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Council Grants Mayor's Award in Excellence in Architecture

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Holly Lane Winner in the Major Project category Photo provided

Two homes in Orinda were recently honored with the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Architecture. For the second year, the City Council has recognized the design efforts of residents whose new or renovated homes exemplify the semi-rural quality and neighborhood sensibility characteristic of Orinda. A committee, which included Council Members and citizens of Orinda, evaluated eight entries in two categories: Minor Projects which represent renovations of 1,500 square feet or less and Major Projects which are over 1,500 square feet.

The winner in the Minor Project category is located on Park Lane Drive in the Glorietta neighborhood. The 1,300 square foot renovation, which was designed by the homeowner Lara Dutto, doubled the size of the family home but had neighbors saying, "the house looks beautiful...did you really add on?" Creating usable space in every square inch of the home, the design made a strong connection between the indoors and outdoors with carefully placed windows and doors and floor materials that moved from the outside in.

Architect Jeff Supran designed the new home on Holly Lane, which was the winner in the Major Project category. Set in a wooded canyon with a creek running through, the property's beautiful surroundings presented topographical challenges. The contemporary styled home employs clean lines and building materials to reinforce the sites natural elements drawing the outdoors in and the indoors out. The owners kept it green by using recycled materials in every room, low VOC paint, and solar-ready technology.

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