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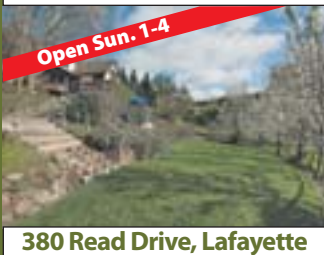
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Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, March 28, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Planning Commission

Monday, March 21, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Design Review

Monday, March 28, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Arts & Science Discovery Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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www.ci.lafayette.ca.us

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Waiting on a Final Decision for Burton Valley House

By Cathy Tyson



East Elevation, front yard Lucas Drive

Courtesy of Hertel Architects, Lafayette

The City Council found itself faced with an interesting pair of choices while reviewing the controversial Burton Valley remodel for the Polichio family. The Council could either deny the application without prejudice, leaving an opportunity for the applicant to file again with the City, or continue the matter and allow the applicant to complete the requests of the Council – erect story poles and further clarify their now greatly reduced architectural drawings.

Back in January of this year, on a split vote, three in favor, two against – the City Council voted to deny an appeal by the homeowners,

and directed staff to prepare a resolution to deny the appeal. Finalizing that resolution was continued to February 28 for the entire Council to be present to vote. It was after 10:00 p.m. when the matter was finally heard, and after some discussion, the Council decided to continue the matter.

Architect Ken Hertel asked that the project be reconsidered in light of a further reduction of the second story addition. The last iteration of the design had a 1,084 square foot second floor; in the newly revised plans it is 724 square feet. Because their children are very young, the Polichios' original plans in-

cluded bedrooms upstairs for their one and three year olds, now the kids are two and four. The new design has their bedrooms on the ground floor.

Some neighbors that have been against the project from the beginning still view the second story as not compatible with the immediate neighborhood. "I'm still opposed to this plan – it doesn't meet our demands. This eleventh hour submittal only prolongs the process," said William Wahlander. However, the neighbors directly to the north recently changed their minds and are in favor of the addition.

"We've given up on having the kids upstairs, which has been difficult to wrap our heads around. This is a substantial change," said Joe Polichio adding they have made every attempt to cooperate. "I just wish you could tell us what we can do to build our house, we want to put an end to this process."

Council Member Mike Anderson voted to continue, noting, "This is a significant revision – they should come back and get a full hearing on this proposal." Fellow Council Members unanimously agreed; story poles will be erected and the matter will be heard again on March 28.

Measuring Interest for Possible Road Repair Fix

By Cathy Tyson

So, how bad is your road? That was the question of the evening asked of a standing-room-only crowd of residents, along with a query as to whether or not residents would consider paying a tax to repair them.

"Everybody knows how bad they are," said Mayor Carl Anduri. "The question is what can we do to fix them?" He and the Residential Road Repair Task Force presented an overview of the current state of road repair and the background of how it got that way.

Approximately 5,000 Lafayette residents live on failed roads. "The older roads get, the faster they deteriorate – with a precipitous drop in quality after the first fifteen years," said Anduri. A PowerPoint presentation outlined the situation: Failed roads cost six times more to fix. Basic maintenance of a surface seal is \$14 square yard, but when a road

is in really poor shape – it costs \$60 - \$85 a square yard for complete reconstruction.

Most of the city's roads were built during the sixties as the population nearly tripled – from 7,100 in 1960 to 20,500 in 1970. It's no wonder that forty-year-old asphalt is looking less than fresh.

Historically, it's been a challenge to get the two-thirds "yes" votes required for a tax measure to pass. A road and drain tax measure passed in 1995 that raised \$13 million with 68% of the vote, barely over the 67% threshold. That bond money has been spent, mostly on major thoroughfares – arterials and collector roads that serve the greatest number of residents – leaving 97 failed streets, almost exclusively in residential neighborhoods. Two other measures came close, Measure N in 2004 had 58% approval and Measure C in 2007 garnered 63.6%, just shy of

passing.

Proponents explained that without additional money, neighborhood roads will fail faster than the City can fix them, and cost more to repair due to their horrible condition. The current \$15.5 million dollar road repair backlog will escalate over time.

To solve the problem Anduri proposed a two-prong approach – have the City Council release \$3 million of the \$9.5 million from reserves as matching funds, and put a parcel tax of \$97 per year for a maximum of 10 years on the November ballot. Funds generated would be used on a pay as you go system, keeping it simple. If the tax is approved, all of the roads and associated drains will be brought up to good condition by 2022; at that point only regular maintenance will be needed.

When Mayor Anduri asked, "Should we go to the voters?" Everyone in the room raised their

hands. One fellow described the proposal as a "reasonable compromise to get things done." An older woman chimed in, "I'm not going to be here in 10 years, the faster the better."

Lafayette's administrative budget has already been cut over \$500,000 per year and with only \$.08 of every property tax dollar goes to city coffers, there's no secret slush fund to address the repair issue.

Guy Atwood, along with John Hall, is spearheading the Task Force, "I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment of those that attended," said Atwood. "Having said that - with all the competing tax measures and in this economic environment, any tax measure requiring a 2/3 vote will have its challenges."

Atwood and Hall plan to gather signatures for a petition, with the help of supporters, and present the measure to the City Council to put on the November ballot.



Police Report

Ungrateful party guests, 2/20/11
Never mind the escalating cost of dips and chips; one local mother discovered she was out \$1,000 cash and \$160 in gift cards after her son hosted a party in their home. She probably knows who you are, so 'fess up and shame on you.

Burglars alarmed, 2/22/11
When someone kicked in the wood and glass front door of a local residence, it set off the alarm that panicked the burglar(s). They beat a hasty retreat, scattering baskets, mail and personal effects. Unfortunately, that initial contact with the house did \$1,000 in damage.

Double-duty daylight raids, 2/22/11
A discriminating thief staged a mid-morning raid at a Los Arabis Drive home, coming away with antique silver and jewelry worth \$8,500. The homeowner suffered an additional \$500 damages to the home during the break-in. Another daylight burglary on the same day netted the thief \$8,000- \$10,000 in stolen goods and will cost the homeowner an additional \$2,500 in repairs and damage.

No parking zone, 2/20/11
A Lafayette resident rightfully complained to police when her car was stolen from the very spot her apartment complex assigned her to park. There were no witnesses and are no suspects.

A good car is hard to find, 2/26/11
One Driftwood neighbor noticed a wallet (not his) tossed underneath his truck. The wallet was stolen from a nearby car. It was returned to the owner, who canceled service on her missing credit card. At least one other neighbor's car was rifled by the same thief. It seems some days you just can't find good stuff in other people's cars.

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