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City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, September 15	
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Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, September 22	
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Mayor's Com. Liaison	8:30am
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Planning Process Reviewers Task Complete

By Jonathan Seclow

At their August 18 meeting, the Orinda City Council received the final report of the Planning Process Review Task Force. Upon receiving the report, the council dissolved the task force and commended their efforts.

Vice-Mayor and task force chair Tom McCormick thanked the task force members, who were all present, telling them, "Finally return to your families."

However, not everyone was happy with the task force's work. One speaker, Ann O'Connell Nye, was particularly displeased with their final report.

"I was sitting at Peet's the other day, looking at Long's and the hardware store, trying to imagine a five story building in their place. And I was horrified at the idea of a building like that obstructing the view of Orinda's hills," she said.

O'Connell Nye's comment was a reference to the task force's recommendation that the city change the maximum building height from 35 to 55 feet in selected areas.

In response to her comment, Council Member Steve Glazer reminded her and the rest of the audience that the final report still had many steps to pass through before it becomes law. He encouraged participation and input from the public during those steps, so that the final laws would best reflect their image of Orinda.

"I thought that more people would be here tonight. This is the beginning of a long process, and nothing has been decided yet. We definitely encourage more input from the public," said Glazer.

The task force report is available on the city's website, <http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us>.

Orinda Council Receives Bicycle, Trail and Walkway Master Plan

By Jonathan Seclow



Figure 2-2: Existing Conditions Downtown Orinda Alta Planning + Design

While Orinda's City Council and staff continue to grapple with how to improve road conditions for motorists, they have also begun to take steps to make it easier to get around town on foot and by bike. The Orinda Bicycle, Trail and Walkway Master Plan is finished and was presented to the City Council at its meeting on August 18th. The city contracted Alta Planning + Design to create the plan in April of last year. The plan was presented to the Council by Lauren Ledbetter and Bruce Wolff from Alta Planning + Design.

The primary goal of the Council in contracting the plan was to have designs for the improvement of bicycle paths, trails, and walkways on hand in order to benefit from grants and other funding sources when the opportunity arises. Therefore, the plans created are not

slated for immediate deployment, but instead represent a long term plan for path and trail improvement in Orinda.

"The goal was to create a 20-year blueprint for the future of walking, biking, and hiking in Orinda," said Ledbetter.

The improvements recommended by the plan aim primarily at improving the safety of pedestrians and bikers. By improving their safety and creating designated trails and paths for them, the City Council and Alta Planning + Design hope to promote biking and walking as modes of transportation in Orinda.

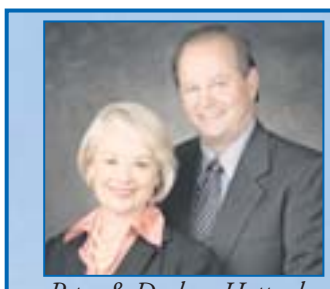
The City Council did not discuss any of the specific improvements included in the plan at the meeting. Instead, the Council will review the plan in detail during a future workshop, at a time and date to be determined.

Orinda Extends Cannabis Club Moratorium

By Jonathan Seclow

The City Council voted to extend the moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Orinda at its meeting on August 18. The Council's decision will

prevent the establishment of any dispensaries in Orinda for another 10 months and 15 days. City attorney Osa Wolff explained to the Council that numerous pending



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Drunk in Public, 8/25/09 A 31-year-old white male was found laying on the ground at Glorietta and Moraga Way with a bottle of alcohol, just down the block from his home. The gentleman was unable to stand without assistance. For some reason, even though presumably he was feeling no pain, he had six Vicodin tablets in his pants pocket, no prescription bottle. He was uncooperative with police who arrested him.

Residential burglary, 8/23/09 Between 8/22 and 8/23 at a home on Glorietta Boulevard, an unknown suspect entered the garage via an unlocked side window. Tools and construction equipment worth approximately \$2,000 were taken.

Drunk Grandma, 8/21/09 A woman in her seventies was involved in a collision on Acalanes Road and fled the scene. The suspect was contacted by police as she was being removed from the car by her daughter. She admitted to drinking but was too intoxicated to perform a field sobriety test. The elderly woman was arrested, but released to the custody of her daughter.

Fake Franklin, 8/19/09 At the True Value Hardware store on Moraga Way, a man came in first thing in the morning and purchased several items from the store, paying with a \$100 bill. It was later determined that the \$100 bill, also known as a Ben Franklin since his mug is on the front, was a forgery. The purchaser was long gone when the bill was discovered to be a fake.

At press time the 158-page Master Plan was not available on the city website but can be downloaded from Alta Planning + Design, <http://www.altaprojects.net/orinda/documents.html>.

The plan contains an extensive list of improvements that could be made to existing bike paths, walkways and trails, and recommends the creation of many new ones. Among non-construction items, the Bike/Trail/Walkway Master Plan recommends:

- Education and encouragement programs for residents of all ages and city employees.
- The creation of a citywide Safe Routes to Schools program, using a variety of multi-disciplinary programs aimed at walking and biking to school and improving traffic safety around school areas.
- Implementation of 'Sunday Streets', which is a community event based around a street closure to automobiles, featuring business and recreational opportunities for residents.
- A bicycle and pedestrian website offering one-stop shopping for walkers and cyclists - listing of local walk/bike clubs and organizations, area maps and information about ongoing projects.
- Employer incentives, dynamic parking meter rates and programs such as Adopt a Trail, Share the Road and Neighborhood Speed Watch. L. Borrowman

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Case Sent to DA in Loudon Investigation

The Orinda Police Department announced on August 27th that the case involving the death of Miramonte High School student Joseph Loudon has been submitted to the District Attorney's Office for review and an additional person has been charged.

19-year-old Alexandra Gabrielli was charged with furnishing alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 and contributing to the delinquency of persons under 18 during an Orinda party in May where 16-year-old Loudon was found unresponsive; Loudon was pronounced dead later that evening. Gabrielli's brother, 18-year-old Patrick Gabrielli, was arrested for the same charges the night of the party. A 16-year-old boy was also arrested for furnishing alcohol.

"After three months of inter-

views and investigating, there is no evidence of a crime, nor is there any indication that Joe's death was criminal," said Orinda Police Chief Bill French. "There is nothing to indicate that a hazing was taking place or that Loudon was forced to consume any alcohol or drugs."

The Coroner found Loudon's death to be accidental. The autopsy also found the drug papaverine in Loudon's system. In a written statement, Sheriff's Department spokesman Jimmy Lee said detectives attempted to trace where it came from but were told there was not enough probable cause to secure a search warrant. In addition, according to Lee, after checking with local pharmacies police found that the last time a prescription was filled for that drug was more than three years ago. ... continued on page 10

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