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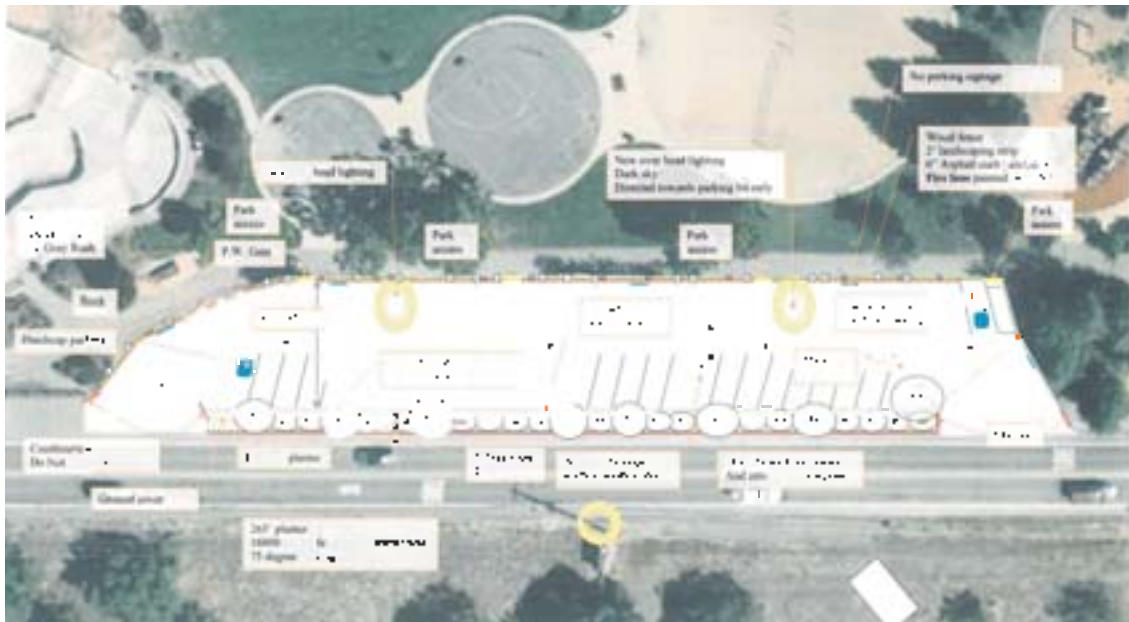
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More Parking at the Commons: How and with what Money?

By Sophie Braccini



Town map of a new parking area

Image provided

John Haffner and David Kruegel agree on at least one issue: there is not enough parking at the Commons. The Parks and Recreation Commissioner and the President of the Friends of the Moraga Library, respectively, both asked for creative solutions during the Moraga Town Council meeting on March 23rd.

The occasion was a presentation by Town Engineer and Public Works Director Jill Mercurio of a plan to construct parking stalls along Moraga Road by the skate park. Mercurio sought direction on a conceptual design from the Council, so she could go back to the cities of Lafayette and Orinda, which will

each be asked to contribute 25% of the cost.

Right now there are about 14 parking spaces in the dirt between the road and the park. The new plan proposes 29 spaces, at an angle with Moraga Road, with an eight-foot planting strip providing a visual shield. Since the parking would pri-

marily serve the skate park that was built with, and is jointly maintained by, Lafayette and Orinda the cost would be shared by the three jurisdictions.

“Two months ago we asked the two cities for their positions,” stated Jill Keimach, Moraga Town Manager. “They both indicated that they were in the middle of a budget cycle and had already made cuts. They asked that we come back with a

final plan before July.” Keimach recommended that after the Council decided on a final plan, no more staff time be spent on this project until Lafayette and Orinda make their decisions. Estimated construction costs are \$254,000; Moraga would pay half (because the parking would also serve special events), using Quimby Act Park Development Impact Fees.

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Moraga Still Seeking Volunteers

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga's Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) still have one empty chair each. The Town of Moraga relies heavily on volunteers for many functions to keep its expense per capita the lowest in the area.

TSAC meets once a month to examine traffic issues, and interact

with residents that want safety-related concerns to be addressed. After considering all aspects of a question, with the help of staff and whatever experts are needed, the committee makes recommendations to the Town Council.

AFC meets five times a year to conduct independent review and oversight of the financial activities of

the Town. This committee is charged with the responsibility of evaluating the independent auditor, reviewing operating and capital budgets, overseeing the reporting process, internal controls and financial planning.

The positions will remain open until filled. Visit the Town's website for more information, www.moraga.ca.us.

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