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City Asks for Building Use Submissions

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Perhaps a marijuana dispensary will not be a future tenant in either of two existing city-owned buildings: the old library building and the doctors' office across the street at 949 Moraga Road. City leaders have put together a task force to examine proposals for possible uses that would encourage the highest, best and most financially responsible use of the spaces. Wanting to get the word out and encourage submissions, city manager Steven Falk put together a simple form with input from mayor Mike Anderson and vice mayor Don Tatzin to generate consistency between proposals. Interested parties can find the form, and instructions, on the city's website at www.lovelafayette.org. Proposals are due Jan. 1. Rumors have swirled in the past about a new location for the police department, or perhaps a more centralized location for Lafayette's senior services department. Relocating the city offices to the old library is an option that surely will be on the table - numbers have been crunched and in the long run, it would save a substantial amount compared to current and future expenditures for rent.

"My expectation is that the Council will appoint task force members in November," said Falk, explaining that they'll have an initial meeting in December, and analysis of the proposals will start in January and run through spring of 2014. The goal is have recommendations for the City Council to consider in April or May.

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