



Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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Should the City Pursue a Downtown Park?

By Cathy Tyson



Property on Golden Gate Way under consideration



Photos C. Tyson

A rare opportunity for Lafayette presented itself when the owner of the vintage apartment building and adjacent large parking lot directly be-

hind the Lafayette Library and Learning Center on Golden Gate Way indicated he would be willing to consider negotiating the sale of both properties.

In the city's 2012 Downtown Specific Plan, one of the many itemized goals was for the creation of a central Library Park to complement the library, due to its proximity to schools and residences. At a recent city council meeting, lawmakers expressed interest in a park at that location, but acknowledged a concern for potentially displaced residences and businesses, as well as the cost.

After a brief discussion, all agreed that it was worth proceeding to split the price of an appraisal for the roughly one and a half acre parcel with the seller, John Protopoulos, president and CEO of Madison Park

Financial Corp., a real estate firm based in Oakland. Up to \$5,000 was authorized to be spent on the city's share of the appraisal, to get an accurate assessment of the property's value. Staff estimates the value of the property to be between \$6-10 million.

"When that information is determined, we can either walk away or negotiate the purchase," said City Manager Steven Falk. He made it clear to the seller that the city does not have that kind of money, and conveyed that it could take up to 18 months to get financing or grant funding together. Falk emphasized the importance of pursuing this opportunity as a city park, because the likely alternative if another party purchased the land would be multi-family housing.

Also to be determined is finding a replacement location for some of the city's required potential affordable housing units that are counted on the property, and are part of the state-mandated Housing Element.

"This may be a one-time opportunity," said Council Member Brandt Andersson, noting the channelized creek on the southern edge of the property could make it a "perfect jump start" if the city was going to address creek restoration.

Council Member Don Tatzin was supportive of proceeding, but was unsure of the city's obligations. The apartment complex, called the "Lincoln Building," currently houses a mix of 47 residential and business units.

Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Jan 3-16

- Alarms** 54
- 911 Calls (includes hang-ups)** 23
- Noise Complaints** 5
- Traffic Stops** 79
- Suspicious Circumstances** 11
- Suspicious Subjects** 27
- Suspicious Vehicles** 16
- Abandoned Vehicle**
 - 3400 block Sweet Dr
 - La Playa Dr/Diablo View Rd
 - El Nido Ranch/Acalanes Rds
 - Mt Diablo Blvd/Acalanes Rd
- Animal Control**
 - 4000 block Happy Valley
- Burglary, Auto**
 - 3200 block Marlene Dr (2)
 - 3400 block Lana Ln
 - 3300 block Dyer Dr
 - 1000 block Walnut Dr
 - 3700 block Mt Diablo Blvd (3)
 - 900 block S Thompson Rd
 - 3400 block Munroe Ave
 - 3200 block Palomeres St
 - Pleasant Hill Rd/Olympic Blvd
 - 700 block Tanglewood Dr
 - Lafayette Park Hotel (2)
- Burglary, Commercial**
 - Jackson's Wines & Spirits
 - 3200 block Mt Diablo Ct (2)
- Burglary, Miscellaneous**
 - 20 block Toledo Ct
- Burglary, Residential**
 - 3500 Moraga Blvd
- Civil Problem**
 - 1200 block Warner Ct
 - 1300 block Summit Rd
- DUI**
 - Pleasant Hill Rd/Green Valley Dr
- Dispute**
 - Chevron
 - 900 block Paulson Ct
- Fireworks**
 - Walnut St/Chestnut St
- Found Adult**
 - 10 block Silver Leaf Ct
- Missing Adult**
 - 900 block Janet Ln
- Fraud, Credit**
 - 1000 block Timothy Ln
- Harassment**
 - 1000 block Brown Ave
 - 1000 block Aileen
 - 700 block Arroyo Ct (by phone)
- Hit & Run**
 - 1000 block 2nd St
 - Lafayette Park Hotel
 - Ace Hardware (3)
 - 3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd (2)
 - Acalanes High School
 - 3700 block Mt Diablo Blvd
 - Whole Foods
 - Mt Diablo Blvd/1st St
- Indecent Exposure**
 - Safeway
- Police/Fire/EMS Response**
 - Moraga Rd/Sky Hy Dr
 - 3300 block La Caminita
- Public Nuisance**
 - Dawkins Dr/Helen Ln
 - 600 block Huntleigh Dr
 - Rosedale Ave/St Mary's Rd
 - Black Hawk Rd/Springhill Rd
 - 3300 block Springhill Rd
 - 1300 block Martino Rd
 - Silver Springs Rd/Moraga Rd (2)
 - 3400 block Munroe Ave

