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Residents invited to Workshop on building height and design in downtown areas

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As part of the continuing effort to complete a Downtown Precise Plan, there will be a joint Zoom meeting Nov. 19 of the city council, the Orinda planning commission, city staff and Opticos Design, the consultant team preparing objective design standards.

In drafting the plan, the city hopes to be able to have different standards for the different areas of Orinda's downtown. These areas are known as character areas, and the workshop will discuss whether the areas should have differing standards for things such as building heights and design standards. Following a discussion on potential changes to allowable building heights and changes to building design standards in these character areas, the meeting will then go to breakout rooms to allow participants to share their thoughts in a smaller group setting.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Although registration is optional, all attendees are requested to RSVP in order to allow staff to estimate the number of participants. The Zoom meeting link will then be available on the Downtown Precise Plan page at least one week prior to the workshop:

<http://cityoforinda.org/445/Downtown-Precise-Plan>.

To RSVP, use the link, <https://forms.gle/ZxiHGwMEsuW4pqA99>

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