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Getting to know Moraga's Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus



Kymberleigh Korpus

Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

Moraga's new Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus was initially elected to the town council in 2016 and in December was unanimously appointed to her current position by sitting members of the council.

Korpus' decision to run for town council was motivated by her concern regarding Moraga's planning and financial issues. She had no specific goals or projects to pursue, but felt that her skills as an attorney would benefit town government in upholding local ordinances and guidelines. She felt it important to support the local economy and look ahead to any long-term impact that council decisions could have as a whole, all while serving the concerns of the community.

"I knew I would need to spend time digging into each new issue as it arose, learning how the process of running the town works, and developing relationships with residents, staff, and other town council members that would enable me to find/build the information, perspective and consensus I would need to help make good decisions." Korpus added, "I still maintain these goals today, and would like to think I have helped make some good progress toward accomplishing them."

Korpus is pleased with the work the town council has done in the first two years of her term, such as the creation of a new PD-C zone to help streamline the planning process for commercial districts and a revision of Moraga's General Plan to faithfully implement standards set

forth in Moraga's Open Space Ordinance. She feels that the town council's decisions reflected the expectations of its citizens by avoiding the approval of projects not consistent with the General Plan.

While Moraga's finances temporarily suffered through two catastrophic events – the Rheem sinkhole and Canyon Bridge closure -- within one year, Korpus felt that "the town council has become increasingly more fiscally aware and conservative over the last two years." Of paramount importance is the addressing of fiscal and infrastructure needs over luxuries, by prioritizing the development of a storm drain maintenance program.

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Eye-catching asymmetric love seat donated to Moraga

By Vera Kochan

It may come as a surprise to many Moraga Library patrons who have gotten used to seeing the bright orange (vermillion) bench since August 2016, but the outdoor work of art was only on loan. Now, thanks to the efforts of the Art in Public Spaces Committee, WeWILL (Women Instilling a Lasting Legacy) and the Lamorinda Arts Council, the asymmetric love seat has been permanently donated to the town.

A formal presentation was made during the Jan. 9 town council meeting with former vice mayor and WeWILL member Teresa Onoda heading up the honors: "A group of women put their

hearts, their minds and their money together to purchase this bench for Moraga."

The eco-friendly bench was created by award-winning Walnut Creek artist Colin Selig, who uses repurposed scrap propane tanks for his utilitarian artwork. The bright orange color was chosen to serve as a "landmark" element for people trying to find the library.

Selig presented the town with a Certificate of Authenticity, saying, "It's delightful to have my work here in Moraga. I live a town or two away, so I feel like it's in my backyard. I'm delighted to have it in a public location where many people will be able to enjoy it."

The process begins with


the Art in Public Spaces Committee searching to find sculptors and artists with interesting, public-friendly artwork. Committee members also make sure that the art is safe while searching for places to install it. Once those criteria have been met, a presentation is made before the town council for its approval to greenlight the installation.

The members of WeWILL generously donated nearly \$5,000 to purchase the love seat with the assistance from the Lamorinda Arts Council. A commemorative plaque will be installed at the bench listing the donors and honoring the memory of members Rita Rijavec, Jeanette Fritzy and Edy Schwartz.

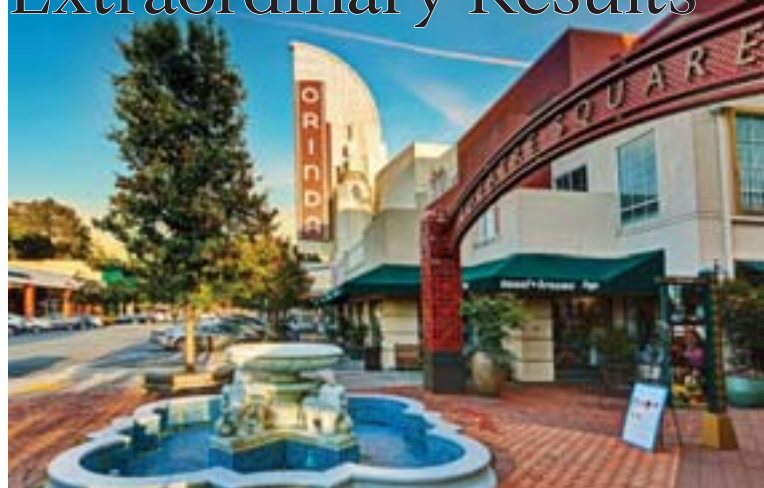


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Asymmetric love seat adorns front of Moraga Library.

 <p>Town Council Wednesday, Feb 13, 7 p.m. Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.</p>	<p>Planning Commission Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.</p>	<p>Design Review Monday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. <i>cancelled</i> Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.</p>	<p>Moraga School District Board Meetings Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium, 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga www.moraga.k12.ca.us See also AUHSD meeting page A2</p>
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