



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
Orinda Library

Parks & Recreation Committee

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 7:00pm
Orinda Community Center, Room 7
28 Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Orinda Unified School District

Monday, April 11, 6 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
8 Altarinda Rd., Orinda
www.orindaschools.org

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report March 6 to 19, 2016

Alarms	66
Noise complaints	8
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	7
Traffic stops	65
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subjects	10
Suspicious Vehicles	19
Abandoned Vehicle	
60 block Brookwood Rd.	
4300 block El Nido Ranch Rd.	
Animal cruelty	
Bank of America	
Assault w/deadly weapon	
Orchard Rd./Moraga Way	
Burglary, Auto	
10 block Orinda Way	
500 block Tahos Rd.	
Orinda Way/Camino Sobrante	
El Ribero/Camino Sobrante (2)	
10 block Owl Hill Ct.	
70 block Ardilla Rd.	
20 block Fallen Leaf Ter.	
300 block Dalewood Dr.	
50 block Orchard Ct.	
Civil problem	
80 block Davis Rd.	
80 block Moraga Way	
10 block Lavina Ct.	
60 block Brookwood Rd.	
Coroner's case	address n/a
Dependent child	Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.
DUI	Moraga Way/El Camino
Fight	Orinda Intermediate School
Fraud	70 block Hacienda Cr
Forgery	200 block Sundown Ter.
Harassment	60 block Brookwood Rd.
Hit & Run	80 block La Espiral (2) 600 block Crosswood Pl.
ID Theft	200 block Moraga Way 100 block Crest View Dr.
Neighbor dispute	40 block Muth Dr. 30 block Muth Dr. Wild Rye Way/Rabble Rd.
Ordinance violation	Estates Dr/Brookside Rd. 10 block Theatre Square
Panhandling	CVS
Police/Fire/ EMS	500 block Moraga Way 20 block Bryant Way
Public Nuisance	60 block Moraga Way 10 block Harran Cir.
Reckless Driving	Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. Camino Pablo/Hwy 24 Lombardy Ln./Miner Rd. Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd. (2) 40 block Muth Dr. Honey Hill/Charles Hill Rds.
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New Village Development will 'Enliven' Orinda

By Vic Ryerson



A rendering of the proposed development on Orinda Way.

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Orinda Village will be getting a facelift as the Planning Commission approved a major project across the street from Orinda's community center.

After holding a study session and two formal public hearings, the commission approved a commercial development proposal located directly across Orinda Way from the Orinda Library and Community Center. The new building will house ground-level retail and restaurant spaces, second floor offices, and associated rooftop and second story public parking spaces. The plan features a public area for outdoor seating and café tables at the sidewalk level, and existing trees will be incorporated into the sidewalk design.

The developer, Paul Urgenti of Tandem Real Estate Co., adapted the project plan several times in response to comments offered by the commission and the public since it was unveiled in November. The biggest change from the original proposal was to move the front of

the building back an average of three feet to widen the sidewalk to 11 feet – a width the developer says is sufficient to accommodate three double strollers, side-by-side. Overhangs were also pulled back. This change reduced the leasable area by 500 square feet. Commissioner Willy Mautner commended the developer for making these changes, expressing his feeling that the usable sidewalk area "will really enliven the town."

Changes were also made to the front and rear facades in response to comments. Additional changes to the front of the building will reduce the appearance of the architectural themes from three to four. Additional features were added to the rear façade for the same reason, improving the view from the Vintage building behind the site.

Not everyone was entirely pleased with the result. Sixty-five-year Orinda resident Lawrence Burde remarked that "ticky-tack façade architecture is horrible." Other reactions were more restrained, and

the commission directed staff to work with the developer to modify a particularly troublesome Spanish colonial element added to the front in response to earlier comments.

Recognizing that no plan would please everyone, the commission reached a consensus that this project met all of the city's zoning requirements, and is a good first step toward improvement of the downtown. They all agreed that it is an improvement over what exists now. The empty lot, which has languished for many years behind a chain link fence, was previously the site of a defunct service station. Its dimensions, tapering from a width of 100 feet at the south to 50 feet at the north, presented a significant challenge to development because of the economics and various zoning requirements, a fact that the commission acknowledged. The strategic location across from the heart of Orinda's community center also made the project design a particularly sensitive issue for the public.

Approval required waiving the 35-foot height limitation to accommodate certain features of the building, including a tower that will house the elevator shaft. The 10-foot setback requirement from lot lines was also waived, so the building basically fills the entire lot.

The result is a building with an entirely new look for the Village side of Orinda, and may well be a precursor of future designs for projects in the area. "It's a good design," declared Commissioner Claire Sammon Roberts. It "offers what some Orindans say they want," conceded public speaker Bruce London less enthusiastically.

There is a 10-day appeal period before the commission's decision is final.

A three-dimensional virtual animation of a street level drive-by of the building design as it was presented to the commission on March 22 may be viewed at <https://cityoforinda.box.com/s/qu2u7ebz-flv11ytksw00kpyhd5mi9e11>.

City Paves the Way for Revised Roads, Drainage Plan

By Vic Ryerson

Orinda's City Council approved an updated plan for repairing the city roads and associated drainage, an effort that originated in 2012 as the 10-year Plan, but is revisited every two years. The plan was last updated in April 2014.

The plan depends upon approval of future funding of \$47 million by the council and voters, and adds a fifth phase to the previous four to allow for that funding approval to be accomplished in two steps. The council has already acted to put a \$25 million general obligation bond issue on the ballot this June. The remaining \$22 million needed to complete the work will be sought by approval of another bond, parcel

tax or other means in 2018.

The fifth and final phase will involve extending the current half-cent sales tax, which expires in 2022, and seeking other revenue sources to maintain the improved condition of the roads.

The overall objective of the repair program is to increase the condition of all of Orinda's 92.5 miles of paved, publicly owned roads to a minimum Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 50 or greater over the course of the work, and then have sufficient resources to maintain the roads to that standard afterward. Given the history of gradual deterioration since the city's founding because of the shortage of avail-

able funding in the city's budget, this is an ambitious goal. The city has elected to do the work in stages, funding each stage as the program progresses and revising the plan as each stage nears completion, to gain voter acceptance.

The ongoing project is one that Council Member Amy Worth likened to building a series of buildings, rather than completing a single project. The city is currently performing repairs with revenues raised under the first two phases of the project, as well as state and federal grants and other unplanned sources.

The updated plan adopted by the council on March 15 reflects

changes since the 2014 update, including the passage of Measure L, which approved a one-half cent sales tax increase that provides approximately \$1 million each year, and Measure J, which allows the city to raise \$40 million through a general obligation bond issue for repair of the worst residential roads and associated drainage. Roads are still being repaired under Phases 1 and 2 of the plan.

The city uses a detailed methodology to prioritize the selection of roads to improve to reach the minimum average PCI of 50. The full report and more detailed information are available at the City's website, www.cityoforinda.org.

- Runaway juvenile**
50 block Barbara Rd.
Miramonte High School
- Uncontrollable juvenile**
50 block Barbara Rd.
- Shoplift**
Rite Aid
Safeway
20 block Orinda Way
- Theft, Petty**
Hwy 24/ Camino Pablo
50 block Orchard Rd.
Safeway
100 block Sleepy Hollow Ln.
- Threats**
Wilder/Rabble Rd.
- Trespass**
10 block Orinda Way
- Unwanted Guest**
60 block Moraga Way
Theatre Square
- Vandalism**
20 block Charles Hill Cir.
10 block Spring Court
80 block Tarry Ln.



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