



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

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

Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 23, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, June 22, 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

City of Orinda:

www.cityoforinda.org
Phone (925) 253-4200

Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

The Orinda Association:


www.orindaassociation.org



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report May 24-30

Abandoned Vehicle	Singingwood Ln/Amber Valley 500 block Tahos Rd	
Alarms		28
911 calls (includes hang-ups)		4
Burglary, Auto	10 block Descanso Dr Miramonte High School Theatre Square (2) 50 block Cedar Terrace Northwood/Southwood	
Burglary, Residential	20 block Tappan Ln 50 block Muth Dr 20 block Orinda Wy	
Credit Card Fraud	reported to police	
Coroner's Case	20 block Tara Rd	
Domestic Disturbance	10 block Lost Valley Dr	
Found Adult	Moraga Wy/Ivy Dr	
Theft, ID	20 block Tarabrook Dr (2) Reported to police 10 block Vianne Ct (2)	
Theft, Petty	20 block Descanso Dr (from vehicle) 10 block Crescent Dr 10 block Moraga Wy 10 block Theatre Square	
Harassment	100 block Ardith Dr	
Hit & Run	10 block Nonie Rd Camino Pablo/Brookwood Safeway	
Loud Party	Lavina Ct/Ivy Dr	
Loud Music	Darryl Dr/Overhill Rd	
Neighbor Dispute	10 block La Cresta Rd	
Police/Fire EMS	100 block Estates Dr	
Public Nuisance	Evergreen/Tarabrook Drs	
Reckless Driving	St Stephens Dr/Hwy 24	
Restraining Order Violation	30 block Eastwood Dr	
Shoplift	Safeway CVS 50 block Moraga Wy	5
Susp. Circumstances		13
Suspicious Vehicle		8
Suspicious Subject		60
Traffic Stops		
Trespass	Library 10 block Altarinda Rd	
Vandalism	Glorietta Elementary Theatre Square	
Vehicle Theft	10 block Washington Ln	
Vehicle Recovery	100 block Brookwood Rd	
Warrant Service	60 block Sunnyside Ln	

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Orinda Roads Plan Discussed

By Nick Marnell

At one of Mayor Steve Glazer's last public appearances before he departed for a seat in the state senate, he said that Orinda roads were not up to an acceptable standard. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission concurred, rating the overall road system in Orinda as poor by assigning it a Pavement Condition Index of 49 out of 100. The Orinda City Council, together with its Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission, held an informational meeting June 10 to discuss the city's road repair plan and whether it should be updated, and a potential additional funding option.

Harris and Associates, a construction management firm, estimated that \$52 million was needed to improve Orinda public roads to an average PCI of 70 (very good), with no roads below an index of 50. The CIOC estimated \$14 million more was needed to repair the drains. This \$66 million,

10-year Road and Drainage Repair Plan was presented to Orinda residents in 2012.

Orindans passed Measure L that year, which added a half-cent sales tax to pay for road maintenance and repair. Combined with revenue from a gasoline tax and a countywide transportation tax, plus money from the city's general fund, these sources contribute \$2 million a year to the 10-year road funding pool. Measure J authorized Orinda to issue \$20 million in general obligation bonds to fund the repair of storm drains and roads in the city. To reach the \$66 million goal, the road repair plan calls for an additional \$25.5 million to be raised through a parcel tax, a bond measure or another source.

But in December, Capital Asset and Pavement Services, Inc, a roads consultant using updated metrics, recommended that the ideal strategy for repairing the Orinda roads network

was to target a PCI rating in the mid-80s, with a five-year cost of \$59.2 million, exceeding the city's planned five-year funding level by approximately \$29.0 million. The company report determined that, if Orinda applied this strategy, the city's entire deferred maintenance backlog would be eliminated in the first year.

Council members agreed that since the public was promised a 10-year plan with an average PCI of 70, Orinda should not follow the CAPS ideal strategy recommendation, which would result in higher costs. "It would break our bond with the community when we asked them to vote for this plan," said Vice Mayor Victoria Smith.

Amy Worth, Orinda councilmember and MTC commissioner, charged the infrastructure commission to come up with a range of options to significantly raise the Orinda PCI yet stay within the framework of

the road repair plan. She discussed the potential countywide half-cent sales tax increase as an additional revenue source, and both she and CIOC chair Darlene Gee suggested that Orinda must determine priorities for what it hoped to achieve with the money derived from the passage of that tax measure, expected to be placed on the 2016 ballot. Suggested projects beyond general road repair included a pedestrian and bike plan, improved Highway 24 east access and a BART underground parking garage.

