



Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, June 9, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, June 16, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, June 9, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, June 4, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 25, 7 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, June 25, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
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Manzanita Room More Expensive than Anticipated

By Cathy Tyson

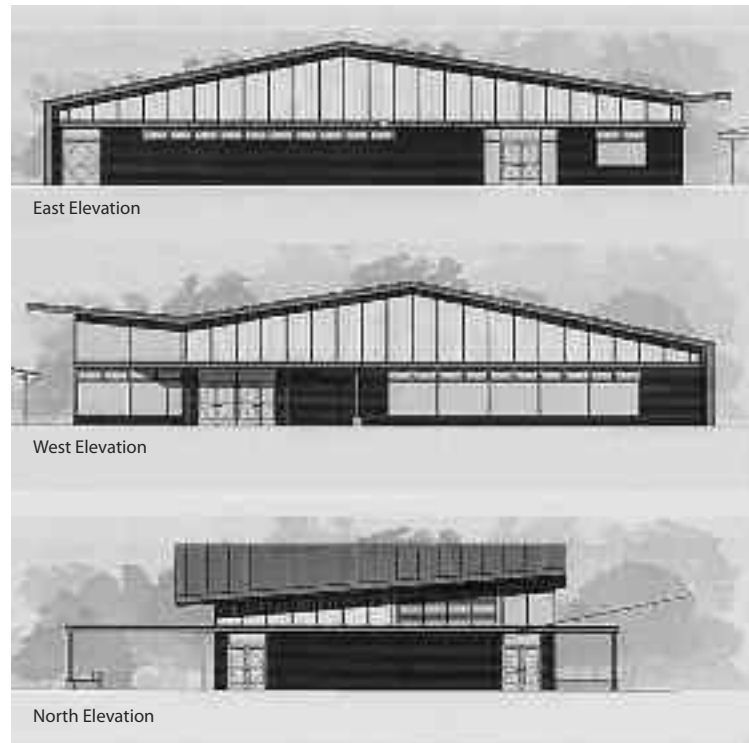


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The preliminary plans to replace the very tired 60-year-old Manzanita Room at the Lafayette Community Center were admittedly pretty basic. City Council members expressed concern at a recent meeting over the cost increase from the original estimate; it was initially slated to cost roughly \$1.8 million, but after input from the Design Review Commission, now comes in at almost \$2.3 million. Due to the change staff brought the project back to the city council seek-

ing approval to proceed. As the design evolved, what was a bare bones box morphed from utilitarian cube to a more dynamic design with a dramatic wall of glazed windows and nicer materials that raised the estimated construction costs. Cost savings where possible were factored in, but the Design Review Commission suggested changes, including pricey Kalwall structural window sections, which helped boost the overall cost. "We tried very hard to keep to

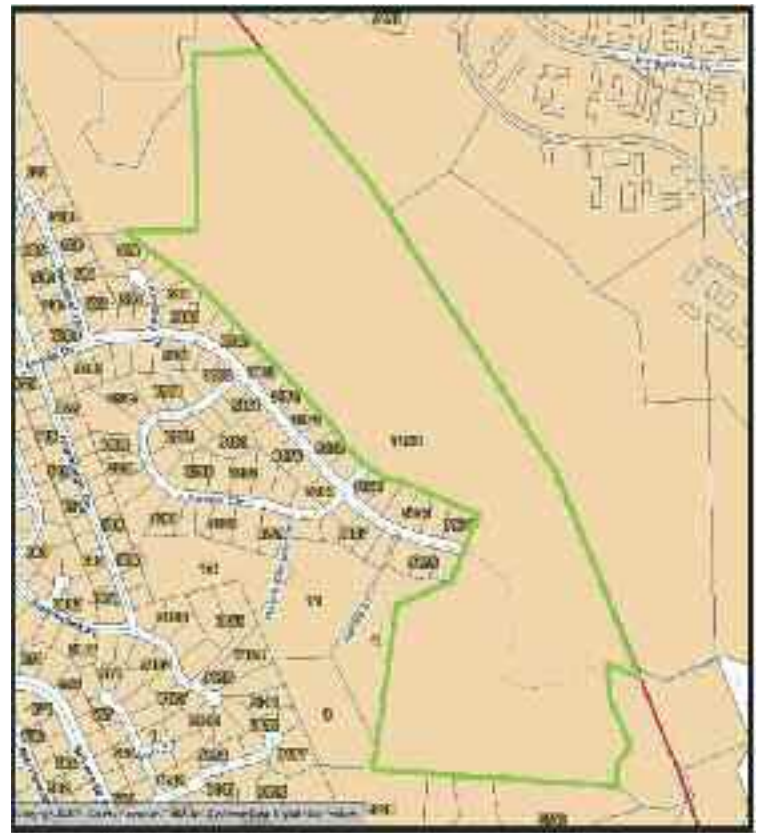
the original cost," said Jennifer Russell, director of Parks, Trails and Recreation. Tony Coe, city engineer, explained that the design review process changed the building. "It's now something that makes an architectural statement – more of a pavilion than a gym." Seven of nine volunteer Parks, Trails and Recreation commissioners came to voice support for the improved project. The City Council was not thrilled with the substantial cost increase, but members were amused by the irony. "Now we're on the other side of the table," said Council Member Brandt Andersson, adding, "I have more sympathy," in reference to homeowner applicants seeking approval from Design Review, where changes that will likely cost more are required for approval. "The building came out much better, but it's going to cost me more," he said of this not uncommon situation. Mayor Don Tatzin asked for quarterly cash flow forecasting to get a better sense of money from developer fees that will be coming in to the fund that holds park facility fees paid by developers that are earmarked for this project. These fees are paid before construction starts and, while there are several projects in the pipeline, there is a potential risk that forecasted revenue may not materialize. Funding sources also

