



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m.
Special Joint Meeting with City Council
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 26, 6 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
Orinda Library

School Board Meetings

Orinda Union School District

Monday, May 8, 6 p.m.
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



March 19 to April 1

Alarms	64
Noise complaints	3
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	7
Traffic stops	76
Suspicious Circumstances	20
Suspicious Subjects	7
Suspicious Vehicles	15

Armed robbery

20 block Indian Wells, Moraga

Battery

Wagner Ranch

10 block Irwin Way

Burglary

300 block El Toyonal

100 block Alice Ln.

Burglary, Auto

10 block Westwood Ct.

Burglary, Commercial

50 block Tomcat Way

Burglary, Residential

30 block Overhill Rd.

30 block Marston Rd.

10 block Crest View Dr.

10 block Rustic Way

Civil

200 block Hall Dr. (4)

10 block Yosemite Rd.

Miramonte High School

10 block Ardilla Rd

Death, non-criminal

Orinda Convalescent

Disturbance

Orinda Senior Village

Donald/Hall Drives

100 block Crest View Dr.

Orinda Theater

Dispute

10 block Crest View Dr.

DUI

Camino Pablo/North Ln.

Elder abuse

100 block Camino Sobrante

Excessive speed

Charles Hill Rd/El Nido

Fraud

reported to police

Hit & Run

Courtney Ln./Donald Dr.

ID Theft

100 block Via Floreado (2)

20 block Camino Encinas

Grand Theft

10 block Chelton Ct.

Police/Fire/ EMS

10 block Lost Valley

Safeway

Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.

Camino Don Miguel/Vista del

Public Nuisance

10 block Donald Dr.

Silver Oak Terraces/Sundown

10 block Harran Cr.

Library

Sleepy Hollow Ln./Lombardy Ln.

Reckless Driving

St Stephen's/Hwy 24

Via Hermosa/La Espiral

Brookbank/Miner Roads

Moraga Way/Whitehall Dr.

Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.

Safeway (2)

Camino Pablo/Monte Vista

San Pablo Dam Road/Wildcat

Theatre Square

Overhill/Tara Rd.

Camino Sobrante/La Espiral

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Orindans eager to hear Urban Land Institute's initial thoughts on city's downtown development plans

By Sora O'Doherty

An overflow crowd of about 150 came to hear a presentation on downtown development by the Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel at a joint meeting of Orinda's city council and planning commission.

At the end of two days of interviewing interested citizens, the TAP group — made up of eight professionals who volunteered their time to the Orinda project — already had a 63-page presentation chock full of information and ideas. While some ideas, such as downtown housing, continue to be controversial, many other suggestions, such as opening Orinda Community Park to the street, received apparent widespread approval. The presentation, which was limited to one hour, sparked a vigorous exchange of ideas on the future of downtown.

The TAP was given four tasks:

1. Based on the TAP interviews, what is the collective vision for downtown Orinda? Provide a draft a mission statement for downtown.
2. Based on the community's vision for downtown Orinda, what streetscape design concepts, if any, are recommended?
3. Based on the community's vision for downtown Orinda, what are the restoration and planning recommendations, if any, for San Pablo Creek?
4. Based on the community's vision for downtown Orinda, what changes, if any, are recommended to downtown development standards and allowable land uses?

The TAP found that Orinda possesses an impressive civic realm, consisting of the library, community center, and community park.

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Opening the Orinda Community Park to the street was one idea of the TAP.

Photo Andy Scheck

For more information

The following links provide access to information on Orinda downtown development. The TAP's members and mission, notes of their interviews, and their findings and suggestions can be found in their slides; residents can watch the video of the entire joint meeting of the city council and the Planning Commission online, and also access the briefing book prepared for the TAP by Orinda city staff.

ULI Slides:

<https://cityoforinda.app.box.com/s/xk9gps5hxtizlp7p18wcpw4y4yf2qhnq5>

Video of ULI Presentation to Joint City Council/Planning Commission:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1REIMHXsO3a-rGRZHOTQUdpOOP1fusv4tR7i7wjFqknU/edit>

Briefing Book prepared by Orinda Planning Department for ULI:

<http://orindaca.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=1049&MinutesID=1231&Format=Minutes&MediaFileFormat=ismv>

Orinda police chief says crime is down, more solved

By Sora O'Doherty

Residential burglaries are down in Orinda, perhaps owing to security cameras, and the solve rate for crimes has jumped by double digits from five percent to 28 percent. In other good news, there is no "blue flu" in Orinda as the Orinda Police Department completed 2016 with a total of zero sick days.

Police Chief Mark Nagel announced these statistics in his annual report to the council on crime on March 21.

Although crime reports were down from 103 in 2012 to 36 in 2016, and eight in 2017 to date, Nagel did mention that violent crime is up, notably with two assaults with a deadly weapon, one attempted homicide, and six reported cases of domestic violence,

resulting in the injury of a spouse. Although the percentage increases may appear high, it is because the actual numbers are very small. The 100 percent increase in assaults with deadly weapons means that in 2016 there were two assaults, up from one in 2015.

Nagel praised the use of cameras and the department plans to make further improvements, using funding already budgeted.

The council agreed to a change in record keeping that will save the city staff time and money. Currently the data cards are collected from the cameras and stored for 90 days. However, the data is only used when a crime is reported. The council agreed that the cards could be left in place. The information

stored on the cards will be saved for one week, and then overwritten, unless a crime is reported, in which case the relevant camera card can be pulled and the data saved.

The police department currently has two patrol cars with automated license plate readers, a fixed license plate reader at Wilder and 16 Reconyx security cameras at heavily travelled intersections and freeway access points. Chief Nagel recommends phasing in more automated license plate readers and solar-powered security cameras on entry/exit points and main intersections in Orinda. The number of cameras purchased will be based on available funding in the police department budget, and the types of camera chosen will depend on

power availability and location requirements.

Solar-powered cameras cost about \$12,000 each but can be used where there is no power source. With infrared lenses, they provide useful data even at night.

Cheaper cameras can be used where there is an existing power source. For example, the entrance to Wilder has a power source and is one-way in and out, so an automatic license plate recognition camera would be suitable, while more powerful security cameras are better suited to freeway on and off ramps, according to the chief. Any additional expenditure on security cameras will be funded from the budget already allocated to the police department.

Orinda sinkhole repair clears high hurdle, work to begin this week

By Sora O'Doherty

For the first time, the Orinda City council used an exception to the Brown Act to add an urgent item to its agenda that came to light in order to quickly begin repairs on the Miner Road sinkhole: permits.

The item came to the council's attention after the agenda notice had been given to the public.

Having provided the Army Corps of Engineers with additional justification of the continued state of emergency caused by the sinkhole, Orinda was deemed qualified for renewal of emergency permits. The Corps was convinced by the narrow nature of the roads be-

ing used as detours around Miner Road, as well as the continuing storms.

Once the permits are issued, Orinda must begin the repairs within seven days. That clock started when the permits were issued on April 13, according to Jason Chen, Orinda's senior civil engineer.

Although welcome, this also presents a potential problem for Orinda: it may have to start the work before qualifying for federal reimbursement, which, in theory, could jeopardize the possibility of qualifying for reimbursement of

the money they will spend.

Director of Public Works and Engineering Services Larry Theis updated the council and the public on the current state of sinkhole repair plans. Further compromises have been reached concerning the design of the culvert for Miner Road. In order to provide a better design for passage of fish through the culvert, the city agreed to add another six inches of depth to the culvert, which will be buried in the channel bottom, with the addition of a concrete "curb" on the culvert that fish will be able to navigate.

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