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Strong support for downtown vibrancy, but jobs-housing ratio is critical



Photo Pippa Fisher

The Lafayette City Council is exploring options for increasing downtown vibrancy, upping the "Ooh la Lafayette" factor, as the city banners proclaim.

By Pippa Fisher

Many suggestions have been forthcoming over the past few months in the course of preparing a report on increasing the vibrancy of downtown, and support within the community is strong, but concerns remain about the jobs-to-housing ratio.

Despite the lateness of the hour by the time it came up on the Lafayette City Council's agenda, a few supportive residents still remained to hear the discussion as Vice Mayor Susan Candell presented the report by the council's subcommittee on the city's Strategic Objective Four – de-

veloping a strategy to expand city support of local businesses and commerce and to increase the vibrancy of downtown Lafayette. Candell reported that it was notable how invested the public was throughout the entire process.

Interim City Manager Niroop Srivatsa emphasized the support in the community, saying that the subcommittee's meetings with stakeholders were filled with obvious energy and enthusiasm.

At the beginning of the year the council established a list of three goals and five objectives aimed at developing public policy in a variety of areas to create a roadmap for

the city. At the end of the July 22 meeting the council not only accepted objective four, but also directed city staff to prepare a comprehensive report containing the recommendations for all five strategic objectives. The vote was unanimous, minus Council Member Cam Burks who was absent.

Candell explained that the committee, on which she served together with Burks, held a series of five meetings between March and May this year, talking with business owners, property owners and other stakeholders. She said they facilitated a brainstorming of "needs" and "wants."

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Police raise \$11K for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



One younger participant learns how to use a fire extinguisher at the July 20 Lamorinda Safety Fair.

Photo provided

By Pippa Fisher

The weather was near perfect for the 2019 Police motorcycle competition and Lamorinda Safety Fair July 20 at Saint Mary's College.

The event hosted by the Lafayette Police Department, the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission and Lamorinda CERT gave all an opportunity to meet local first responders, try using a fire extinguisher, learn how to perform CPR and learn how

to prepare for the next emergency or disaster. Of course all the first responder "toys" were a draw too, from the helicopter and fire engines to police cars and HazMat response vehicles.

The motorcycle competition featured officers from across the western U.S., showcasing their motorbike skills. All told, the motor officers raised \$11,000 through the competition, which will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

	Lafayette Public Meetings	Planning Commission Monday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	City Council Monday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Design Review Monday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	School Board Meetings Acalanes Union High School District TBA AUHSD Board Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette www.acalanes.k12.ca.us	Lafayette School District TBA Regular Board Meeting District Office Board Room 3477 School St., Lafayette www.lafsd.k12.ca.us



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The Lafayette City Council is soliciting applicants to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission

Planning Commission. This seven-member body is responsible for matters relating to land use and development in the city. The commission serves as an advisory agency to the City Council for administering the laws and ordinances governing the approval of general and specific plans, zoning text amendments and rezonings. The commission also hears and decides on applications for subdivisions, land use permits, variances, and ridgeline development. Members of the Planning Commission are required to be qualified electors of the City of Lafayette, and are selected on the basis of training, education, occupation and expertise. The commission reviews design drawings, construction plans and technical reports. The following are planning documents that commissioners must be familiar with to execute their duties. 1) Lafayette General Plan; 2) Lafayette Municipal Code, Title 6 -Planning & Land Use; 3) Downtown Specific Plan; 4) Downtown Design Guidelines; 5) Residential Design Review Guidelines. Link to the application and additional information www.lovelafayette.org/pc

Individuals with questions may call Interim Planning & Building Director Greg Wolff (925) 299-3204. Completed applications must be received by 5:00pm August 30, 2019.