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The tent behind Safeway (aka Cirque du Moraga)



Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

Ever since the large white tent was erected behind Moraga Shopping Center's Safeway in early January, locals have been speculating as to its purpose. Many have wondered (tongue-in-cheek) whether the circus

was coming to town. Not so.

The tent was erected by Steve Hammond, owner of Bay Area Ballplayers, an indoor batting cage and sports training venue, as a winter-time extension of his permanent facility located at 1460-H Moraga Rd. in Moraga. Hammond's BAB opened its doors in Janu-

ary 2019 and became so successful that by late summer of that year he approached Moraga's Planning Department with plans to erect a tent between the months of January through April to accommodate his booming business.

According to Hammond's Project Description, "There has long been great demand for an indoor training facility during the winter time, as very few fields in Lamorinda have lights or adequate drainage to allow sports play for up to 36 hours after a strong storm." It goes on to add, "The facility will accommodate athletes of all ages, including from Moraga Baseball Association, Campolindo High School, Saint Mary's College and others from surrounding communities."

Hammond plans to operate the tent 7 days a week

Monday through Friday from 2 to 9 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. He intends to repeat the process annually with the town and property owner's approval.

Inside the 7,524 square foot tent, are plans for an artificial turf on top of the gravel parking lot and LED lighting powered by a stand-alone solar trailer. Batting cages and the tent fabric are fire resistant and able to withstand high winds.

When Hammond had approached the town of his intentions last summer he was advised by staff that even such temporary use would require approval. However, on Jan. 3, Hammond installed the tent without the required approval of the town. On Jan. 6, the Planning Department notified Hammond that the tent

needed Design Review Board approval in the Community Commercial zoning district pursuant to Moraga's Municipal Codes. Hammond submitted a Design Review Board application on Jan. 21, and on Feb. 6 the town mailed public hearing notices to neighbors as well as posting them at the project site.

Planning Department Senior Planner Steve Kowalski's staff report specifies that, "The proposed improvements (must) conform with good design as set forth in the Town of Moraga Design Guidelines, and in general contribute to the character and image of the town as a place of beauty, spaciousness, balance, taste, fitness, broad vistas and high quality."

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From left, Alu-Motion sculptor Buddy Brodwin and Teresa Onoda
 Photo Vera Kochan

Alu-Motion: the newest public art display in Moraga

By Vera Kochan

At the intersection of Rheem Boulevard and Moraga Road is a small plot of land known as "the triangle." The Moraga Garden Club maintains the area with seasonal flowers, providing an oasis in the middle of one of the town's busiest thoroughfares. A new art installation, Alu-Motion, joins the garden in the triangle thanks to the efforts of the Art in Public Spaces Committee.

The former mayor of Moraga, Teresa Onoda, is the APSC founder, chair of the committee and liaison to the town council, who describes the red, 10 foot by 8 foot "weather vane-like" kinetic sculpture as an "elegant red lady; with a bit of a breeze she shows her ballroom moves."

Lafayette resident and Alu-Motion creator Buddy Brodwin is a

retired dentist who always enjoyed art. While in San Francisco, he came upon a metal kinetic sculpture by artist George Rickey that intrigued him. Taking it to the next level, Brodwin began taking metal classes at Oakland's "The Crucible" to hone his craft. Turning his garage into a studio, he surfed the internet for ideas.

"I'm creative, but not that creative," Brodwin joked. "I'm learning and following others."

Through trial and error Brodwin began to turn out sculptures that expressed the artistic statements he wished to make. "Alu-Motion is my first public piece," he stated. "It's similar to one I made initially that was out of steel. This is aluminum."

Brodwin's creations came to Onoda's attention when he spotted her at her booth during Lafayette's Art and Wine Festival. In the

process of catching up with each other, Brodwin showed Onoda pictures of his sculptures. "I felt that an ultimate expression and culmination of my art would be placing a piece in the public domain," Brodwin explained. "I am thrilled and excited by this opportunity, as well as for the strong winds that typically are found in the area!"

Onoda pointed out that Alu-Motion comes with no expense to the town. Brodwin donated it to Moraga. "Art in Public Spaces was started in 2015. Our mission is to create joy and a sense of wonder," Onoda said. "We now have 10 sculptures - nine on loan from sculptors and one, the orange bench, at the library. We WILL (Women of Moraga Instilling a Lasting Legacy) bought that for the town. Art brings joy and surprises to us all. Buddy's sculpture does just that."



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