

City Encourages Pictures for "A Day in the Life of Lafayette"

By Cathy Tyson



Illustrating the photo event, some good natured members of the Public Art Committee and staff pose with senior planner Lindy Chan. From left: Lindy Chan, Tom Taneyhill, Collette Sweeney (Campolindo High School teacher), Susan Dannenfelser and Clay Jensen. Photo Cathy Tyson

Can you say "crowd sourced community created snapshot?" It's a phrase one doesn't hear every day. But this unique concept is coming to Lafayette with an open invitation for folks who live or work within the city limits. For willing photographers of any age the challenge is to express life in Lafayette through photography. The idea is to think outside the lens and take pictures anytime from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on the longest day of the year, June 21 – the summer solstice.

Dennis Mudgett of the Public Art Committee came up with the interesting idea and with the help of now-retired special projects manager Ann Merideth, organized the effort. Photos can be any size up to 11" x 14" and must be mounted on

a mat board that's black, white or gray and be submitted with the time and location the photograph was taken, the photographer's name and contact information (if under 18 years old include name and school), and of course images much be appropriate for general viewing.

Selected photos will be displayed at the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center in the fall. Perhaps last call at the Round Up, or a group of friends enjoying coffee, kids playing in a park, bees buzzing near a backyard bee hive, family dinner, traffic – the possibilities are endless. For more details, go to the city website at www.lovelafayette.org. Submissions will be accepted from July 12 til 5 p.m. July 30. One image per photographer.

Property Rights Prevail Over Vintage Adobe Home

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With very little fanfare, the recent lot line adjustment approved by the Lafayette Planning Commission on June 3 was the final blow to the vintage Monterey Colonial home on Las Huertas Road. Because the lot line change met all the zoning requirements and would create two one-acre parcels – the change is consistent with city regulations and in keeping with the other parcels in the area; "both lots exceed the minimum square footage requirement before and after the lot line revisions" noted the staff report. After a handful of neighbors spoke up to support the new owners and the lot revision, it was unanimously approved by the commission, even though Chair Karen Maggio commented, "it pulls

at my heartstrings." "It was inevitable," said Vlad Malinovsky, who grew up on Las Huertas, "opponents need to accept reality and get away from the fantasy world they've created." Since the home changed hands, there's been friction between supporters who would have liked to preserve the home and the current owners' desire to build a new structure.

The estate of former long-term owners, the Stolley family, sold the adobe home built in 1936 to Charles and Desine Rosson, who live not far from the subject property, and wanted to stay in the neighborhood.

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