



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

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

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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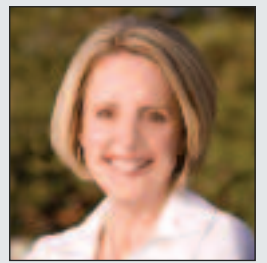
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Checking Appetite for Increased Sales Tax

By Cathy Tyson

Are residents ready to pay more in order to get more parking, more open space and improve and maintain the downtown? Lafayette City Council members Traci Reilly and Mark Mitchell shared some concerns about forming an independent committee to explore the topic and make a recommendation.

In response to the recent "Community Conversations," council members reviewed the results of citizens' priorities, along with their willingness to pay for those items.

In addition, goals from other sources – the Downtown Specific Plan, and a wish list from the East End Public Works Group – were considered. Bottom line: it's all about the money. Is potential funding available

to turn those requests into reality?

Although a letter arrived supporting a sales tax measure from the members of the Chamber of Commerce just before the Sept. 14 meeting, Reilly was hesitant to support a tax measure considering the city's currently healthy budget. She said she would wait until the next meeting to see what a subcommittee comes up with through its investigation, and to see if the idea should go forward.

Some time ago, mayor Brandt Andersson and council member Mike Anderson were asked to clarify long-term visions and priorities for the city, from the Community Conversations, the Downtown Specific Plan and the East End Working Group. The DSP called for pursuing high priority goals, such as adding more parking,

new downtown parks and public spaces, moving city offices to the central district, adding public art, and more.

The East End Public Works Group, after more than a year of meetings, had a list of items that need significant capital upgrades and better maintenance.

The Community Conversations' top priorities included open space, police services, more parking, revitalizing the Park Theater, and better bike and pedestrian access. Only police services are fully funded in the city budget; the other projects are either not funded at all or are inadequately funded.

City council members narrowed down priorities to three items this summer: provide more parking, pro-

tect and acquire Lafayette's remaining open space, and improve and maintain downtown Lafayette.

"Given the loss of the Redevelopment Agency, there is no plan or resources for funding these ambitious programs. Absent new revenue, it is unlikely these goals will be achieved," noted the report by Andersson and Anderson.

Council members at the Sept. 14 meeting voted to continue the matter until the next meeting on Sept. 28. At that time they may consider a revised mission for the investigative committee as more of a fact finding group, recognizing that if there is not community support, perhaps the recommendation would be to not go forward.

Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 30 to Sept. 12

Incident Type	Count
Alarms	87
911 Calls (incl. hang-ups)	15
Noise complaints	7
Traffic stops	131
Suspicious Circumstances	20
Suspicious Subjects	22
Suspicious Vehicles	32
Abandoned Vehicle	
80 block Carolyn Ct	
1100 block Sierra Vista Way	
Animal Cruelty	
Paulson Ct/Mt Diablo Blvd	
Trader Joe's	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Diablo Foods	
900 block Moraga Rd	
Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Blvd	
Burglary, Auto	
Village Center/Mosswood Dr	
1800 block Reliez Valley Rd	
3300 block Hermosa Way	
1000 block Upper Happy Valley Rd	
Brook St/Hough Ave	
Burglary, Commercial	
400 block St Mary's Rd	
Civil Problem	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
3300 block Betty Ln	
20 block Camino	
200 block Lafayette Cir	
700 block Los Palos Dr (2)	
600 block Doreen Way	
Defrauding Innkeeper	
Oakwood Athletic Club	
Mt Diablo Blvd/2nd	
Disturbing the Peace	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Reliez Valley	
Drunk in Public	
3300 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
DUI	
Lafayette Cir/Mt Diablo Blvd	
Pleasant Hill/Stanley Blvd	
Fare Evasion	
3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Forgery	
1100 block Sierra Vista Way	
Fraud	
3600 block Chestnut St	
3500 block Via Los Colorados	
3300 Springhill Rd	
600 block St Mary's Rd	
Harassment	
30 block Old Millstone Ln	
3500 block Mt Diablo Ave	
Hit & Run	
Round Up	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Trader Joe's (3)	
3600 block Walnut St	
Moraga Blvd/Foye Dr	
Stanley Blvd/Pleasant Hill Rd	
Oak Hill Rd/Mt Diablo Blvd	
900 block Dewing Ave	
ID Theft	
reported to P.D.	
3500 via Los Colorados	
1000 block 2nd St (2)	
600 block St Mary's Rd	
1100 block Rahara Dr	

