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The gavel passes to Mayor Susan Candell



Photo captured from city council meeting

The city council held its annual reorganization at its Dec. 14 meeting, electing Mayor Susan Candell, and Vice Mayor Teresa Gerringer.

By Pippa Fisher

In an evening with considerably less drama and rather more civility and respect than has been seen on a national level, the Lafayette city council changed its guard at its Dec. 14 meeting.

With the resignations of Council Member Steven Bliss, and of longtime Council Member and many-time Mayor Mike Anderson, the members recognized the reelection of Council Member Cam Burks for his second term, and the newly elected Council Members Carl Anduri and Gina Dawson.

City Clerk Joanne Robbins swore in the three council members earlier in the day individually in person, due to the constraints of the pandemic, which also limited the traditional cake and celebration of

the event that would have taken place any other year.

Completing the lineup, the gavel passed with unanimous approval to now-Mayor Susan Candell, and the responsibilities of vice mayor to Teresa Gerringer.

Although Anduri is new to some, he is familiar to many who may remember him serving on council from 2002 to 2012, with stints as mayor in 2005 and 2010, and for his time prior to that on the planning commission where he served from 1997 to 2002.

For Dawson this is her first time on council, although she too is familiar to many in the community for her work on the Gas Safety Task Force and for her part in the formation of the grassroots nonprofit Save Lafayette Trees.

Changes in design reduce visual impact of Terraces development



Viewpoint 6 - Five years post construction - approved project (2012 EIR) Viewpoint 6 - Five years post construction with proposed modifications Photos provided

By Pippa Fisher

The controversial Terraces development was the subject of a recent public meeting as the developer presented pro-

posed changes to the already-approved project before the design review commission; changes intended to reduce the off-site visual impact of the apartments.

The Dec. 16 meeting was the first of up to three meetings, with the developer O'Brien Homes submitting a voluntary design review, stipulated as a condition of

approval. The 315-unit apartment complex was approved by the city council in August. However it is currently tied up back in the courts, as local grassroots organization Save

Lafayette once again pursues legal channels to prevent the building.

But that was not the focus of the design review meeting. ... continued on Page A10



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