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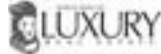
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Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors
Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m.
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas. Visit www.mofd.org

ConFire Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1:30 p.m.
Board Chamber room 107,
Administration Building,
651 Pine St., Martinez
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Indian Valley safety concerns frustrate Canyon residents

By Nick Marnell



Photo Andy Scheck

Canyon residents flocked to the July 18 Moraga-Orinda Fire District board meeting to speak out against the proposed Moraga development at Indian Valley, many arguing that the district is recommending an unsafe fire access road that enters the development too close to its main entrance.

Indian Valley is a planned 71-home subdivision located off of Canyon Road in Moraga, north of the Valle Vista Staging Area and near the community of Canyon. The Indian Valley application was submitted to the town in December 2016, and the application for the conceptual development plan is under review, according to Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg.

Fire Chief Dave Winnacker said that the district has provided comments on the conceptual design of Indian Valley, including the access road requirements. He referenced a Feb. 1 letter from Fire Marshal Kathy Leonard to the Moraga acting planning director in which Leonard explained that the conceptual design of the development had one public road and an emergency vehicle access road as a second entrance into the project, but that the EVA was gated and

locked.

"Locked gates slow fire agency response times and force residents to have only one way out if they have to evacuate," Leonard wrote. She recommended the elimination of the EVA for a road with no gates or locks that can be used by either the public or by responders. The access road Leonard recommended lies about 100 feet from the main entrance to the development, as the district determined that other possible locations for the access road were unsafe.

But Canyon residents complained that the second proposed access road should be separated from the entrance by approximately 0.6 miles, citing their interpretation of the fire code. "The plan approved by MOFD has these two access points very close together and this compromises safety," said community resident Jonathan Goodwin. "One disruption could block both access points and entrap residents while preventing ingress of emergency personnel."

"Canyon Road is very unsafe," added another community resident. "There is a blind curve at the access road entrance to the development." Other residents urged the Indian Valley develop-

er to add an access road on the far north side of the canyon or to consider reducing the number of housing units to 25, obviating the need for a second access road.

"If the development cannot be built safely, it should not be built at all," Goodwin said.

Winnacker stood by the recommendation of his fire marshal: The development requires two fire apparatus access roads, plus other mitigation efforts including a dedicated water supply, hydrants outside and within the project, paved code-compliant roads, risk-reducing vegetation management and fire-resistive construction. Winnacker said those requirements have been submitted to the town.

"Our requirements as applied will result in the development being as safe as it can be," Winnacker said.

Indian Valley remains a long-range project for the town. "My best guess is, we're looking at a year, maybe two, before this thing gets anywhere close," Moraga Council Member Kimberleigh Korpus told the MOFD board. Korpus said that the next step is the preparation of an environmental impact report.

Work progressing on Lafayette Fire Station 16, March opening still planned

By Nick Marnell



Workers prepare fire station pad for underground utilities in this late July photo. Retaining wall is at left.

Photo courtesy Steve Hill, ConFire

The construction site may not appear to be a buzz of activity, but a Contra Costa County Fire Protection District official assured Lafayette residents that work on Fire Station 16 is moving along on schedule.

Since the district mitigated the removal of two protected oak trees on the site this spring, no major problems have unfurled, and only minor change orders have been approved, according to Assistant Fire Chief Aaron McAlister. One additional tree was targeted as a potential problem near the foundation, but the chief said a final decision on whether to remove that tree will not drag out the project.

A large retaining wall was completed on the south side of the station site, and work is now being done on the pad foundation, which lies at one height for the building and at a lower height for the apparatus bay. "It's the hardest pad I've ever run into," said a construction worker at the end of July. "And that's what you want."

McAlister said that the workers will next put in the underground utilities, and that a permanent foundation will be poured in the middle of August.

The chief said that the district still expects to open the new facility in March.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report July 3 to July 8

Alarms	18
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	86
Suspicious Circumstances	12
Suspicious Subject	5
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Service to Citizen	47
Patrol Request/ Security Check	45
Vacation House Check	35
Supplemental Report	11
Welfare Check	4
Animal Cruelty	Rheem Valley Shopping Center Homegoods
Beat Info	Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.
Child Molest	Pd Mor Police Department

Civil	900 Block Country Club Dr. 20 Block Sarah Ln. Campolindo High School
Disturbance-Domestic	200 Block Fernwood Dr. 10 Block Josefa Pl. 1300 Block Camino Peral Moraga/Buch.
Dui Misd	Rheem Blvd./Fernwood Dr. (3)
Excessive Speed	Rheem Blvd./St. Mary's Rd. (2) Sanders Dr./Canyon Rd. Police Department
Found Adult	Campolindo High School
Found Property	Hacienda
Hailed By Citizen	Rheem Theater
Juvenile Disturbance	Campolindo High School
Lost Property	1200 Block Rimer Dr.
Loud Music	El Camino Flores/Baitx Dr. Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
Loud Noise	
Loud Party	

