

Property Owner Asks Lagunitas School District to Discontinue Bus Stop Use

School Bus Stop was seldom used-- did not need to be re-located.

Becky Lepori, the property owner of 6700 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Forest Knolls (The Farm Stand & Cafe) met with me on February 9th to say that she was rescinding permission for the Lagunitas School District to use her property as a school bus stop.

Ms. Lepori expressed concerns about personal liability that might arise from district use of her property. Throughout our conversation Ms. Lepori was firm but helpful and had even mapped out a possible alternative location for the bus stop. Ms. Lepori's attorney contacted me the following day to confirm that she was rescinding permission to use her property.

The Lagunitas School District is obligated to respect the legal rights of private property owners, so I took steps immediately to comply with her request.

After checking with our bus driver, I found that the bus stop on Ms. Lepori's property was used very infrequently and that two existing bus stops already met the safety and convenience needs for district students. Thus, there was no need to seek approval for a new bus stop.

Since no students regularly use that bus stop, there was no a need to notify families in the immediate area. We believe, in fact, that no students or families will be inconvenienced by the closure of the school bus stop at 6700 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. (It's more likely that no one will notice.)

If you have questions about this issue, please call me directly at the Lagunitas School District Office (415) 488-4118 or e-mail me at jcarroll@lagunitas.org.

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