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## Plot lines redrawn, but what of the crosses memorial?

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in the discussion," he said after the meeting.

"After thinking about it," Clark continues, "I've come to open-forum discussion of ideas." the conclusion that the commissioners made a mistake. Current- critical of the 300-foot radius ly, part of both lots have a nonconforming use - 'War Memorial that informing just a few resiwith Too Many Signs.' The La- dents concerning a property of line adjustment be in confor- capacity would have been reality mance, which was not done."

the lot preserved for open space. "I believe these disputably

Happy Valley Improvement historic and rural lots ... with letter to the commission that was Association President Peter stunningly close proximity to our Clark does not see how the plots city center, have great potential can be addressed without further to our city and residents," Mundiscussion of the crosses. "Given nelly says. "Personally, I think the obvious physical presence this land would make a beautiful of the crosses, and the depth of 'Deer Hill' city nature park. I'm emotion surrounding them, it aware other residents have difwas surprising that the planning ferent opinions or ideas for its commission didn't include them uses and benefits to the community, but the city would serve its residents better by taking pause on this action and scheduling an

The Lafayette resident is notification to residents saying had planning served our com-Munnelly would like to see munity as one would expect in a democracy."

Munnelly wrote a detailed

franchised that my comments were not referenced," he said. "Transparency; that's what the people of Lafayette expect and demand!" Munnelly also questions the

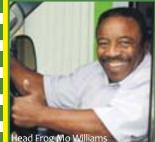
received too late to be included

in the staff report. "I feel disen-

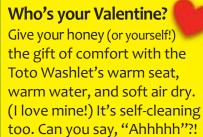
negative finding of the environmental report saying that the lot line adjustment will facilitate rapid development of the hillside properties, wildlife will be severely impacted as a result and that development and hardscape will result in more erosions and storm water runoff.

"If the lot line revision is fayette municipal code requires such magnitude and notoriety is granted," adds Munnelly, "the that the lots resulting from a lot deceit. "A hearing room filled to opportunity to benefit our community will be more costly to implement at best, or at worst, lost forever."

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### Winery regulation falters

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create a new study group to look that worked with property own- into this. The regulation controls

The commission wants to ning commission subcommittee in their homes and no one looks into these options, but consultant ers, opponents and the consul- only winemakers, so if someone

Ben Noble warned that this could tant; and the prior planning commeetings and add costs in terms in October. of staff and consultant time.

factions at the meeting: Captain that agriculture is a permitted Vineyards owners and others use in open space, but the winwho support the idea of winemaking in Lamorinda as an element of economic vitality and and was therefore a secondary character ask for less regulation, use that the town could regulate. and some of the Captains' neighbors, mainly of the Alalusi family, who oppose a commercial activity in their neighborhood, and consideration of what came first, are concerned about pesticide the home or the cows, should be contamination.

sibly agree with staff recommendations to finalize the text. The

take several months of additional mission meeting's requests made

Noble addressed the ques-There were two opposing tion about zoning by explaining eries were first built as homes and the winemaking came later Commissioner Steve Woehleke asked if a ranch would be subject to the same rules and if the looked into. He also noted that The commissioners were if future wineries would open in simply asked to discuss and pos- residential neighborhoods, the impact could be quite different.

Some commissioners wonrecommendations were the logi- dered if it was fair to ask winecal consequence of the previous makers to add 25-foot setbacks process: requirements from the to protect the neighbors from council to draft a text that would potential pesticide contamination support commercial winemak- when they are already regulated ing in Moraga, but would protect by the county and state. They also neighbors from adverse effects; noted that homeowners can use demands made by a former plan- whatever chemicals they want

#### **Public Places program** praised

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\$295,500.

da Parks and Recreation Founda- Foundation.

Currently the APP program has 39 tion. Annual operating expenses art installations on public display, have been kept low, typically 22 of which are on loan and 17 of \$1,500 to \$2,500, by an abunwhich are owned by the city. The dance of volunteer labor. The original costs of the owned pieces APPC believes that it would be exceeded \$177,000, and the total desirable to update the ArtSpace liability for the pieces on loan is Orinda website, and expects that the cost will be between \$500 and The APP program has been \$1,000, which will come from funded by donations to the Orin- the Orinda Parks and Recreation

plants a vineyard of any size but does not make wine, no setback or buffer would be required.

Whether or not the planning commission will ever look at this again will be decided by the town council. The proposed date to review the text is Feb. 14.





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