Public comments ranged from a request to repair a culvert in a neighborhood street to a proposal of taxing residents \$100 million to rebuild the entire Orinda road system. A resident later suggested that the 70/50 PCI goals were incompatible.

Not one speaker, however, indicated that money allocated to repairing Orinda roads was money misspent.

Cohesive New Look for Orinda

City Council approves wayfinding signage conceptual design

By Jennifer Wake



Illustration of new signage by Square Peg Design

City of Orinda staff report

With a downtown dissected into two by a freeway and BART tracks, finding a way around Orinda can be a difficult task for some without proper signage, according to Scott Cuyler, creative principal and co-founder of Square Peg Design. Cuyler presented the conceptual design for the Orinda Crossroads Area and BART Wayfinding Signage project at the May 18 city council meeting, outlining how the project would create cohesion between the two parts of town – the Village District and the Theatre District.

Newly appointed mayor, then council member, Dean Orr expressed his concern about focusing on the two distinct areas. "As a council, we are constantly working on actions to try to unify both sides of the freeway," he said. He asked, instead of two districts being highlighted, why not just Orinda?

Cuyler said creating cohesion is challenging, to say the least. "Everyone defines Orinda as a whole unit but even if you try to do that, you're still going to have to define the two sides because it's a physical fact. You have the 24 freeway and the BART station that splits it down the middle," he said. Signage for both districts would have different names, but have a common look.

In September 2014, Orinda received \$151,100 in TLC grant funds through the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Measure J) for improvements around the Orinda downtown leading to the Orinda BART station, according to documents included in the staff report. The city will provide an additional \$25,000 from Tree Mitigation funds for the project.

Square Peg Design took several factors into consideration when creating the project's conceptual design. It

focused on the importance of education in the community, using illuminated letters such as those found on gilded manuscripts in the design, and on the environment, using a color palate signifying the surrounding hills. The firm presented two distinct

designs to an advisory group, which suggested the two ideas be blended to feature illuminated letters "T" for Theatre District and "V" for Village District. The letters, entwined with oak leaves, will be featured in the soft colors of spring and summer.

The design included a sign added to the dark gray wall across the pedestrian bridge from the BART station, which would welcome residents and visitors as they exit the freeway. "Guests coming into Orinda would have a quick guide so they can make decisions whether to go to the left or right, to the Village or Theatre District," said Cuyler. The sign would include metal routed letters through the sign's aluminum face and be acrylic backed so they could be backlit and would light up the wall – something Orr, who walks that underpass frequently, was happy to hear.

Durability and longevity, as well as placement, were also important considerations in the design, said Cuyler.

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Applications for Orinda City Council Vacancy Available

The Orinda City Council is seeking applications to fill the City Council position vacated by Steve Glazer. The term will begin on the date of appointment and continue through December 6, 2016. The Council will be looking for an individual who has a thorough understanding of the issues facing the City and who can demonstrate a history of active civic leadership, community service and engagement in Orinda. In addition to regular Council business, the individual selected must be available to actively participate as a Council liaison to numerous external agencies and organizations as well as Orinda Commissions.

Requirements:

- Must be a resident of the City of Orinda
- Must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible
- The application also requires the filing of a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) for calendar year 2014

Process:
Interested applicants for the City Council position must:

1. Submit an application, including a Form 700, by 5:00pm on Monday, July 6, 2015. All applications and supplemental materials will be made available to the public after the application deadline.
2. Make a 5-minute opening statement and be available for questions at a Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 beginning at 6:00pm.
3. The City Council will consider all applications and may make an appointment at the July 15, 2015 Special Meeting or at a subsequent meeting prior to the July 27, 2015 deadline
4. The new City Councilmember would tentatively be sworn into office at the July 21, 2015 City Council Meeting

Any endorsements on behalf of candidates, via email, regular mail, or in writing are to be sent to the City Clerk, City Hall, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563.

To download the application packet please visit the City's website at www.cityoforinda.org. For additional information, please contact City Clerk Michele Olsen at molsen@cityoforinda.org or by calling (925) 253-4221.