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Council: Still no decision on Leigh Creekside Park

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Leigh Creekside Park

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Awould require the city council Creekside Park that evening. to channel the wisdom of Solomon ers to exhibit the patience of Job.

community meeting hall, the crowd spilling out the rear exit door and 1, generally sought to preserve the having dug in for a long night of public comment, Lafayette city at- actives, claiming that most of their torney Mala Subramanian recommended that the city council postpone action on the Leigh Creekside Park agenda item, a hearing to amend the park master plan to allow play structures to be added to Park as it is. Do not destroy the the facility.

Late correspondence to the city questioned the amount of noise generated by kids playing in the park once the city added the play structures. "There are things about distance — I would have loved to the noise ordinance that we'd like have this four years ago!" she said. to address in more detail," Subramanian told the council at the Jan. peacefulness and reflection will be 23 meeting. "We want the docu- gone," submitted Melanie Peterments to be as strong as possible son-Katz, rebuffed by Joel Flory, for you."

study that indicates the environmental impacts of the park project tied to Lafayette's history and are will be less than significant with proposed mitigations, such as hourly limits on construction noise and the use of heavy equipment.

Council member Cameron Burks did not hide his displeasure with the continuance recommendation, questioning just how long these last-minute comments can keep pouring in, in effect delaying things yet again. "Can we draw a line in the sand? When do we say, enough?" Burks asked. Unfortunately the risk of another delay is having concluded and the room always there, the city attorney said.

But since so many guests came to the meeting to speak on the park project, the council voted unanimously to hold the public comment portion of the hearing, with the un-

decision that some suggested vote on nothing else about Leigh

More than 40 speakers took may now force Lafayette lawmak- to the dais, and nearly all of them pitched for a passive or active use With residents packed into the of the park. The passives, who outpolled the actives by more than 2 to park in its natural state, while the supporters were at home that night with their kids, preferred the city add the play structures for use by children.

> "Please keep Leigh Creekside only quiet space in downtown Lafayette," wrote Tony Lyons, countered by Kelsey Mesrour. "Our children are quickly aging out of the park and we live within walking

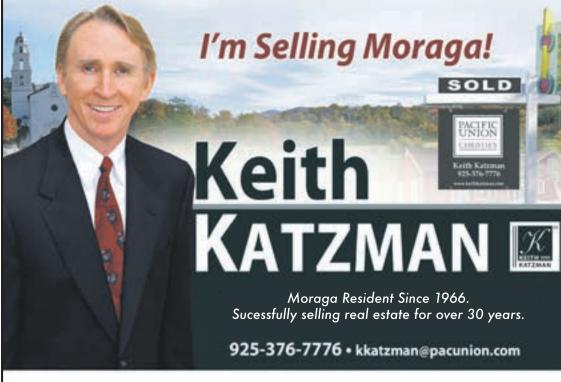
"If this park goes active any and many others, using these ex-Those documents include a act words: "The play elements are natural-looking, low-maintenance, placed so as not to block interior views "

> Many speakers focused on kids and how much more important they are than nature, and that there is no playground to take the children in the area. Others complained that the park needed no play structures and asked how the city could afford the \$550,000 for the proposed park improvements. The city expects to fund the project through park fees.

Three hours later, the speakers much emptier, the council closed out the item. But the controversy, another version of the development versus preservation argument that



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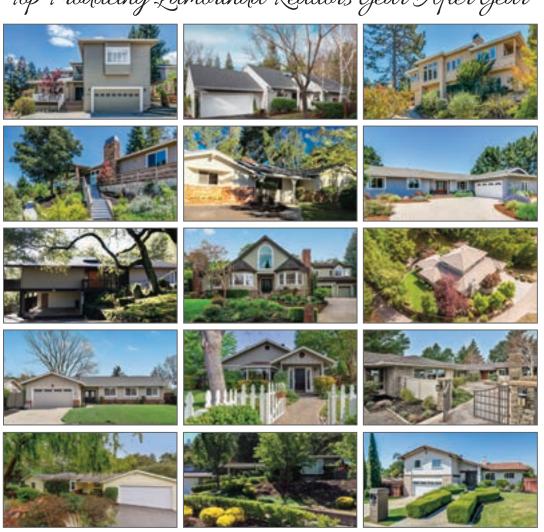


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