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Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room at 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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City Asks for Building Use Submissions

By Cathy Tyson

Perhaps a marijuana dispensary will not be a future tenant in either of two existing city-owned buildings: the old library building and the doctors' office across the street at 949 Moraga Road. City leaders have put together a task force to examine proposals for possible uses that would encourage the highest, best and most financially responsible use of the spaces.

Wanting to get the word out and encourage submissions, city manager Steven Falk put together a simple form with input from mayor Mike Anderson and vice mayor Don Tatzin to generate consistency between proposals. Interested parties can find the form, and instructions, on the city's website at www.lovelafayette.org.

Proposals are due Jan. 1. Ru-

mors have swirled in the past about a new location for the police department, or perhaps a more centralized location for Lafayette's senior services department. Relocating the city offices to the old library is an option that surely will be on the table – numbers have been crunched and in the long run, it would save a substantial amount compared to current and future ex-

penditures for rent.

"My expectation is that the Council will appoint task force members in November," said Falk, explaining that they'll have an initial meeting in December, and analysis of the proposals will start in January and run through spring of 2014. The goal is have recommendations for the City Council to consider in April or May.

Expensive Entrance Signs Approved

By Cathy Tyson

Nothing says welcome to Lafayette like an entrance sign. What started as residents looking to rebuild an aging sign near the Acalanes Road off ramp has evolved into a citywide upgrade of three entrance signs at Oakhill Road, Pleasant Hill Road and Acalanes Road.

Several meetings over a number of years have focused on sign design that will be durable for the long term. The final version features Alaskan Yellow cedar with a steel planter box, with half-inch thick letters that spell out "Lafayette," and a stone veneer at the bottom similar to the existing planters in Plaza Park. Steven Falk, city manager, said the "material is pretty bullet proof."

Initially \$80,000 was allocated for complete upgrades for all three main entrance signs, but because the current bid by Thomas Swan Sign Company of Richmond came in at over \$93,000 to build and install the signs, it became necessary to go back to the City Council for approval.

Lighting is extra, an additional \$9,000 to be exact, bringing the total to over \$102,000. LED lights can be placed behind the letters for a "halo" effect that the street improvement task force unanimously favors. With council member Brandt Andersson absent, there were three votes in favor and one against to approve the signs with the lighting. Council member Traci Riley was concerned with project creep, commenting that she's "hung up on the dollar amount" and that "a modest repair has morphed into something else."

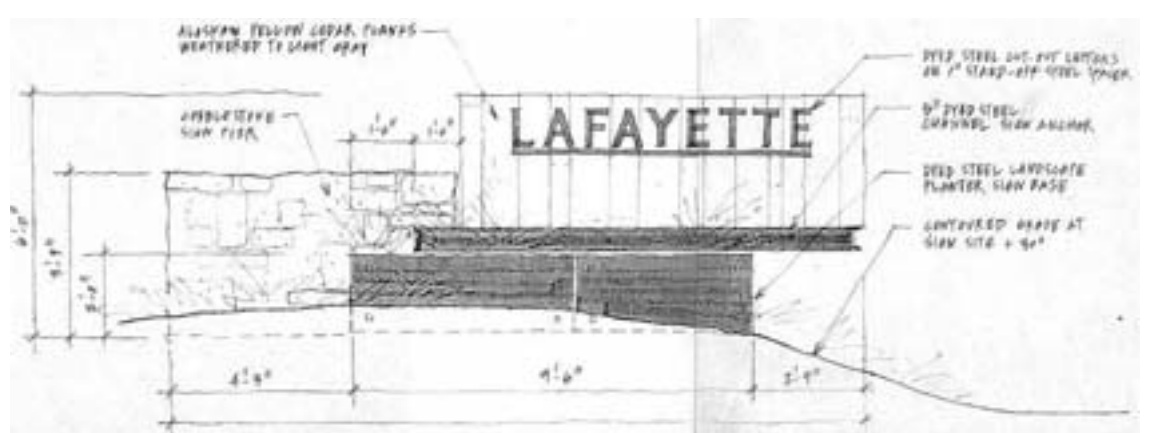


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