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## Civic News Lafayette

### After Long Hiatus, Activity on Lucas Ranch

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The piece of property known as Lucas Ranch, roughly located between Burton Valley and Rossmoor, will be mostly undeveloped – over 60 percent of the land will remain in its natural state, with the already approved lots clustered on the southern portion of the parcel starting at the terminus of Lucas Drive.

The applicant's attorney, Allan Moore of Gagen McCoy, started out on a positive note, agreeing with the staff recommendation to shrink the size of the proposed 9,330 square foot structure. He also wanted to confirm that earlier approvals for the subdivision are not re-opened.

"No one wins if we don't all win," said architect Tim Ward, referring to reaching consensus in modifying the home to ensure privacy for nearby neighbors. Moore expressed an interest on behalf of his client to work with the neighbors, and asked to go into their back yards to see exactly what their view is and listen to their concerns.

The size of the proposed home is

already an issue. While city staff couldn't specifically suggest an amount of shrinkage, the word "significant" was used.

This application for a Phase I Hillside Development Permit for siting and massing determination has a long way to go. It is the first step in a long journey; specific floor plans for the proposed home have not been drawn up or approved and a swimming pool has not been approved, although general conceptual plans were produced as part of the original subdivision approval years ago.

Full design plans are required for Phase II, and in order to approve the permit a laundry list of findings are necessary, including, to the extent feasible, "minimize the loss of privacy to surrounding residents and not unduly impact, restrict or block significant views."

The commission's task at this point in Phase I is to look at the location and bulk of the home; it considered the matter and gave the applicant time to make modifications.

## Civic News Moraga

### Moraga Housing Element: Staying the Course

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"One way is subsidizing the land cost," suggested Sam Sperry, a recently retired municipal bond attorney. "Usually this is done by non-profit groups; another way is to increase density, so you get more units for a given piece of land."

Creative solutions were proposed by the group, such as encouraging Moraga businesses to hire from the local workforce and adding more fire stations. Public transportation was a popular dis-

cussion topic and Brekke-Read said that a tri-city Lamorinda shuttle study will be underway soon – a request for proposal has been issued for a consultant to determine how such a shuttle might work, if people would really ride it, and how much it would cost.

Next steps to finish Moraga's Housing Element include discussion by the Planning Commission and Town Council; staff will submit Moraga's file early next year.

## Civic News Orinda

### Saving a Life in Orinda

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He is recovering at home, with no apparent loss of function or memory.

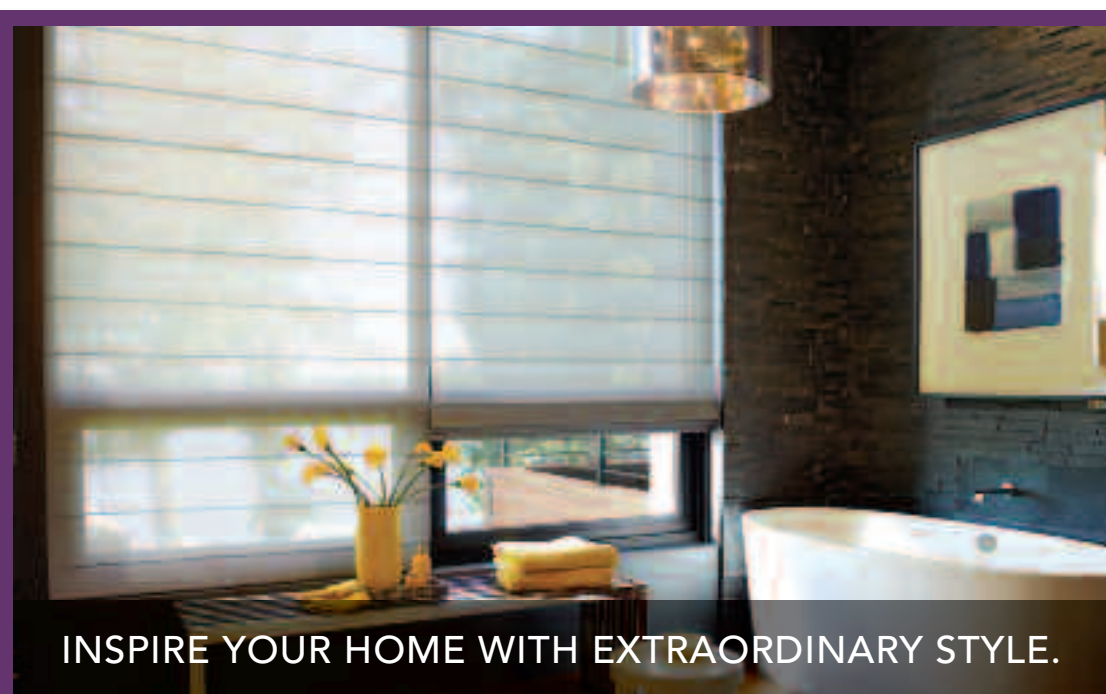
When the paramedics left, Barry Schneider closed the gym and drove home, stopping at Briones Regional Park to sit under a tree for half an hour. Allison Schneider headed "to the Berkeley Y" where she swam laps to gain control of her nerves. Although the younger Schneider had never performed CPR on a real victim before, she remained "cool, calm and very focused on her task," according to her father. "She was truly, truly extraordinary...much older than her years," he said with pride.

Allison Schneider said she wants to pursue a career in health care, perhaps as a physician's assistant. Meanwhile, this summer she'll work as a

counselor at Boy Scout Camp Wolfeboro where she will remind the scouts how important it is to learn CPR. She'll tell them, "This isn't fun, this is serious."

"I've always known [Allison] was going to do good things," said her dad. "She is so passionate about helping people."

For more information on the National CPR and AED Awareness Week go to <http://tinyurl.com/r9fr46> (on the American Red Cross website). "I encourage all residents of Contra Costa County to learn critical lifesaving skills such as CPR and AED use," said Lee. He'd also like to see the Lamorinda Communities become HeartSafe Communities (<http://heart-safe-community.org>).



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