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Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
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Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

Appeal of Terraces Environmental Report Denied

By Cathy Tyson

It was a late night for members of the Lafayette City Council, which had a number of other pressing items including the Burton Valley chip seal project on the agenda Aug. 12 before it could make a final decision on the appeal of the environmental impact report for the Terraces of Lafayette project.

It was the City Council's third meeting on this issue. Attorneys for the landowner and developer had appealed the planning commission's March 4 decision to certify the Environmental Impact Report on the proposed 315-unit multi-family housing project located near Acalanes High School. The council first discussed the appeal in April and requested additional information from the applicant, the city staff and the EIR consultant. That review of information took a while – it came back to the City Council again in June. The bottom line

Aug. 12 was the City Council found that the Environmental Impact Report had been prepared properly according to CEQA, the California Environmental Quality Act, so the report was certified.

Attorneys Allan Moore, who spoke at the hearing, and David Bowie represent the landowner and developer. Moore said he was "disappointed" explaining, "The city has forgotten the purpose of CEQA," that it's not merely to identify impacts but to look at feasible alternatives, ultimately to protect the environment. He claimed none of the "boatload" of new material that was provided in the recent request for more information identifies alternatives or mitigation measures.

Moore argued that city staff changed conclusions in the environmental impact report about the Terrace's project impacts, and that the city was working on down-zoning the parcel when develop-

ment paperwork was submitted.

After many of the usual public comments regarding traffic, pollution and more, 13-year-old Kenny Workman took the podium. After confessing that "everyone here has more experience than me" he pointed out that kids his age see "a corporate entity seeking profits" and a decline in the quality of local schools with packed classrooms.

Apologizing for the length of his remarks in advance, Councilmember Don Tatzin expressed concern about the 13 significant environmental impacts that were noted in the report. "I believe those conclusions are valid." He specifically detailed the extent of his concerns about many items including the amount of grading necessary, the traffic study, ridge line issues, and addressed the applicant's claim of delays. "There has been no effort by the city to draw out the process," he said.

Councilmember Brandt Andersson agreed, saying his colleague's comments were "well thought out and reflect the reality of the situation." Mayor Mike Anderson added, "The record will be clear. We really tried our best to be fair and thorough in assessing the appeal."

A unanimous vote followed that adopted the resolution affirming the Planning Commission's decision, denying the appeal, certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report complies with the requirements of CEQA.

The next step in the process is a review of the merits of the project that will play out over the next few months. Stay tuned for all the Terraces news by visiting the city's website at www.love-lafayette.org, and click on the blue "Hot topics" box for updates and links to the entire environmental impact report.

Interested in a Seat on the School Board?

By Cathy Tyson

Due to board member Gwen Reinke's move out of the area, there will be a vacant seat on the Acalanes Union High School District Board. "She has provided tremendous leadership and service to the District," said Superintendent John Nickerson. "Ms. Reinke will be greatly missed by our educational community." Schools in the district include Acalanes, Campolindo, Miramonte, Las Lomas, the Acalanes Center for Independent Study and Acalanes Adult Education.

At a recent meeting the board

agreed to make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy, rather than have an expensive (more than \$150,000) and drawn out special election to fill the spot. The provisional appointment runs from Oct. 1 until the general election in November of 2014, when the seat will be on the ballot.

Interested parties can submit an application until 4 p.m. on Sept. 16. Just a few days after the deadline, on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m., there will be an orientation meeting for eligible applicants at the

newly renovated school district offices at 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette. Interviews will take place at a special board meeting Sept. 25. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the state, resident of the school district, and a registered voter. For more information, contact Jill Ramsay, assistant to the superintendent, at (925) 280-3902 or via email at jramsay@acalanes.k12.ca.us; or visit the district's website for all the details, www.acalanes.k12.ca.us.

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Lafayette Farmers' Market

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9:00AM - 1:00PM

URBAN VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION

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off Happy Valley Road



Lafayette Police Department Crime Statistics

Aug. 4-17

Alarm responses (76)
Traffic Stops (182)

Alcohol

- **DUI**
Mt Diablo Bl
Olympic @ Reliez Station Rd
- **Intoxication**
Mt Diablo Bl

Animal control/cruelty

- Moraga Rd @ St. Mary's Rd
- Mildred Rd
- Mt Diablo Bl (2)

Burglaries

- **Stolen Vehicle**
Carol Ln
- **Commercial**
Pleasant Hill Rd
- Mt Diablo Bl

Residential

- Stanley Blvd
- Paulson Court
- Happy Valley Rd
- Hidden Valley Rd (2)
- Perales St
- Reliez Station Rd

Drugs

- Moraga Rd

Hit & Run

- 2nd Street
- Las Huertas @ St Mary's Rd
- Reliez Station Rd

Hospitalization mentally ill

- Summit Rd

Promiscuous shooting

- Pleasant Hill Cr

Reckless Driving

- Moraga Rd @ St Mary's Rd
- Mt Diablo Bl
- Mt Diablo @ Oak Hill Rd

- Pleasant Hill @ Reliez Valley Rd
- Acalanes Rd @ Hwy 24
- Moraga Bl
- Quandt Rd @ Springhill Rd
- Happy Valley Rd @ Mt Diablo Bl
- Glenside @ Reliez Station Rd
- Hwy 24 @ Oak Hill
- Moraga Rd @ Mt Diablo Bl

Speeding

- Old Tunnel Rd

Theft- Petty

- Reliez Valley Rd
- Mt Diablo Bl (4)

Theft-Grand

- Mt Diablo Bl

Trespassing

- Camino Diablo

Vandalism

- Mt Diablo Bl (2)
- Los Palos Dr



City seeks volunteer for vacancy on the Design Review Commission

The Lafayette City Council is soliciting applicants to fill one vacancy on the Design Review Commission.

The five-member body is responsible for matters relating to aesthetics and the physical appearance of the city. The commission advises the staff, planning commission, and city council and acts on applications for design review including residential and commercial development projects.

Members of the design review commission are selected on the basis of education, training and experience in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, design, city planning or a related field.

Individuals interested in this volunteer position may obtain an application from the City's web site at www.lovelafayette.org or in person at:

City of Lafayette Offices
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210, Lafayette, CA 94549

You may also call the City's Office at (925) 284-1968 to request an application be mailed to you. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 pm September 9, 2013.