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Lenox Loft Project to Finally Get Off the Ground

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Mountain View Cottages, South Elelcation

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The City of Lafayette recently greenlighted plans for six

single-family loft style homes directly behind Traders Joes on Mountain View Drive.

Local developer Dan Freeman of Lenox Homes had been negotiating with the city on circulation

issues for the project. He anticipates moving through the review process that will hopefully be complete by the end of the summer, with

construction starting at the end of the year or perhaps in early 2017.

The project has significantly changed over the past three years, with the current fresh, innovative design coming from Lafayette-based Steven Kubitschek and local architect Newell Arnerich of

AD Architects Inc. Plans for the in-ill community call for three duplexes with "thoughtful layouts" to maximize privacy and a smaller scale so as to not overwhelm the neighborhood.

The project has shrunk significantly from the original three-story, 11-condominium

project that was not popular with neighbors, to the more residential cottage units, with perhaps the first "woonerf" in town - a Dutch term for a central shared living street, designed for pedestrians and cyclists and a social space where residents can meet and kids can play.

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