



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, Nov. 9, 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 Oct. 11 to 24

Alarms	42
Noise Complaints	5
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic Stops	106
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subjects	11
Suspicious Vehicles	22
Abandoned Vehicle	
10 block Ardor Dr	
Animal Cruelty	
10 block Knickerbocker Ln	
Barking Dog	
100 block Via Floreado	
30 block Oak Rd	
60 block La Cuesta Rd	
Battery	
10 block Van Tassel Ln	
Burglary, Auto	
Quarry Hill/Bigleaf Rds	
Burglary, Residential	
60 block Moraga Via	
Civil	
Citibank	
Disturbance	
El Toyonal/Camino del Cielo	
Miramonte High School	
10 block Altarinda Rd	
20 block Dos Posos	
Camino Pablo/Brookwood	
1000 block Walnut Dr	
10 block Theatre Square	
80 block Orinda Way	
Fraud	
10 block Broadview Terr	
10 block Charles Hill Rd	
Harassment	
70 block Coral Dr	
100 block Spring Rd	
Health & Safety Violation	
Glorietta Elementary	
Hit & Run	
St Stephen's/El Nido Ranch Rd	
Indecent Exposure	
70 block Donald Dr	
ID Theft	
Reported to police	
50 block Singingwood Ln	
40 block Ivy Dr	
Police/Fire/ EMS	
200 block La Espiral	
600 block Ironbark Cir	
Public Nuisance	
20 block Orinda Way	
Reckless Driving	
Camino Pablo/Claremont Av	
Bear Creek/San Pablo Dam Rds	
Hamlin Rd/Solana Dr	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way	
Moraga Way/Orchard Rd	
Miramonte High School	
St. Stephen's/Hwy 24	
Shoplift	
10 block Camino Sobrante	
Theft, Petty	
50 block La Cuesta Rd	
10 block Harran Cr	



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Council Denies Appeal, Approves J&J Ranch Subdivision Plan

By Victor Ryerson



Proposed site Map data Google, overlay Tentative Map J&J Ranch Subdivision 9271, Rev. 6-18-13 courtesy City of Orinda website

After taking a second look at the environmental impact report (EIR) and subdivision map for the development of 13 home sites surrounding the Moraga Adobe, the Orinda City Council has denied an appeal of the previous planning commission approval by three neighboring homeowners. The council's action clears the way for the developer, J&J Ranch Partners, to move forward with the process of seeking further approvals required to build the homes, and for restoring and using the historic adobe.

The discussion during the long Oct. 20 meeting focused on specific challenges to the adequacy of the EIR and complaints by members of the public at the meeting. The large group was composed of local residents who showed up to speak. The council had little difficulty accepting the city staff's responses to a number of alleged inadequacies of the environmental review, but two aspects of the plan emerged as particular concerns.

One issue was the selection of the vehicular entry to the subdivision. The developer's plan calls for access via the northwesterly end of Donna Maria Way between El Camino Moraga and Adobe Lane, the new road on the subdivision property. One group of neighbors challenged this choice, favoring instead Alternative 5, a shorter route to Adobe Lane via Donna Maria Way East. However, that entry crosses Moraga Creek and associated riparian wetlands, and the council rejected the choice in favor of the planned route as the environmentally superior alternative.

The second issue, which emerged

for the first time at this hearing, was a challenge by owners along Donna Maria to widening certain portions of the road to 20 feet in order comply with fire code requirements. This requirement was recently called to the attention of the developer and the city by the fire marshal. A number of affected owners, whose road frontage would have to be widened by one to three feet, object that this would be an impermissible use of an easement

created along the private road when it was laid out 50 years ago. The issue may be litigated by the developer and the homeowners, causing Council Member Eve Phillips to cast the lone vote against approval to avoid the appearance of "giving tacit approval for the easement" pending resolution of the dispute. Several other council members referred to the easement issue in explaining their reasons for voting to approve the

project, but were not troubled by the existence of the controversy and expressed their overall support for the project plan and EIR as a whole.

Mayor Dean Orr particularly stressed the amount of work that went into providing for preservation of the Moraga Adobe as "worth noting," and praised the preservation of nearly 40 percent of the property as a scenic easement as "not a small deal."

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