



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 28, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Historical Landmark Committee

Tuesday, July 28, 3 p.m.
Gallery Room, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

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 June 21 to July 4

- Alarms** 74
- Animal Cruelty**
Library
20 block Orinda Wy
- 911 calls (includes hang-ups)** 11
- Barking Dog**
50 block Mira Loma
- Battery**
Miramonte High School
Knickerbocker/Spring Rd
- Burglary, Auto**
100 block Meadow View Rd
Wilder/Hwy 24
- Burglary, Residential**
80 block Sleepy Hollow Ln
300 block Miner Rd
10 block Risa Ct
80 block Estates Dr
10 block Harran Cr
- Burglary, Commercial**
20 block El Gavilan Rd
- Civil Problem**
300 block Glorietta Bl
30 block Oakwood Rd
- Custody Violation**
50 block Muth Dr
- Dependent Child**
Safeway
- Disturbance**
600 block Ironbark Cr
70 block Brentwood Rd
10 block Via Farallon
Miramonte High School
- Drunk in Public**
Tara Rd/Tarawood Dr
Safeway, Lafayette
- Defrauding Innkeeper**
100 block Stein Wy
- Harassment**
100 block Moraga Wy Rite Aid
- Theft, ID**
10 block Lavinia Ct
10 block Sager Ct
- Theft, Petty**
10 block Theatre Square
50 block Tarry Ln
10 block Ichabod Ln
Wagner Ranch Elementary
800 block Ironbark Pl
- Theft, Grand**
10 block Ivy Dr
- Fireworks**
10 block Ramona Dr
La Bolista Wy/Loma Vista Dr
El Toyonal/Camino Pablo
Tara/Overhill Rds
- Hit & Run**
10 block Ichabod Ln
Safeway
- Loud Music**
60 block Moraga Way
60 block Orchard Rd
10 block Charles Hill
- Loud Party**
70 block Scenic Dr
70 block Orchard Rd
- Loitering**
Charles Hill Place
- Missing Adult**
10 block Altarinda Rd
400 block Moraga Wy
- Neighbor Dispute**
10 block Dos Posos
- Police/Fire EMS**
10 block Charles Hill Rd
10 block Chelton Ct
20 block Charles Hill Rd
10 block Donald Dr
- Panhandling**
Starbucks
- Public Nuisance**
10 block Tarabrook Dr
Moraga Wy/Overhill Rd
- Promiscuous Shooting**
10 block Tumbling Brook Rd
70 block El Toyonal



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Council Gives Green Light to Seek Bids for Downtown Parking Study

By Victor Ryerson

The City Council has authorized Orinda city staff to seek competitive proposals from professional traffic planning and engineering firms to prepare a comprehensive parking study for the Crossroads/Theater District and the Village in the downtown area. The council's action follows numerous meetings in which downtown parking concerns were raised by residents and by the Orinda Chamber of Commerce. "The goal here is that we want to solve for local parking," emphasized Mayor Dean Orr, rather than "for people coming from elsewhere."

In recent months, residents and business owners have approached the council on a number of occasions about a variety of parking issues that prompted the council to act. These include the problem of overflow parking in local neighborhoods, limited parking for employees who work downtown, and shortage of merchant and customer parking, as well as overflow parking by BART riders. The council directed staff to prepare a formal draft Request for

Proposal (RFP) at its March 3 meeting, and approved the staff's draft with added language on July 7.

The consultant selected for the project will perform a complete analysis of the current downtown parking supply and demand situation in the downtown area, as well as neighboring residential areas. "The key thing is to know who is using the parking," observed Council Member Victoria Smith.

The RFP specifically requires the consultant to perform a parking audit in the field in addition to analytical tasks, prompting Jennifer Englewood to chide the council that the necessary information could be developed from available resources and meetings with residents. "I recommend discussions with a facilitator" before engaging a consultant, she urged, adding, "I bet you each a soda pop" that the results would be better.

Specific topics to be addressed in the report will include how to improve the efficiency of customer and employee parking, opportunities for public-private partnerships

for using available parking spaces most efficiently, and improvement of the existing parking enforcement program. Among solutions to be considered are the issuance of parking passes or permits for downtown neighbors and employees. Council member Eve Phillips also asked staff to add consideration of instituting shuttles on the Moraga Road corridor to utilize parking facilities that are outside the downtown area.

