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# Lafayette's Citizen of the Year Announced

Duncan was chosen as the Citizen of Historical Society to the Lafayette the Year for 2015. It was a tough de- Community Foundation. A dinner cision for the panel; the city is lucky will be held in his honor at the to have so many residents who self- Lafayette Park Hotel on March 27. lessly donate their time and energy to For more information, contact the make life in this little slice of paradise Chamber of Commerce at (925) better. With more than a half century 284-7404 or visit www.lafayetof community involvement, Duncan, techamber.org. C. Tyson

Ider statesman and longtime at 95 years old, is still involved in or-Lafayette resident Marechal ganizations all over town from the

# **Goodbye Art Room and Klein Gallery?**



Architectural rendering by SZFM Design Studio

f all goes according to plan, the geometry of the site – the curve of small house on Lafayette Circle Lafayette Circle and the decagon that now contains the Art Room and Klein Gallery will be demolished. In street. its place, eventually, will be a new retail building.

Main Street Properties filed an application on behalf of the Whitten Family, LLC to demolish the existing 1,233-square-foot aging home on the very visible parcel, and to tweak the existing Tenant Design Guidelines for façade and signage improvements.

Sudhish Mohindroo, one of the principals of SZFM Design Studio, is very familiar with the site, having designed the Mercantile Building and La Fiesta Square. Mohindroo exthe unique space, calling the proposed in a park-like setting that relates to the landlord. C. Tyson

Image courtesy City of Lafayette Staff Report shape of Chow restaurant across the

The Design Review Commission gave the applicant feedback at a recent meeting, suggesting smaller height and mass and asked the architect to rethink the use of the front patio space. Commission chair Gordon Chong commented that the idea of a circular pavilion is interesting, but "I just don't think it fits."

The applicant took note of the suggestions and will bring back revised plans at the Design Review Commission's March 9 meeting.

Carrie Klein of the Art Room plained his preliminary proposal for and Klein Gallery definitely wants to stay in Lafayette and is in discus-2,500-square-foot structure a pavilion sions for a new location with the



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