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Refuse collection rates rise again; no relief for private roads

By Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda City Council discussed another increase in solid waste collection fees for Orinda residents at the Nov. 2 city council meeting. The proposed increase will be voted upon by the members of the Joint Powers Authority RecycleSmart. Orinda Mayor Amy Worth and Council Member Inga Miller represent Orinda on the JPA.

The 3.88% increase will be effective March 1, 2022. Based on container size, the rate increase is estimated to increase monthly garbage rates by an additional \$1.85 for the smallest container to \$3.96 for the largest. The rate increase also includes an increase in the vehicle im-

pact/street maintenance component.

The council received public comment from Doug Stella, a resident of Wilder where most of the residential streets are private. Stella pointed out that "the fee charged to the garbage company should reflect the wear and tear of all the roads in Orinda – both public and private." He suggested that "the city should allocate the money collected back to the residents that live on roads not maintained by the city so we can maintain them." Stella added that he will use his vote to help remedy this inequity.

Stella's message prompted discussion by the council, including the two

representatives to the JPA. Miller said that she had asked if there is a way to legally be able to collect for wear and tear on private roads and was told that there was not. Vice Mayor Dennis Fay said that the increase is based on damage to public roads only, but for roughly 80% of Orinda residents the actual cost will be under \$2 a month.

Council Member Darlene Gee said she was disappointed that there doesn't seem to be any ability to appear to be more equitable to private road residents. She said she is empathetic with private road residents, and doesn't think it is practical that they haul their garbage down to a public road to

avoid damage to their roads caused by garbage trucks, which, Gee added, cause the most damage to roads.

Speaking generally about the increase, Gee said the rate increase won't be very popular as "people see rates go up while service goes down." Noting that collection is now taking two days whereas before it only took one, she added, "the board needs to emphasize that as rates go up performance needs to return."

There was also a brief discussion of the upcoming contract renewal for collection services and the possibility that lighter weight trucks that would be less harmful to the roads could be on the horizon.

New mural on library wall will literally put Orinda on the map

By Sora O'Doherty

The nature of Orinda, from plants to animals to topography, will grace the south wall of the Orinda Library next year in a mural commissioned by the Friends of the Orinda Library. The \$100,000 mural by Ink Dwell, artist Jane Kim's Bay Area studio that explores the wonders of the natural world, will be funded by the Friends of the Orinda Library, the group that raised the money to build the library 20 years ago.

President of the Friends, Nancy Ross-Madnick, presented the plans for the mural to the city council on Oct. 19, as an item for the good of the city. The mural features plants and animals that are native to Orinda and a map of the city's streets and topography. It will cover the south wall over the entrance to the garage and wrap around onto part of the front wall facing Orinda Way.

Starting work in the spring of 2022, Ink Dwell will take an estimated six weeks to paint the mural on the building using a very durable paint. According to Ross-Madnick, the mural artist is very experienced with other locations with challenging weather. With at least four layers of clear coat on top of the mural, it is anticipated to last at least 30 years. The library building is currently owned by the Friends for the next 30 years, after which the city will take over the ownership of the building.

Katie Rittmann, an experienced fundraiser, joined the board of the Friends and she's in charge of fundraising for this project. Thus far, the Friends have spent about a year working on the project, and have contracted with Ink Dwell to create the design. The Friends paid for the design with the help of the Orinda Community Foundation. Ross-Madnick told the Lamorinda Weekly, "When we found out what the budget is, all the board members contributed." Ross-Madnick says that the Friends are confident that they will raise necessary funds.

The mural features the



Mock-up on building

Image provided

ecosystem flora and fauna that are particularly unique to Orinda, such as river otters, and also topographical lines and a map of the city streets. The mural is meant as an educational tool for people and to beautify Orinda. There will be brochures and there will be signage to identify the animals and plants. There will also be a freestanding sign honoring the donors to the wall with some additional explanatory text. Further, the Friends and the city will have information about the mural on their websites.

Ross-Madnick speculated that the mural might be visible from BART, since a number of trees have been cut down for fire safety. It will definitely be seen from the pedestrian bridge leading from the BART station to Orinda Village.

At the city council meeting, public speaker Nick Waranoff raised the issue of liability. In response to his written comments, the city was named as an additional insured in the mural contract. Ross-Madnick explained that there is a very extensive agreement between the Friends and Ink Dwell known as an Artwork Commission Agreement. The agreement contains specifics about insurance, liability, graffiti. Insofar as graffiti goes, Ross-Madnick says that Ink Dwell has the ability to clean it off, but to date there has never

been any graffiti issues at Orinda Library. "As a greater Bay Area company, Ink Dwell will be here to help us," Ross-Madnick concluded.

Because the city will eventually own the building and provides the maintenance for the building, the Friends have chosen to donate the mural to the city now. At the meeting, the city council accepted the offer from the Friends of the Orinda Library to fund the mural and authorized the city manager to sign a letter of agreement with the Friends.

Under the agreement, the city will be painting the exterior wall of the parking garage off-white, which will be the basecoat for the mural. In addition, Orinda is planning to paint the entire building in 2022-23, which will be paid for by the city.

On Dec. 4, the Friends are having a book sale and will be commemorating the 20th anniversary of the building and officially launching the mural fundraising.

According to the Friends, donations for the mural are most easily received by mail at Friends of the Orinda Library, P.O. Box 152, Orinda, CA, 94563, and they ask that contributors please note "mural" in the memo line on the bottom of your check. For further information, contact Mary Kate Rittmann at krittmann@hotmail.com.

More ways to support the Friends of the Orinda Library can be found on their website: <https://friendsoftheorindalibrary.org/membership/>

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