



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, July 5, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

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

Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission

Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
City Hall, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meetings

Orinda Unified School District

TBA
Regular Board Meeting
8 Altarinda Rd., Orinda
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 29 to June 11

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|----------------------------|----|
| Alarms | 61 |
| 911 Calls (incl. hang-ups) | 1 |
| Noise complaints | 7 |
| Traffic stops | 48 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 14 |
| Suspicious Subjects | 10 |
| Suspicious Vehicles | 15 |

Abandoned Vehicle

70 block Meadow View Rd.

Animal Cruelty

Safeway

Battery

100 block Moraga Way

Burglary, Auto

200 block El Toyonal

Civil Problem

40 block Muth Dr.

Death, non-criminal

500 block Miner Rd.

60 block Via Floreado

Dispute, Verbal

80 block Brookwood Rd.

70 block Orinda Way

Disturbance

Brookwood/Spring Rd.

Donald Dr./Hall Dr. (2)

Lavenida/Donna Maria Way

Safeway

Glorietta Elementary

DUI

Oak Hill Rd./Mt Diablo Blvd.

Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.

Lombardy Ln./Miner Rd.

Hwy 24/St. Stephens

Theatre Square

Fraud, credit

60 block Moraga Way

Hit & Run

Safeway

Miner Rd./Camino Pablo

Camino Pablo/Los Amigos

10 block Orinda Way

Miramonte High School

Ordinance Violation

10 block Spring Rd.

Police/Fire/EMS response

10 block Altarinda Cr.

Tahos Rd./Wanda Ln.

50 block Tara Rd.

10 block Camino Encinas

Bear Creek/San Pablo Dam Rd.

Possession Stolen property

Safeway

Reckless Driving

Moraga Way/Valley View Dr.

Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.

Rheem Blvd./Zander Dr.

Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante

Camino Pablo/Monte Vista

Moraga Way/Camino Encinas

Camino Pablo/Hwy 24

Lombardy/Van Ripper Lanes

Suicide

10 block Irwin Way

Theft, Petty

100 block Glorietta Blvd.

10 block Theatre Square

Library

10 block Moraga Way

Theft, ID

20 block El Patio

Theft, Vehicle

10 block La Fond Ln.

Trespass

Orinda Country Club (2)

Vandalism

Wagner Ranch Elementary



Maureen Wilbur

Coming Soon! ~Secret Hideaway in Heart of Walnut Creek

Built in 1985 this single level 2 bedroom 2 bath townhome with an approximate 1130 square feet, attached large 2 car garage and fenced patio with yard is part of Brighton Hills, a small townhome community, and is short distance to Walnut Creek BART and Highways 24 & 680. The home is at the back of the community and private.



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Orinda's Downtown Parking Action Plan Stalls

By Victor Ryerson

Table 1. Parking Inventory by Zone

| | Total | UNMARKED | 10 MIN | 20 MIN | 1 HR | 2 HR | 3 HR | 4 HR | ADA | FLZ | PLZ | 1 HR MC |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Zone1 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Zone2 | 124 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 33 | 11 | 70 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Zone3 | 185 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zone4 | 130 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 70 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Zone5 | 48 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total or Average | 574 | 73 | 1 | 16 | 70 | 211 | 11 | 175 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 |

Table provided

Although a consultant's study into downtown Orinda's parking issues provided some interesting facts and insights, it appears to fall short of the actionable plan of pragmatic measures to solve Orinda's parking problems called for by the city council when it commissioned the study.

TJKM, the consultant that conducted the Downtown and Affected Neighborhoods Parking Study for the City of Orinda, presented its preliminary findings and recommendations at a community meeting on June 13, following nearly six months of data collection and analysis.

It will present its final report to the city council at an unspecified future date and no additional community meetings are planned, but public comments may still be

submitted for consideration to tgilmore@cityoforinda.org.

For the present, TJKM's specific recommendations are limited to four measures to increase the management of existing parking inventory in the downtown and immediately adjacent neighborhoods.

Chris Kinzel made the presentation on behalf of TJKM, briefly explaining the methodology that was used and the findings made before outlining the recommendations. Essentially, the downtown and adjacent neighborhoods were classified into five zones. A total of 574 parking spaces were identified in these five areas. On the data collection date, Thursday, Feb. 25, parking occupancy and duration were recorded hourly at 8, 9 and 10 a.m. and at 3, 4, and

5 p.m. in each of the zones. Curiously, no data was reported for the midday period from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., when there is a perceptibly high volume of downtown parking and turnover related to banking, restaurant, library, Community Center use, and retail activity, a feature of the study that Kinzel did not explain.

Of the total inventory of spaces in the study area, 13 percent are not currently subject to a time limit, 37 percent are subject to a two-hour limit, 30 percent to a four-hour limit, and 12 percent to a one-hour limit. On average, the occupancy rate for all spaces for the day was found to be 48 percent, varying from a low of 32 percent during the 8 a.m. hour to a high of 57 percent at 3 and 4 p.m. These percentages are bro-

ken down in further detail in the study. High demand areas were identified on Orinda Way, Santa Maria Way, Bates Boulevard, Brookwood Road, and in the Theater Square area.

TJKM also conducted an online survey on the city's website to identify the purpose and duration of trips involving downtown parking, and received 420 responses, 88 percent of which were from Orinda residents. Fifty-eight percent cited shopping and errands as the reasons for making their trips, but BART was given as the reason in 13 percent of the responses. On the other hand, 42 percent responded that their perception is BART parking is the reason for Orinda's high parking demand.

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Orinda Council Happy with Bargain Mini-Park

By Sora O'Dogherty

After years in the planning, the conceptual design of the Orinda mini-park came back to the city council recently, with a price tag knocked down from \$400,000 to \$100,000, and the council was happy with the bargain.

The Orinda Community Foundation has committed to dedicating up to \$150,000 for the renovation of the mini-park, which is located at the intersection of Camino Pablo and Brookwood Drive. It is in need of attention because redwood trees planted to screen the back of Theatre Square are causing problems for PG&E. The trees are directly beneath high voltage transmission lines and, according to PG&E, must be removed. The city has agreed, and has been working with the utility for over four years to arrive at a plan for removing the trees and refreshing to look of the area. Other problems include the non-functional fountain and landscaping at the end of its lifespan.

The city has been working with the OCF, local garden clubs and Gates and Associates to develop the conceptual design for the mini-park. There have been six public hearings on the matter. When last considered by the council in February of 2015, the recommended preferred design was estimated to cost between \$350,000 to \$450,000. The council requested that staff come back to them with a project reduced to approximately \$100,000.

The new recommended conceptual design uses the existing pathways, and updates the landscaping and event sign. In addition, an Orinda monument sign will be installed on the corner.

PG&E has assured the city that the tree removal will be scheduled only shortly before work on the re-landscaping begins, and that is hoped to be in the fall. PG&E has had its share of difficulties regarding the removal of trees in other communities, the company stated that it is compliant with statutes, such as the Migratory Bird Act, and has a 40 page document on wildlife issues dated December


2015, which is available to the public on its web site.

At the June 21 meeting, council member Darlene Gee asked if the replacement trees would be evergreen and received assurance from city


staff that such is the plan, although the exact species of tree is not yet known, and was also told that PG&E has specifications for the maximum height of trees planted below high voltage transmission lines.

Council member Dean Orr complimented staff on managing to scale back the project and expressed the hope that the city can tie all the construction projects in the area together and have a single grand reopening.

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