



Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, July 14, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, July 7, 7 p.m.
Monday, July 21, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, July 14, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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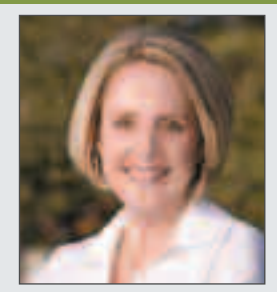
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City Weighing Tempting Option of Smart Parking

By Cathy Tyson

Should the City of Lafayette agree to parking technology company Streetline's generous proposal of no cost services for a period of 10 years with no obligation?

Due to the very late hour, nearly midnight, city council members cut to the chase in discussing if the city manager should go ahead and begin negotiations with the Foster City based company's intriguing offer.

Streetline proposes installing 800 on-street sensors, similar in appear-

ance to hockey pucks embedded into pavement, that relay information about the availability of parking spaces in real time to would-be parkers via their smart phones.

Mayor Don Tatzin pointed out a couple of benefits. "It allows us to make more intelligent use of our resources," and this technology could address a common complaint among drivers who receive parking tickets – a grace period can be set up prior to ticketing.

Originally Streetline had offered a fee-based proposal that included some start-up costs, but in April it came back with a second, no-cost alternative that calls for advertising and sponsorship options that "allow a company to pay for the cost of the installation and service fees, resulting in zero cost to the City for basic technology and management tools," noted the staff report prepared by assistant planner Sarah Allen. The city would have discretion over what type of ad-

vertising it would allow. The Parking Ordinance Committee unanimously agreed this proposal was worth pursuing.

City Manager Steven Falk was given direction to meet with Streetline and bring back a negotiated proposal for city council review. Several concerns were raised; presumably they will be specifically addressed in deal points, at which point the city can either take it, or leave it.

Leisurely Progress on Water Pumping Plant

By Cathy Tyson

Pumping water since 1954 to customers in Lafayette, and portions of Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill, the existing Diablo Vista Pumping plant can move 12 million gallons of water per day; that's a lot of water through those aging pipes. Given the cramped confines of its existing garage-like space near Ace Hardware, the East Bay Municipal Water District decided a whole new plant is needed to increase reliability and efficiency, along with increased capacity – a new proposed facility will be able to handle 16 million gallons per day. At 60 years old, more than a facelift is needed to upgrade this workhorse.

It has been three years since the



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Lafayette City Council agreed in concept to the unique land swap proposed for the new plant, to be located further east on Mt. Diablo Boulevard; the utility finally presented proposed drawings of the new pumping plant at a recent meeting of the Design Review Commission.

While every other project that gets built in Lafayette must go through a rigorous process, utilities are exempt. EBMUD volunteered to work with the city to develop a mutually acceptable plan for the structure and landscaping. While technically not required, EBMUD staff presented their plans for a new pumping plant located at the east end of town near the intersection of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Diablo Court. Commissioners appreciated the opportunity to take a look and made

constructive comments, mostly about the landscape plans.

In 2011, a land swap was proposed between the city and the utility, under which city-owned land on the east end of town near Pleasant Hill Road would be traded for the current pumping plant location. Once the new plant is up and running, the old facility would be demolished and turned into a city-owned, off-street parking area.

The functional building has to allow for emergency access into the structure, parking, and ongoing low-maintenance planting, along with a fence around the perimeter. Commissioners offered compliments on the "clever and cool" grasses and low ground cover, but they weren't fans of the large driveway, calling it a "sea of

asphalt." Niroop Srivatsa, planning and building director, recognized that it must be frustrating for commissioners to comment on a project where the city has no authority. She assured them that EBMUD would take their comments seriously.

Larry Blodgett, who owns the adjacent parcel, wants to be a good neighbor but is concerned that construction of the facility and ripping up 1,200 feet of Mt. Diablo Boulevard to install a new pipeline might deter customers from his family-owned store, Blodgett's Abbey Carpet & Flooring.

The utility will be soliciting bids on the project by the end of the year, with the board of directors approving construction in early 2015. The construction process is estimated to take a year and a half.



Lafayette Police Department incident summary report, June 8-21

Alarms	76
911 Calls	14
Animal Cruelty	
Bank of America	
CVS	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
Battery	
3000 block Rohrer Dr	
Burglary, Auto	
Safeway	
900 block Moraga Rd	
900 block Dewing Av	
900 block Mt View Dr	
1000 block 2nd St	
1000 block Carol Ln	
10 block Tolan Wy	
Burglary, Residential	
900 block Risa Rd (2)	
10 block Toledo Dr	
100 block N Thompson Rd	
3400 block Shangri La Rd	
10 block Cabernet Ct	
100 block Camellia Ln	
1700 block Toyon Rd	
Disturbance	
300 block Shire Oaks Ct	
900 block Reliez Station Ln	
900 block Dewing Av	
3400 block Moraga Bl	
3700 block Mt Diablo Bl (2)	
3300 block Moraga Bl	
Moraga Bl/1st St	
10 block Wallabi Ct	
1000 block Orchard Rd	
800 block Solana Dr	
3300 block S Lucille Ln	
900 block Mt View Dr	
Mt Diablo Bl/Lafayette Cr	
DUI Misdemeanor	
BART	
40 block Knox Dr	
Hit & Run	
3600 Happy Valley Rd	
10 block Sessions Rd	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
Safeway (2)	
Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Bl	
H&S Violation	
Vista Bella/Martino Rd	
Loud Party	
900 block Buchan Dr	
900 block Janet Ln (3)	
3200 block Ronino Wy	
3400 block Golden Gate Wy	

Panhandling	
Safeway (2)	
Petty Theft	
Bank of the West	
El Charro	
1400 block Rancho View Dr	
10 block Toledo Ct	
1400 block Rancho View Dr	
3800 block Los Arabis Dr	
3100 block Stanley Bl (2)	
900 block Bell St	
1100 block Robles Ct	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
Grand Theft	
1800 block Reliez Valley Rd	
Promiscuous Shooting	
1200 block Sunset Lp	
Public Nuisance	
Stanley Bl/Camino Diablo	
Reckless Driving	
3300 block Moraga Bl	
Deer Hill Rd/Oak Hill Rd	
Hwy 24/1st St	
Burton Valley Elementary	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Deer Hill Rd	
1st St/Mt Diablo Bl	
Stanley Bl/Camino Diablo	
Stanley Bl/Camino Diablo	
Moraga Rd/St Mary's Rd	
Mt Diablo Bl/Moraga Rd	
Restraining Order Violation	
10 block Leeward Glen Rd	
Robbery	
3200 block Old Tunnel Rd	
Shoplifting	
Safeway	
Suspicious:	
Circumstances	14
Vehicle	28
Subject	22
Traffic Stops	95
Trespass	
3500 block Golden Gate Wy	
10 block Knox Dr	
Vandalism	
Dewing Av/Brook St	
Upper Happy Valley Rd/Los Arabis Dr	
1100 block Robles Ct	
3600 block Mt Diablo Bl	
900 block Dewing Av	
3600 block Mt Diablo Bl	
700 block Glenside Cr	
Warrant	
1800 block Reliez Valley	



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