



Orinda Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, October 10, at 6:30 pm
Sarge Littlehale Community Room, 22
Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, October 8, 6:00 pm
OUSD Office **NEW LOCATION**
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200
www.orindaschools.org
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



Police Report

Fast and furious, 9/13/12

He was fast, and she was probably furious. A carjacking took place on Orinda's Camino Pablo just after midnight. A 27-year-old male wrestled the car keys away from a 20-something woman, and injured her in the process. She scraped both knees and an elbow in the fracas and the car thief nearly ran her over in his haste to get away. He traveled eastbound on Highway 24, lost control, and crashed the car. The car burst into flames; the subject took off on foot. He was faster in the car, because police caught up with him and found the man was on felony probation and driving with a suspended license. Police also found cocaine on his person (which may have explained his need for speed). We've got to wonder just how you explain all that to your insurance company.



Maureen Wilbur



Coming Soon!

Two wonderful properties, one home is in Summit Ridge with views to Benicia and the other in Beacon Ridge with hill views. The Summit Ridge home listed for \$750,000 is an end unit and has 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths with approximately 2091 square feet. The Beacon Ridge home listed for \$675,000 is an end unit and has 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with an approximate 2240 square feet.



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Making Technology Work for Orinda

Granicus system to give citizens easier access to documents and remote streaming video access to meetings

By Laurie Snyder

Most every Orindan wanting to learn more about Orinda's City Council or Commission meetings has experienced the frustration, at one point or another, of clicking on links to staff reports and other agenda materials posted on the City's website – only to be met with error messages indicating that the documents they are seeking are currently unavailable.

At the September 19 City Council meeting, residents and Council members received the happy news that this situation will be changing for the better – and the even more exciting news that City Council meetings will soon be available to be streamed to laptops, home computers, and other remote locations early next year.

Staff have been transitioning documents from the City's DocuShare web site portal to its new system – Granicus – since March. DocuShare had been implemented

by the City in 2008, states the staff report, to allow “members of the public to view and download public meeting materials at no cost. The platform was originally selected for its ease of use and its low price point.” Problems ensued, however, as Orindans found it increasingly difficult to access key documents because the Orinda DocuShare user license was only able to grant access to 12 members of the general public at any one time.

Because the expense to upgrade the City's user license would have been too costly in light of the City's current budget constraints, “Council directed staff [in 2011] to seek alternatives to the City's online agenda packet access system. The purpose was to find a better, more effective means to allow members of the public to access City public meeting materials.” Council also asked staff “to research options to video stream

the City Council meetings to allow residents to remotely view the public Council meetings.”

Staff research showed that Granicus would offer Orinda “a complete platform to access meeting materials with an unlimited user license at a comparable price to what the City now pays for its current, limited license system. Granicus is an award winning solutions provider for government transparency leading the way in online information for over 25 years and serving nearly 1,000 local, state and federal agencies.” The system is also used by the City of Walnut Creek.

In addition to the system's capability to stream video of Council meetings, it “enhances the public's access to meeting materials by embedding links to staff reports directly into the agenda. As a result, members of [the] public will be able to quickly view a corresponding staff report

simply by clicking on the item on the agenda.”

City leaders anticipate that Orinda “will be fully supported on the Granicus platform by October 2012.” The annual cost – \$8,500 – has already been factored into the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. “This amount includes the cost of data storage and site hosting, along with the capability to video and audio stream public meetings. Should the City decide to implement the video stream portion of the service package, the City would need to invest in a one time cost of camera equipment and installation estimated at approximately \$5,000,” which would be drawn from the Information Systems Internal Fund Budget.

“I think this looks fantastic,” said Council Member Dean Orr. “This system,” said Vice Mayor Amy Worth, “will be much more accessible.”

Orinda City Council Approves Ivy Drive Speed Cushions

By Laurie Snyder

With a 4-0 vote at its September 19 meeting, Orinda City Council approved the addition of new speed cushions for the 200 block of Ivy Drive. Mayor Steve Glazer was out of town and did not vote.

That action followed nearly a year of analysis and planning by the City's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and Ivy Drive's Neighborhood Action Team (NAT), which resulted in TSAC's approval on March 19 of the NAT proposal to install cushions crossing Ivy Drive at residence numbers 215 and 216. TSAC's action was conditional, pending approval both by property owners abutting the cushion

locations and the City Council.

On June 28, City staff mailed informational brochures with pre-paid polling postcards to “Orinda property owners abutting Ivy Drive between Coral Drive and Moraga Way south” to solicit their input. Of the 42 residents polled, 20 responded in favor and nine were opposed. The poll had a 69 percent response rate; a minimum 50 percent response rate was required.

Benefits cited at the time in-

cluded speed reduction and low initial installation and maintenance costs. Cons identified were a 3.8 second delay to fire trucks with potentially longer delays for ambulances due to their narrower wheel bases – and the possibility that the addition of the new cushions would only divert speeders to other streets.

The operations chief for the Moraga-Orinda Fire District spoke briefly during the public forum to reiterate the depart-

ment's request that careful attention be paid to the width of the speed cushions installed to ensure that MOFD personnel will not be delayed in reaching residents in emergency situations. Vice Mayor Amy Worth responded, saying that it was her understanding that adjustments have been made to the width of cushions in response to MOFD concerns.

The cost for the installation of the new cushions and related signage is estimated at \$7,500.

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