- 3800 block Happy Valley Rd
- 1200 block Panorama Dr
- Little Ln/Foye Dr
- 3200 block La Canada Rd
- Mariposa Rd/Upland Dr
- 600 block Glenside Dr
- 3300 Las Huertas Rd
- 1400 block Reliez Valley Rd
- 700 block Glenside Circle
- 600 block Murray Ln
- 3200 block Los Palos Cir
- 3300 block Walnut Ln
- 3300 block Sweet Dr
- 800 block Solana Dr (2)
- 1100 block Garden Ln
- Oliver Ct/Moraga Rd
- Promiscuous Shooting**
 - Glen Rd/N Thompson Rd
 - Dolores Dr/Monson Ln
- Reckless Driving**
 - Hawthorn Dr/Moraga Blvd
 - St Mary's Rd/Campo Dr
 - Oconnor Dr/Moraga Rd
 - St Mary's/Moraga Rds
 - Mt Diablo Blvd/Moraga Rd
 - Reliez Station/Glenside Rds
 - Brook St/Moraga Rd
- Shoplifting**
 - Safeway (2)
- Theft, Petty**
 - 3800 block Happy Valley Rd
 - 1700 block Reliez Valley Rd
 - 1100 block Oak Hill Rd
 - 10 block Roxanne Ln
 - 4100 block Happy Valley Rd
 - 1200 block Quandt Ct
 - 900 block Acalanes Rd (from vehicle)
 - Deer Hill/Orchard
 - 3600 block Baker Ln
 - 1000 block Orchard Rd (2)
 - 3300 block Springhill Rd (2)
 - 3600 Baker Ln
 - Deer Hill/Oak Hill Rds
- Theft, ID**
 - 600 block Huntleigh Dr
 - 1000 block Hoedel Ct
 - 1100 block Vacation Dr
 - 3800 block Los Arabis Dr
 - 1100 block Oak Hill Rd
 - 3900 block Happy Valley Rd
 - Reported to police
 - 1100 block Upper Happy Valley Rd
 - 1100 block Oak Hill Rd
 - 900 block Pleasant Hill Rd
 - 3600 block Chestnut St
 - 1200 block Redwood Ln
 - 3300 block N Lucille (2)
- Theft, Grand**
 - 3700 block Mt Diablo Blvd
 - 3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd
- Theft, Vehicle**
 - 3300 block Mt Diablo Blvd
 - Sundale Rd/Village Center
- Threats**
 - Acalanes High School
- Unwanted Guest**
 - 3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd
 - 900 block S Thompson Rd
 - Safeway
- Vandalism**
 - 3100 block Lucas Dr
 - N Lucille Ln/Florence Dr
 - 3200 block Mt Diablo Ct
 - 1200 block Sunset Ln
 - 100 block Iverson Dr
 - 3300 block Springhill Rd

Lennar Project Jumps DRC Hurdle

Still needs Planning Commission okay

By Cathy Tyson

Acknowledging that constructive comments at past meetings called for more than cosmetic changes, architect Chek Tang of Studio T-Square recently presented to the Design Review Commission the significantly revised 66-unit mixed-use project

on a two-acre parcel at the corner of Dolores Drive and Mt. Diablo Boulevard, the site of now-closed Celia's restaurant. The new and improved plans feature interior courtyards, better landscaping and changing the building layout to diminish the scale of the project.

This will be a predominately market rate project, however, as 10 of the 66 for-sale condominiums will be sold at affordable prices to moderate- or low-income households.

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