include over \$240,000 from voter-approved Measure WW funds, a \$45,000 donation from the Community Center Foundation, and \$5,000 pledged by the teen-led Lafayette Youth Commission. "Construction of a new Manzanita Building will span two fiscal years and, based on a forecast of facility improvement fees from new development, there will be enough funds to pay for the project," said Russell. "If the timing of contract invoices and facility improvement fees don't exactly align, staff will go back to Council and request a short-term loan to be paid back as soon as the fees are received." Council Member Mark Mitchell brought up a relevant point – that the old building served Lafayette citizens for decades – and since the new structure will likely do the same perhaps the city should consider amortizing a portion of the cost. Ultimately the City Council gave a measured response to the price increase, first – to submit the plans for bids, which may come in higher or lower than the estimated price tag, while at the same time investigate less expensive building materials and fixtures, and also look into pending changes in Contra Costa County building codes, slated to go into effect in the near future, which may further drive costs up.

After Long Hiatus, Activity on Lucas Ranch

By Cathy Tyson

After the original application was filed about a decade ago to develop part of an 88-acre parcel in Lafayette, there was a contentious review process that ended with a whopping 90 conditions of approval regarding development of the eight-home subdivision. Applicant Soldier Field Partners is now moving forward and its request for a permit to build a large custom home on one of the lots was recently heard by the Planning Commission. This is a project that has been 10 years in the making. It all started with a subdivision and hillside development permit application in 2004, back when George Bush narrowly defeated John Kerry. The final environmental impact report was approved in 2006. Later that same year an appeal of the Planning Commission's certification of the final EIR was made; then in September of 2006 the City Council held a public hearing that ultimately denied the appeal. ... continued on page A12



Map courtesy City of Lafayette Staff Report



Lafayette Police Department incident summary report, May 11-24

Alarms	63	200 block Glorietta Bl
911 Calls	10	3300 block Oswego Ct (2)
Animal Cruelty		3500 block Terrace Wy
Peet's		1200 block Upper Happy Valley Rd
Safeway		
McCaulou's		
Battery		Missing Adult
3600 block Bickerstaff St		3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl		Panhandling
Auto Burglary		3500 block Mt Diablo (2)
3600 block Crescent Dr		Petty Theft
Oakwood Athletic Club		Safeway (2)
Residential Burglary		Springbrook Pool
3600 block Crescent Dr		Oakwood Athletic Club (2)
1000 block Carol Ln		3400 block Black Hawk Rd
3400 block St Mary's Rd		1300 block El Curtola
900 block Dewing Av		El Charro
Custody Order Violation		Sun Valley Pool
3400 block Golden Gate Wy		1000 block Upper Happy Valley Rd
Disturbance (domestic)		Grand Theft
Round Up		1100 block Howard Hills Rd
1000 block 2nd St (3)		Prowler Heard
McDonald's		1200 block Vacation Dr
1000 block N Thompson Rd		Promiscuous Shooting
30 block Deer Trail (2)		Pleasant Hill/Reliez Station Rd
10 block Walabi Ct		Reckless Driving
Drunk in Public		Glenside Dr/Los Palos Dr
Monroe Av/Moraga Bl		Lafayette Reservoir
DUI Misdemeanor		Lafayette Cr/Mt Diablo Bl
Brook St/Moraga Rd		Acalanes High School
Harassment		Reliez Valley/Pleasant Hill Rd
1100 block Upper Happy Valley Rd		Pleasant Hill Rd/Deer Hill Rd
Hit & Run		Restraining Order (violation)
Diablo Foods		3200 block Sweet Dr
Acalanes High School (3)		Suspicious:
Pleasant Hill/Reliez Valley Rd		Circumstances
Carol Ln/Mt Diablo Bl		17
Hawthorne Dr/Moraga Bl		Vehicle
Juvenile Disturbance		27
Lafayette PD		Subject
3700 block Mt Diablo Bl		27
Mt Diablo Bl/Acalanes Rd		Traffic Stops
Happy Valley Rd/Upper Happy Valley Rd		110
Health & Safety Violation		Vandalism
Bacon Wy/Springbrook Rd		900 block Dewing Av
Loud Party		10 block Carolyn Ct
10 block Chapel Dr		Windsor Dr/Mars Ct
La Caminita/Reliez Valley Rd		1000 block Windsor Dr (2)
3700 block Mt Diablo Bl		3100 block Stanley Bl
		3400 block Hamlin Rd
		3400 block Golden Gate Wy
		Vehicle Theft
		3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
		3500 block School St
		Safeway

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