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from the Acalanes Union High retirement process. School District attended a preby the California Retired Teachers who had braved the only true rain-Association Division 52 at Diablo storm of the season to attend the compensation. Valley College last month.

Acalanes, Antioch, Martinez, Wal- time to ask, 'Who will take care of English and journalism teacher at limits Social Security benefits to nut Creek and Contra Costa County me?" district schools to learn about re-

event, saying, "After many years

group of teachers and staff tirement options and demystify the selor for the California State Teach- Miramonte High School, found the retired teachers, including qualify-Division 52 President Lorrie benefit options and packages, eligiretirement workshop sponsored Osborn welcomed the teachers, bility, and went over sample calcu- I especially wanted to learn about lations for figuring out one's final Social Security issues."

ers' Retirement System, reviewed meeting very helpful. "It was good ing for a spouse's benefits should to get my feet wet about retirement. they die.

Although still many years away was disappointed that the Wind- either through their website or by Close to 80 teachers came from of taking care of others, it's now from retirement, Donia Gousios, an fall Elimination Provision severely calling 1-800-228-5453.

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Financial workshops and small, personalized retirement workshops Like many teachers, Gousios are available through CalSTRS,

Vickie Holden, a benefits coun-

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Lafayette resident Mike Munnel- steps on the land. ly spoke of an old adobe building possibly be the oldest house in Lafayette.

Happy Valley Improvement Association President Peter Clark said that the crosses are such a highly visible and widely recognized, distinct feature of the Lafayette landscape that they must be addressed in any discussion of what happens to this land. Clark also pointed to the current municipal code under which the signs are now illegal – since the memorial was created the city code has been changed to prevent future such installations.

Many spoke of their love for the crosses and what it has come to mean for so many, not just within Lafayette. Military veteran Fred Norman said although he lives in Pleasanton he volunteers with the crosses. "Here meeting that he still didn't know is a chance for Lafayette to do something on a world-wide scale; something to make it known as an area of peace," said Norman, warning, "Don't pass this up."

Council Member Mike Anderson asked several of the speakers

While Council Member Mark on the land, which he said might Mitchell, and Vice Mayor Cam Burks supported Samson's request for appeal, Anderson said that he was very concerned.

Anderson said that redrawing the lot line has no connection to either the environment or the crosses themselves. He made it clear that he respects the crosses memorial but added, "I have a real problem with us taking this on with just the information that it's about the lot line."

The motion to grant the request for appeal and to bring the matter to be heard by the full city council was approved with three in favor and Anderson against. Mayor Don Tatzin had recused himself because he lives close to the land in question

Charles Clark said after the what the basis was for this appeal.

"The planning commission decided in my favor unanimously, based on the fact that I am simply remedying the situation of these two houses being non-conforming with the city zoning (these two how these concerns were linked houses are currently on the same to the plot line adjustment, mak- parcel) to the situation where each ing the point that the adjustment of the two houses is on its own parby itself has not allowed devel- cel as is required for this R-10 zonopment or determined any next ing," commented Clark in an email.

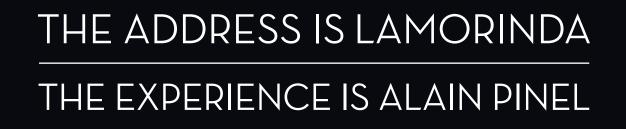




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- Capital Projects Assessment Committee (CPAC)
- Circulation Commission
- Creeks Committee
- Community Center Foundation
- Downtown Street Improvement Master Plan Implementation Committee (DSIMPIC)
- **Environmental Task Force**
- Senior Services Commission
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