Photo C. Tyson

explained the current status, "The

applicant is submitting materials

based on their conditions of ap-

proval and I believe we are await-

ing comments from various

agencies, such as the health de-

partment, central sanitary, Cal-

trans, etc. The City of Lafayette is

also reviewing the plans and pro-

viding comments." This part of

the process varies and can take up

to a month; once the City has

signed off on the plans, the Build-

ing Inspection Department will re-

open with its bakery, color-coded

ready to go take-out meals and

not a plastic bag in sight. The

new store will also feature out-

door tables similar to the Walnut

Creek Whole Foods location.

Shoppers can enjoy a slice of

pizza outside and the public art

that is required under the Public

In 2011 look for the store to

seafood,

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# Whole Foods Slowly Moves Closer to Completion

By Cathy Tyson



First Lucky's, then Albertsons, hopefully third time's the charm when Whole Foods opens in downtown Lafayette.

esidents wondering what's up with the mysterious construction trailer at the corner of the Whole Foods Market parking lot should wonder no more. Work is slated to begin on the long awaited grocery store in the near future.

"It should open in the early part of next year. We're just awaiting a final building permit from the City," said Adam Smith, Whole Foods Project Manager. "We're very excited."

To the untrained eye, it's impossible to see the massive amount of work it took to get to this point. The original proposal was referred to the City Engineer, Circulation Commission staff, City Traffic Consultant, City Landscape Consultant, Central Sanitary District, EBMUD, Fire Protection District, County Health Department, Caltrans, the Chamber of Commerce and Lafayette Police.

Then there were parking considerations. As reported in

March 2008, the Fire District had increased its space requirements for the fire lanes at the rear of the store. The loss of these twenty spaces made complying with current Municipal Code of one parking spot per 250 square feet of net floor area for retail businesses impossible. There were just not enough spots in the existing lot to accommodate shoppers and employees.

That led to the purchase of a .72 acre employee lot at the corner of Deer Hill Road and First Street. Although conveniently located near the store, the lot is bounded on three sides by roads making getting in and out a potential challenge. This led to traffic studies by both Lafayette and Whole Foods. "This has contributed to the length of the process," said Smith. When complete the lot will meet all requirements including landscaping, fencing and drainage.

Project Planner Lindy Chan

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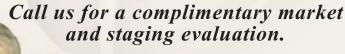
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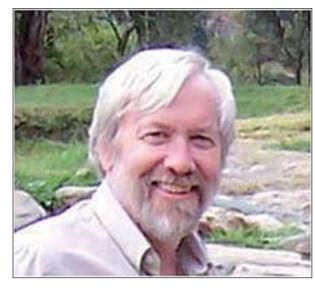
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Chair, Orinda Planning Commission, 1989; Commissioner 1987-89



"Brandt is a thoughtful, insightful councilmember. His grasp of the issues is evident at every turn. I know we can count on him to continue to provide good ideas and to make sound decisions. His gentle, wry wit is a bonus. I am grateful he is

willing to serve. -- Judy Garvens,

Former Mayor and Citizen of the Year

Io preserve and enhance the quality of life in Lafayette, we need strong continuing city leadership:

#### Fiscal Responsibility:

Lafayette balances our budgets, maintains reserves 50% above our target, and holds a AAA bond rating. We continue to provide the level of services our citizens expect.

We need to continue to provide a level of services that we can sustain over the long term;

We must prioritize our financial needs and be creative in seeking additional funding for city projects;

We will continue to balance budgets to sustain our financial reserves and maintain our top bond ratings.

#### **Downtown Development:**

The new Library and Learning Center has provided a focus for civic activity in downtown Lafayette.

It is critical to continue to support a vital, friendly downtown, by working with local businesses, improving infrastructure and amenities, and long term planning that respects diverse concerns and the significant constraints on our infrastructure.

#### Personal:

Lafayette Resident since 1993 Parent of Lafayette school children, 1996-present Tenor, Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church Choirs Coach, Lafayette youth soccer (LMYA), 14 seasons Married to Patricia for 38 years, law partners for 13 years Linnea attends Campolindo High School Erik attends Savannah College of Art & Design

"This is a time when we need leadership that builds collaboration among community groups. Having worked with Brandt in multiple situations, I have seen him create consensus out of chaos. He is bright, cares deeply about this town, and has a vision of Lafayette that I share.

> -- Kathy Merchant, Program Director, Lafayette **Library & Learning Center Foundation**

#### Residential Character:

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Despite the economy, Lafayette homes have held their

Maintaining the semi-rural character of our neighborhoods and our open spaces is paramount;

We must set and enforce consistent development

standards that respect neighborhood character; We will continue to seek opportunities for affordable

housing, especially for seniors.

#### Open Space Preservation:

We have permanently preserved Acalanes Ridge in collaboration with Walnut Creek, East Bay Parks, and Muir Heritage Land Trust.

We have identified open space preservation priorities.

We seek opportunities to collaborate with other agencies and organizations to preserve key open spaces;

We must incorporate hillside and ridgeline preservation and development of creeks, trails, and parks in our land use planning.

#### Professional & Education:

Attorney, 18 years

Andersson & Andersson PC, Walnut Creek McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, Walnut Creek Research Scientist, 13 years

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory University of California, Berkeley, Juris Doctor

Massachusetts Inst. of Tech (MIT)

Master of Architecture, Bachelor of Science

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