Phillips has been actively working on the BART overflow issue. Although BART commuter parking will be considered in the study, she observed that BART's attitude toward its parking overflow has been less than sympathetic until recently. "BART does not think much about the land outside BART," she said, and overflow BART parking has been regarded as "our problem." However, she and former mayor Steve Glazer recently met with BART in an effort to generate joint solutions to the problem.

The study must also consider methods of financing improvements

in the parking supply – perhaps including parking meters. Orr anticipates that such recommendations will undoubtedly generate "robust discussion" down the road.

City Manager Janet Keeter stated that the rough estimate of the projected cost of the report is \$45,000 to \$65,000. Although she said price will be an incredibly important factor in the selection process, the contract will not necessarily go to the low bidder. She emphasized that the city wants a report recommending concrete solutions. "Deliverables would be action-oriented plans," she said.

Although the staff is authorized to issue the RFP, selection of the consultant will come before the council with the staff's recommendation. Following the selection, the winning bidder will be required to conduct several kinds of public meetings to obtain input for the report under the requirements of the RFP. These will include a kickoff meeting; one or two stakeholder meetings with downtown business owners, residents and staff; and up to three public input meetings.

Council to Interview Candidates for Glazer Vacancy at Public Meeting

By Victor Ryerson

Orinda residents can put in their two cents' worth on the selection of the next Orinda City Council member at a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15 in the Orinda Library Auditorium. The current council members will interview the candidates for the position vacated by then-mayor Steve Glazer, who submitted his resignation on May 28 when he was sworn in as state senator following his victory in a runoff election. The council opted to appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy rather than call a special election, which would have cost the city roughly \$38,000 to \$63,000.

Eight candidates have submitted applications and required financial responsibility forms by the July 6 deadline. Each will make a five-minute statement to the current council, followed by a question-and-answer session by the council members. Members of the public will be allowed to attend and observe, and after all eight candidates have been vetted by the council,

public comments will be taken. Under the council's regular practice, each member of the public will generally be allotted three minutes to speak. The council will then deliberate and select the new council member, who will tentatively be sworn in on July 21. The winning candidate will fill the midterm vacancy until it expires at the end of December 2016.

The candidates who submitted applications for the vacancy are:

- Owen Murphy, a retired businessman who has served twice on the city's Finance Advisory Committee;
- Bob Thompson, an investment manager who has also served on the Finance and Advisory Committee;
- Juan Nelson Kelly, an actuary, who serves as Orinda's liaison to the Contra Costa County Library Commission;
- Darlene Gee, a civil engineer, who currently chairs Orinda's Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission;
- Carlos Baltodano, a building

safety consultant, who has served on the Orinda Planning Commission and other city organizations;

- Linda Delehunt, an educational consultant;
- Rachel Zenner, director of government relations for Safeway Inc., who has served on Orinda's Parks and Recreation Commission; and
- Cara Hoxie, a former corporate attorney and current stay-at-home mom who has been active as a community volunteer with the Educational Foundation of Orinda, among

other organizations.

Applicants were asked a variety of questions, including "Why are you interested in serving on the Orinda City Council?" And "What do you hope to accomplish while holding this position?" Responses to questions, as well as detailed background information about each applicant, are available online at <https://cityoforinda.app.box.com/s/hcvw4r4sabyb0rzfbu044ksbxmi72am/1/3982570879/33045359533/1>.

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Moraga Wy/Glorietta Bl (2)
- Shoplift**
Safeway
- Susp. Circumstances** 17
- Suspicious Vehicle** 29
- Suspicious Subject** 10
- Traffic Stops** 131
- Trespass**
10 block Ichabod Ln
Manzanita/Vista Drs
- Uncontrollable Juvenile**
El Toyonal/Camino Pablo
- Unwanted Guest**
CVS
20 block Ridge Ln
- Vandalism**
50 block Ivy Dr
- Vehicle Theft**
100 block Manzanita Dr
- Verbal Dispute**
20 block Overhill Rd
- Warrant Service**
400 block Dalewood Dr (2)

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