Medical Hospital	1100 Block Larch Ave.
Mentally Ill Commit	50 Block York Pl.
Ordinance Violation	300 Block Rheem Blvd. 20 Block El Camino Flores 200 Block Scofield Dr. Larch Ave./Canyon Rd.
Other Misdemeanor	300 Block Rheem Blvd. 50 Block Rick Ct.
Other Non Criminal	St. Marys College (3) Canyon Rd./Larch Ave.
Petty Theft From Veh	Rheem Bumoraga Rd. 600 Block Moraga Rd Moraga Rd./Via Granada
Public Assembly Check	Campolindo High School
Reckless Driving	30 Block Freitas Dr. 10 Block El Camino Flores
Traffic Hazard	200 Block Corliss Dr. Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
Uncontrollable Juvenile	
Unwanted Guest	
Verbal Dispute	
Warrant Arrest	

Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report July 15 to July 28

Alarms	65
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	80
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subjects	11
Suspicious Vehicles	14
Patrol Request/ Security Check	22
Service to Citizen	59
Supplemental Report	26
Vacation House Check	1
Welfare Check	9
Accident Property	80 Block Moraga Way Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd. Miramonte High School 400 Block Moraga Way 200 Block Glorietta Blvd.
Attempt	CVS Orinda Theater Wilder Sports Fields
Auto Burglary	60 Block Moraga Way 50 Block Monte Vista Rd. Sr 24 At Fish Ranch Rd. 10 Block La Noria 60 Block Sunnyside Ln. 70 Block Van Ripper Ln. 70 Block El Toyonal
Civil Problem	60 Block Moraga Way
Conspiracy	Miner Rd./Brookbank Rd.
Death Non Criminal	Fem Way/Monte Veda Dr.
Disturbance-Domestic	
Disturbing The Peace	
Drunk In Public	
Dui Misdemeanor	
Fireworks	

Found Property	San Pablo Dam Rd./Bear Creek Rd. Orinda Country Club
H&S/Poss Of Contr Sub	First Republic Bank
Hailed By Citizen	50 Block Moraga Way
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24 10 Block Camino Sobrante Europa Hofbrau 50 Block Oakwood Rd. El Ribero/Camino Sobrante Glorietta Elementary School Glorietta Blvd./Rheem Blvd. Safeway
Indecent Exposure	Scenic Dr./Orchard Rd. (3)
Juvenile Disturbance	100 Block Hillcrest Dr. 10 Block Martha Rd. 10 Block Wildwood Rd. Brookside Rd./Orchard Rd. 10 Block Crest View Dr. 50 Block Berkeley Av Safeway
Loud Noise	Monte Vista Ridge Rd./Monte Vista
Loud Party	Orinda Community Center
Medical Hospital	10 Block Mariposa Ln. 10 Block Altarinda Rd. Safeway
Missing Adult	Bank Of America
Occupied Stalled Vehicle	Cam Pablo/Miner Rd. Orinda Way/Camino Pablo
Ordinance Violation	Safeway Overhill Rd./Scenic Dr. 100 Block Hillcrest Dr. 10 Block Monterey Terrace

Orinda	Kittiwake Rd./Manzanita Dr. Tumbling Brook Rd./Vista Del
Panhandling	
Petty Theft	Camino Pablo/Eb 24 Off Safeway (2)
Petty Theft From Vehicle	200 Block Glorietta Blvd.
Public Assembly Check	10 Block Camino Sobrante (5)
Public Nuisance	Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. Miramonte High School Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd. (2)
Reckless Driving	30 Block Spring Rd. 500 Block Moraga Way Wilder Blvd./Eb Sr 24 Moraga Way/Brookside Rd. Rheem Blvd./Moraga Via Las Vegas Rd./St Stephens Dr. 100 Block Glorietta Blvd. 10 Block Camino Sobrante Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24 Orinda Park Pool
Traffic Hazard	St Stephens Dr./Tahos Rd. 500 Block Bear Creek Rd. Theatre Square (2) 60 Block Moraga Way 20 Block Knickerbocker Ln. 10 Block De Soto Ct. Police Department
Traffic Stop	30 Block Zander Dr.
Trespass W/ Vehicle	Theatre Square
Vandalism	10 Block Hillcrest Dr. Bryant Way/Davis Rd.
Verbal Dispute	30 Block Zander Dr.
Violation Dom. Viol. Order	
Walk Through	
Warrant Arrest	
Warrant Service	