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Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Board Room AUHSD Office
1212 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements
City of Lafayette:
www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
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No Love for the Terraces Project at Meeting

By Cathy Tyson



Sign taped in the window of a car parked at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center for "Terraces" meeting. Photo Cathy Tyson

Residents turned out in force to voice their opinions on the proposed 315-unit Terraces of Lafayette project at a recent Planning Commission meeting. Even after a brief introduction by Special Projects Manager Ann Merideth who explained that this is the first step in evaluating the proposed project and that the sole purpose of the meeting was to determine if the environmental impact report complies with the California Environmental Quality Act,

Planning Commission Chair Karen Maggio had to caution the standing room only crowd on a number of occasions to refrain from applause and encouraged public comment to stick to the matter at hand. Maggio reminded residents of the meeting's focus and said that comments on the merits of the project will be heard at a number of future meetings. It was apparent that concerned citizens clearly wanted to express their overwhelmingly negative opinions.

No decision was made, and the commission meeting was continued until Feb. 4 to allow for the city attorney, consultants and city staff to sort through hundreds of pages of comments prior to making a decision on the compliance of the environmental report.

The city attorney was asked to briefly define what compliance with CEQA requires. "Do you have all day?" he joked before summarizing that it's about "determining that the city's analytical conclusions are supported by substantial evidence" and added that "the city can rely on the judgment of its experts." According to the staff report Merideth prepared for the meeting, "The Final EIR identifies potentially significant impacts that would result from the Project and mitigation measures that would reduce the significance of these impacts." The staff report also points out, "There can be disagreements amongst experts or differing opinions about the information in the EIR. As long as they are disclosed through the environmental review process, these disagreements and opinions do not make an EIR inadequate or incon-

sistent with CEQA."

David Bowie, the applicant's attorney, touched on the appropriateness of relying on expert testimony and described the conclusions drawn in the Final EIR as "highly suspect." He offered as an example the location of the ridgeline that could be in one of four locations, according to the EIR, but that had actually "disappeared decades ago" with the construction of BART. Although frowned upon in a public hearing, the audience broke out in laughter.

Roughly 30 residents wished to comment on the project, with concerns ranging from visual impacts, the definition of a complete and accurate report, air quality, school crowding and of course traffic impacts for the already congested intersection of Deer Hill Road and Pleasant Hill Road. There's no shortage of remarks for the "Terraces" project; the comment portion of the Final EIR on the city's website has 12 sections of comments from organizations and four sections from individuals along with comments from state, regional and local agencies. To see the entire document, visit the city website at www.lovelafayette.org

Famous Horowitz Piano Coming to Lafayette

Budding virtuosos can tickle all 88 distinguished ivory keys

By Cathy Tyson

It's not every day a piano goes on a road trip, but already having travelled from New York to Russia to Japan, classical pianist and composer Vladimir Horowitz's personal piano is making a stop this weekend in Lafayette. Players of all ages are invited to play on this fantastic Stein-

way Concert Grand Piano in the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Born in Kiev in 1903, now the capital of Ukraine, Horowitz later became a naturalized American citizen and after a long, illustrious career he passed away in 1989. For a younger

generation who may be unfamiliar with his celebrity, Time magazine described him as, "widely regarded as the greatest pianist of the 20th century - maybe of all time."

It's unclear if the abilities of Horowitz will rub off on the fingers of casual players, but it couldn't hurt.

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Police Report

Sting, 01/11/13 The Lafayette Police Department and the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office conducted a joint undercover prostitution sting at the Gold Tub massage establishment on Mt. Diablo Blvd. During the operation, an undercover officer was solicited by an employee of the business. Xiu Bo Wang, 25, of Oakland was arrested for solicitation to engage in prostitution. She was issued a citation and released from the scene. During an inspection of the business, officers found numerous violations of the city's massage establishment ordinance. Gold Tub's certificate to operate in Lafayette was immediately revoked.

Dec. 23, 2012 to Jan. 5, 2013

Alcohol:

1/1 drunk in public 3400 block Mt Diablo Bl

Animal control:

12/24 Moraga Rd @ Sky Hy Dr.

Accident:

12/24 major injuries Pleasant Hill Rd @ Reliez Valley Rd
property damage Moraga Rd @ Sky Hy Dr
12/25 hit & run 3400 block Lana Ln
12/26 hit & run 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
12/27 property damage Mt Diablo Bl @ Pleasant Hill Rd
12/28 property damage Condit Rd @ Pleasant Hill Rd
12/30 major injuries Moraga Rd @ Tanglewood Dr
1/4 reckless driving 1200 block Pleasant Hill Rd
1/5 major injuries 800 block Reliez Station Rd
major injuries Moraga Rd @ Mt Diablo Bl

Assault:

1/1 brandishing weapon 4100 block Hidden Valley Rd
1/4 battery 3200 block Mt Diablo Bl
1/5 battery 100 block Lafayette Cir

Burglary/Theft/Robbery:

12/24 burglary 500 block St. Mary's Rd
credit fraud 900 block Janet Ln
petty theft 1200 block Medfield Rd
12/27 fraud 1000 block 2nd St
auto burglary 3400 block Lana Ln
12/28 auto burglary 3200 block Burton Ct
auto burglary 1000 block Hoedel Ct
12/29 petty theft 1300 block El Curtola Bl
stolen vehicle 100 block Lafayette Cir
forgery 3300 block Sweet Dr
auto burglary 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
auto burglary 3400 block Woodview Dr
shoplift 3500 block Mt. Diablo Bl
12/30 auto burglary 400 block Castello Rd
auto burglary 900 block Paulson Ct
12/31 evading transit fare 900 block Hough Av
grand theft 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
petty theft 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
1/2 prowler seen 1800 block Del Rey St
Grand theft 4000 block Mt Diablo Bl
Burglary 3100 block Acalanes Av
1/4 petty theft 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
commercial burglary 3700 block Mt Diablo
1/5 burglary 900 block Leland Dr
credit fraud 4000 block S Tilden Ln
residential 3900 block S Peardale Dr

Disturbance:

12/27 noise 1700 block Reliez Valley Rd
1/5 harassment 900 block Hough Av

Drugs:

12/26 1000 block Vista Vella

Shooting:

12/27 3300 block S Lucille Ln
12/31 3300 block S Lucille Ln
1/3 Moraga Rd @ Tanglewood Dr

Vandalism:

12/23 3300 block Betty Lane (twice)
3200 block Beechwood Dr
12/24 Lucas Dr @ Michael Ln
12/27 3300 block Beechwood Dr
1/5 900 block Dewing Av

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