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Orinda City Business

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Front row (L to R): Harriet Ainsworth, Kate Wiley, and Jim Luini; Middle row: Sue Severson, Mayor Victoria Smith, Amy Worth, and Mark Maxson; Back row: Steve Glazer and Tom McCormick Photo Andrea A. Firth

At the last regular City Council meeting, the Council took time to recognize the significant efforts of the Orinda Association and individual Orindans who contributed to the celebration of Orinda's 25th Annual 4th of July Parade. "I think this was the biggest July 4th parade held in Orinda's history," stated Mayor Victoria Smith as she presented certificates of appreciate to Kate Wiley and Jim Luini of the Orinda Association, which organized the many event before and on the 4th; Harriet Ainsworth, a longtime Orinda volunteer who served as the Grand Marshal of the parade; and Mark Maxson, who has provided vintage car transportation for the Council members during the parade for many years.

Then it was down to business as usual, as the five-member Council and staff discussed a variety of policy matters. The group agreed unanimously to name changes for the thoroughfares leading to the Wilder housing development and the California Shakespeare Theater. One will soon no longer see a large green sign for Gateway Boulevard after emerging from the Caldecott Tunnel and heading toward Orinda. Both Gateway Boulevard, which traverses Highway 24, and Upton Road, which leads into the housing project, will be renamed Wilder Road. The road leading to the Cal Shakes theater grounds has been modified from Shakespeare Festival Way to California Shakespeare Theater Way.

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