



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Monday, June 15, at 7 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, June 8, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office, 8 Altarinda Road,
www.orindaschools.org
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Council Approves One-Year Crime Cam Pilot Program

By Laurie Snyder

Orinda residents shared a wide range of opinions for and against the installation of security cameras leading up to the Orinda City Council meeting May 5. Some quoted Benjamin Franklin: "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." Others seemed less concerned. "I don't think you have a right to privacy in a public space," one resident said. "Just get on board with everybody else because it's going to happen, and it's not George Orwell and all this other stuff. It's just the way the reality of it is today because we're on TV all the time, we're in the public eye no matter where we go."

Once again, council members deliberated whether or not to install security cameras inside city boundaries, and once again they probed the minds

of city staff and average citizens as they weighed the sincere privacy concerns of those worried about the government's increasing use of surveillance on Americans against the very real fear felt by those whose homes have been burglarized.

On May 5, the council considered Orinda Police Chief Mark Nagel's latest proposal – a one-year pilot program to install eight Reconyx cameras at Orinda's points of entry and neighborhoods where crime spikes, as well as to equip one police car with automated license plate reader (ALPR) technology which would link that car to county, state and federal databases that, theoretically, would help police catch suspects more quickly.

According to the staff report, the Reconyx cameras would be purchased by the city at a cost of \$6,730 with

maintenance performed by a community service officer or other city employee with possible help from volunteers. The ALPR system would be covered by the city's contract with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, and would be purchased from the same vendor used by CCSD and the City of Lafayette – Vigilant Systems – at a cost of \$16,580.

The cameras would be helpful, said Nagel, in the absence of DNA or fingerprint evidence. Reconyx camera data would likely be accessed by Orinda's police immediately after the commission of crimes, but could also be viewed later if residents discover problems after returning from vacation.

The ALPR system would make a difference because it delivers real-time information that is shared by multiple

agencies, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "Vehicles associated with wanted subjects are not constrained by city limits," said Nagel. "Vehicles wanted in one city can easily travel through Orinda and by not sharing data, the police and the community at large would never know a vehicle associated with a list of crimes travelled through Orinda."

In response to multiple questions from council members regarding how long the city would be required to retain the photographs and other data obtained from ALPRs and city-owned crime cameras, as well as when and if the photos and data could be subject to public disclosure, city attorney Osa Wolff said the ALPRs would fall under CCSD policies, which requires that records be retained for one year.

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Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report April 25-May 9

Abandoned Vehicle
30 block Coral Dr

Alarms 59

911 calls (includes hang-ups) 7

Barking Dog
10 block Las Piedras

Burglary, Auto
100 block Ardith Dr
600 block Tahos Rd

Wilder Rd/Orinda Fields Ln
80 block Davis Rd
Wagner Ranch Elementary
80 block Tara Rd

Burglary, Residential
40 block Charles Hill Cr
100 block Ardith Dr
10 block Monroe Ct
10 block Ridge Ln

Credit Card Fraud
10 block Las Piedras
10 block Theatre Sq
10 block Scenic Ct

Dependent Child
20 block Orchard Rd

Domestic Disturbance
Mechanic's Bank
20 block Camino Sobrante
St Stephen's Cr/El Nido Ranch

Fare Evasion
Brookwood Rd/Camino Pablo

Petty Theft
20 block Altamount Dr
20 block Heather Ln (from veh)
50 block Berkeley Av (2)
30 block Lombardy Ln

Hit & Run
Orinda/Santa Maria Way
Avenida de Orinda

ID Theft reported to Orinda PD
10 block El Camino Moraga

Loud Noise
Bigleaf/Quarry Hill Rds
20 block Hacienda Cr

Loud Party
Rustic Wy/Moraga Via
100 block Abbott Ct
100 block Ivy Dr

200 block Hall Dr (2)
80 block Hillcrest Dr

Missing Adult
10 block Altarinda Rd

Panhandling
Theatre Square

Police/Fire EMS
Glorietta/Robert Rd
20 block Watchwood Ct
40 block Via Floreado
20 block Orinda Wy
Moraga Wy/El Camino Moraga
200 block The Knoll

Prowler Heard
500 block Moraga Wy

Public Nuisance
Moraga Wy/Ivy Dr
20 block Southwood Dr
100 block Stein Wy

Reckless Driving
Knickerbocker Ln
Glorietta Elementary
Moraga Wy/Glorietta Bl

Recovered Stolen Veh.
Library garage

Susp. Circumstances 10

Suspicious Vehicle 35

Suspicious Subject 9

Traffic Stops 172

Uncontrollable Juvenile
80 block Via Floreado

Unwanted Guest
30 block Muth Dr

Vehicle Theft
Wilder/Hwy 24
200 block Village Sq

Warrant Service
10 block El Toyonal
60 block Sunnyside Ln



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