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Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 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
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room at 1212
Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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insights and opinions with
your community.

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Terraces Shrinks, Waiting for Clarity

By Cathy Tyson

It is unclear where the developer is headed with the Terraces of Lafayette project. At a recent Design Review Commission meeting, representatives of O'Brien Land Company did not officially abandon the land use application for the 315-unit version of the project, but expressed interest in garnering feedback for a significantly revised 208-unit proposed project. Project manager Dave Baker agreed that the process is confusing and the "details need to be worked out."

When the original proposal for a 315-unit complex was presented, it garnered a fair amount of negative feedback from commissioners in late September. At the Oct. 29 commission meeting, representatives from O'Brien

took to heart the negative comments from their last go round and introduced a new re-vamped preliminary iteration that reduces the number of units by one-third, from 315 to 208.

Acknowledging that the original 315-unit project is a "non-starter," Baker discussed a revised version that shrinks the number of buildings, changes the layout and embraces a number of other suggestions design review commissioners made last month. He invited citizens to talk about the design of the project, and specifically asked for feedback.

As the meeting wrapped up, the commission needed to make a decision on the original building application for the 315-unit project. They unanimously voted to

reject that proposal, due to their inability to make the findings to recommend approval to the planning commission.

However, procedurally, the developer is still pursuing the official application of the larger 315-unit concept, though it will surely be denied. It's not uncommon for any project to go through revisions, and Baker said they plan to move forward to find something acceptable.

Architect Norm Dyer outlined how they had responded to concerns and suggestions, presenting a summary of plan changes that included 10 items, from reduced unit count to increased green space and minimized grading that conforms more closely to the hillside.

Pointing out a list of positive new design attributes, commissioner Ken Hertel was cautiously optimistic about the initial look of the more petite project, although he, along with other commissioners also suggested facets that had room for improvement. There was general agreement among the design review commissioners that the process should be re-started focusing on the new, smaller version.

To check out physical models of the proposed project, visit the Terraces of Lafayette Information Center in the Clocktower building, 3569 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Suite E, near Francesca's; open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Personnel Bowl Over the Office for Halloween



Photo Cathy Tyson

Lafayette city staffers strike a pose at the decked out "Lafayette Lanes" for Halloween. The creative public servants that keep the city running came up with an impressive 1950s bowling alley concept for their annual themed extravaganza. No detail was "spared" putting together the magic: borrowed bowling balls, pins and shoes, along with a popcorn maker, candy, "beer" on tap, and clever photo-shopped images of the mayor and winning teams from years past. The "Happy Valley Girls" busted out the bedazzler to add a little sparkle to their stylish bowling shirts and named themselves along with rival team the "Burton Valley Bowlers" after street names in town, Betty Lane, Lucas, Millie and Flo (short for Florence). Cocktails, tattoos, cigars, retro hairdos and actual bowling lanes that extended into the lobby rounded out the space that usually is a bit more business-like.

C. Tyson

Our Holiday Tradition Continues ...
35th Annual
**Community
Thanksgiving Breakfast**

Presented by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

This Year's Key Note Speaker

Tom Franier, CEO & President, Semifreddi's

Music provided by: Bradley School of Music

Friday, November 22, 2013

7:00 – 8:30am

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ALL LAFAYETTE RESIDENTS Community Meeting THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 2013

Dear Lafayette Residents,

Please join your friends and neighbors for a meeting of our entire community at the Veterans Memorial Hall 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. on Thursday, November 14th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to hear a "State of the City" address by our Mayor Mike Anderson followed by a question and answer period from the audience.

- What more can be done about our roads, traffic and parking?
- What is going on with the surge of development in our town?
- What does it mean to have our downtown designated a "Priority Development Area" (PDA)?
- What does the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) "Plan Bay Area" mean for you, a concerned Lafayette resident?
- How do we respond to regional planning issues and still maintain our semi-rural atmosphere?
- And other important concerns!

Please mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors!
More information and details to follow closer to the event.

**SEE YOU THURSDAY NOV. 14TH 7 P.M.
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