

Winning Image for Reservoir Run T-shirt



Digital Design teacher Susan Lane, winning student Maia Beckman and Jay Lifson, executive director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, race sponsor. Photo courtesy Acalanes Blueprint

Acalanes High School student Maia Beckman is a senior this year, but obviously learned a thing or two in Susan Lanes' Digital Design class that she took as a junior. Her design was chosen to grace this year's T-shirt, worn by hundreds of participants at the annual Reservoir Run.

Lane calls her a delightful student who "exhibits a fearless attitude in her ability to take creative risks. She was also very supportive of the creative efforts of others in the class, just a joy to have. I was so happy to see her design win." C. Tyson

Investigating Opportunity for More Parking

By Cathy Tyson

Owners of a roughly half-acre parcel downtown have expressed an interest in discussing a possible deal with the city of Lafayette to turn the land into much needed parking. With unanimous support from city council members who lauded the concept and underscored the need for more parking, \$3,000 was allocated to split the cost of an appraisal of what is now the Barclay Simpson Gallery-Lescure Building directly adjacent to Diamond Kay on Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

City Manager Steven Falk explained parking meter funds and enforcement revenue is accumu-

lated over time, to be used to purchase parcels for off-street parking. "The law requires that the city can only pay fair market value," he said. "To start the process, we need to have property appraised."

He cautioned that the price may exceed the approximately \$1.2 million balance that is in the parking fund. "Parcels that are this ideally suited for public parking very rarely come on the market and are available for the city to purchase," wrote Falk in the staff report for the city council.

The matter will come back to the city council in closed session.

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