Intoxicated	Round Up
Loitering	30 block Silverwood Dr
Neighbor Dispute	3500 block Brook St
	700 block Solana Dr
Ordinance Violation	S Thompson/Mt Diablo Blvd
	Los Arabis/Upper Happy Valley Rd
	Diablo Foods
Panhandling	Post Office
Police/Fire/EMS Response	500 block McBride Dr
	St Mary's Rd/Santa Maria Wy
	3000 block Rohrer Dr
	3500 Brook St
	3300 block Deer Hill Rd
Possession	Round Up
Public Nuisance	Peet's
	3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd
	3100 block Indian Way
	60 block Knox Dr

Promiscuous Shooting	Stanley Middle School
Reckless Driving	Glenside Dr/St Mary's Rd (2)
	Silver Springs/Moraga Rd
	Reliez Valley/Pleasant Hill Rd
	3700 block Happy Valley Rd
	Moraga Rd/School St
	Via Roble/Dolores Dr
	Hidden Valley Rd/Diablo Cr
	Pleasant Hill/Hwy 24
Shoplifting	Safeway (4)
	3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd
Stolen Vehicle Recovery	Springhill Elementary
	at Police Department
	Mars Ct/Windsor Dr
Theft, Petty	30 block Hartwood Ct
	500 block Merriewood Dr
	900 block Hough Ave
	Safeway (2)
	3300 Deer Hill Rd
	800 block Avalon Ave
	1000 block 2nd Ave
	3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd
	600 block Lancaster Dr
	3200 block Beechwood Dr
Theft, Vehicle	700 block Solana Dr
	1300 Summit Rd
	1200 block El Curtola
	Acalanes High School
	1300 block Sunset Lp
	3200 block Camino Colorados
Threats	El Nido Ranch/Acalanes Rds (2)
	10 block Ethan Ct
Unwanted Guest	Library
Verbal Dispute	3000 block Rohrer Dr
Warrant Service	1500 block Rancho View Dr

Plan Flowing for Downtown Creeks

By Cathy Tyson



Creek Day volunteers

Photo provided

Although creeks run through the city of Lafayette and are a sensitive habitat and natural asset to the area, the city does not own them – with one exception: only Lafayette Creek near the reservoir is on city-owned land. The city is concerned about stewardship and the impact of future development on these babbling brooks.

"Without a Downtown Creeks Plan in place, opportunities for preservation and restoration of downtown creeks might well be lost," said mayor Brandt Andersson.

The Creeks Plan when complete

will be part of the Downtown Specific Plan, which was adopted in 2012. The DSP was prepared to preserve the downtown character through design, and preserve the downtown's natural features, notably creeks and trees, so they contribute to the community's quality of life.

Funding was recently authorized to generate a plan that would provide a framework to ensure the preservation and restoration of these waterways, and serve the city along with homeowners and landowners for years to come.

With the city budget looking

more robust, city leaders acknowledged it was a high-priority project. They approved \$150,000 to pay for a consultant in partnership with volunteer efforts to generate a preservation, restoration and development plan that will clarify a number of creek concerns: setback requirements, preserving existing trees and riparian corridors, and developing criteria for adjacent development. In addition, the plan also seeks to develop public access and prevent property damage via flooding or erosion, and identify environmental concerns.

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