,000. This a difficult property to develop and has been on the market for a year with apparently little interest.

Magnolia Hill (7764 Magnolia Ave.) is located on the south side of Magnolia Ave. about 250 feet west of the intersection of Magnolia Ave. and New York Ave. consisting of two contiguous land parcels and an existing residence. A proposal in 2020 was to divide the two parcels totaling 2.36 acres into four parcels and a remainder (containing the existing rented residence) with a special deviation to allow more than two lots to be served by a single driveway. Earlier proposals calling for eleven residences to be built, and then reduced to seven, were vigorously opposed by FOARGNA. The current proposal was approved by CPAC on November 4, 2020 and then ...

... by the Sacramento County Subdivision Review Committee and Zoning Administration on November 18, 2021. The land was weeded, leveled, and some lot lines were marked. No construction appears to have been started. The property is now listed 'For Sale' and authorized for four estate-sized lots with a remainder fixer residence for \$1,175,000.

FOARGNA will continue its efforts to monitor all development projects in the neighborhood to make sure that our collective concerns and values are addressed. We will do our best to keep our members involved and informed.

AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP

FOARGNA Membership is automatic to all residences within the boundaries of the association.



All members, 18+ years of age, shall have one vote each to cast at any annual or special meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMATION

To become an active member please fill out and return the form below or complete our online form at: <http://fo-gateway.org/membership/>

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

\$20.00 annual membership dues and donations are optional

Mail to: Attn: Justin Roberts (FOARGNA), 3949 Orangewood Dr., Fair Oaks, CA 95628

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

Current FORGNA Bylaws can be viewed at:

http://fo-gateway.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/FOARGNA_Bylaws_2015.pdf

AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS: Amendments to the bylaws shall be voted on at any annual or special meeting after the members have been notified of all proposed amendments to the bylaws by a minimum of at least seven (7) days advance written, telephone, or e-mail notice. Adoption of the amendments shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: There shall be at least one annual meeting held yearly on a day decided upon by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. Notification for all meetings shall require seven (7) days advance written, telephone, or e-mail notice to all members of Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association, media Board of Supervisors and County Officials.

BOARD MEETINGS: The board shall meet once a month, at a date and time set by the board, and at least fourteen (14) days prior to any annual or special meeting or at any other time the President may designate. These meetings shall be conducted in an open session; however only board members may vote. The members shall be notified of board meetings in writing, by telephone, or by e-mail in advance. Minutes of the meetings will be sent by e-mail to all members or posted to the Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association's website. A majority of board members, by signed petition, may call a board, general or special meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING: A special meeting of the membership may be called by the chairperson or by a majority of the board of directors as deemed necessary. Notification and purpose of the meeting shall require seven (7) days advance written, telephone, or e-mail notice to all members of Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association.