



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, May 11, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office, 8 Altarinda Road,
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 April 12-25

- Abandoned Vehicle**
10 block Mira Loma
10 block Orinda Wy
- Alarms** 61
- 911 calls** (includes hang-ups) 13
- Barking Dog**
10 block Lost Valley
- Burglary, Auto**
30 block Los Dedos Rd
60 block Lombardy Ln
80 block Tiger Tail Ct
100 block Ardiith Dr
- Burglary, Residential**
10 block North Ln
- Civil Disturbance**
10 block Mira Loma
- Credit Card Fraud**
Bank of America
- Dependent Child**
Moraga Wy/Ardor Dr
Valley View Dr/Moraga Wy
- Domestic Disturbance**
10 block Kittiwake Rd
- Police/Fire/EMS Response**
10 block Muth Dr
10 block Camino Sobrante (2)
- Fraud**
90 block La Cuesta Rd
- Grand Theft**
20 block Orinda Wy
- Petty Theft**
10 block Hacienda Cr
50 block Acacia Dr
- Forgery**
reported to Police Dept
- Health & Safety Violation**
200 block Camino Sobrante
Brookwood/Spring Rds
- Hit & Run**
Theatre Square
10 block Camino Sobrante
- Identity Theft**
10 block Sanborn Rd
Reported to Orinda PD
10 block Southwaite
- Loud Noise**
10 block Los Cerros
- Loud Party**
Orchard Rd/Valley Dr
50 block Brookside Rd
10 block Gardiner Ct
- Missing Adult**
reported to Police Dept
- Panhandling**
Orinda Post Office
- Public Nuisance**
Hawkridge Terr
10 block Vashell Wy
- Reckless Driving**
Lombardy/Tarry Lns
Holy Shepherd Church
Moraga Wy/Monte Veda Dr
Wagner Ranch Elementary
Camino Pablo/Claremont Av
Camino Sobrante/Miner Rd
Moraga Wy/Ivy Dr
Camino Pablo/Bear Cr Rd
- Susp. Circumstances** 11
- Suspicious Vehicle** 25
- Suspicious Subject** 11
- Traffic Stops** 148
- Trespass**
Safeway
- Unwanted Guest**
10 block Theatre Sq
- Vehicle Theft**
Camino Pablo/Orinda Wy
Theatre Square
- Weapon at School**
Miramonte High School



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Orinda City Council Adopts Housing Element and Environmental Impact Report

Multi-family development zoning also to be reduced at Santa Maria site

By Laurie Snyder

On April 21, after months of public hearings, workshops and other city governing body meetings – a fair number of which lasted four or five hours with Orinda residents speaking in favor of or against items as minute as punctuation in a document and as sweeping as their personal ideas of what the City of Orinda should look like in two decades – the Orinda City Council adopted a revised Housing Element for the city's General Plan, along with its related Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

According to the staff report, the "final key consideration" that council needed to ponder before making a decision to adopt its revised Housing Element or not was the "selection of a site to ... zone to accommodate a portion of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for 48 dwelling units at the State default density of up to 20 units per acre."

Council members reached this point after deliberating for months

regarding the pros and cons of three possible RNHA locations (see "Public Comment Period Open for Orinda's Housing Element and EIR" in the Lamorinda Weekly's November 2014 online archives). After receiving often intense input from numerous Orinda residents, business owners, school leaders, et. al., the majority of council members expressed a preference for Alternative 1 (the Santa Maria site) at their April 7 meeting. Council then reaffirmed its selection of the Santa Maria site on April 21.

As part of this process, council signaled its intent to decrease any future multi-family development that could be planned for the Santa Maria site by reducing both the number of acres which could be impacted (from 3.2 to 2.4 acres) and the number of housing units which could be placed there (from 80 to 48). In response to one commenter who fretted over a future marred by "stack and pack housing" on the Santa Maria

site, Mayor Steve Glazer reiterated that no construction is currently planned for the site, that the property owner – the Archdiocese of Oakland – was still in charge of making any decisions regarding whether or not to allow development of the site, and that any development proposed for the site down the road would face a rigorous public review process. He also pointedly reiterated that council's latest action reduced the impact of any future development on the site by decreasing both the number of housing units that could be built at Santa Maria (if the archdiocese were even to allow such development), as well as the size of the acreage that could be developed.

After council sifted through a list of possible final tweaks to what was the eighth draft of the revised Housing Element, Glazer closed the deliberations. Expressing satisfaction with the opportunity to "preserve almost an acre of open space" while having a Hous-

ing Element "in place for an eight-year cycle" rather than a four-year period, Council Member Dean Orr made the motion for council to adopt its revised Housing Element and related EIR. After receiving a second by Vice Mayor Victoria Smith, council then approved its fifth cycle Housing Element 4 to 1 with Council Member Eve Phillips voting no.

Staff has since sent the council-approved documents to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for certification. HCD has 90 days to review and approve or reject Orinda's proposed changes to the Housing Element of its General Plan. According to recent city communications, the "2.4-acre area will be delineated through a public hearing process amending the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map. Per the adopted Housing Element, the City has two years to process the amendment on the Santa Maria site."

International Finance Association Applauds Orinda's Transparent Fiscal Management

By Laurie Snyder



The City of Orinda's finance team recently received high marks from the Government Finance Officers Association. From left: Jennie Flores, Norma Costa, Linda Thompson, and Finance Director Susan Mahoney
Photo Ohlen Alexander

Last month, the Orinda City Council received word that another major agency thinks city leaders and staff are doing an excellent job of managing finances and ensuring transparency with Orinda's business operations. On April 9, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded the City of Orinda's Finance Department a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

"The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting," according to Tonya Gilmore, the city's public information officer. "Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

The award was presented to City Finance Director Susan Mahoney and

her team – Norma Costa, Jennie Flores and Linda Thompson – in recognition of their work on Orinda's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which provides more detailed information about the city's financial health than is found in standard budget documents.

The Chicago-based GFOA is a nonprofit professional association made up of roughly 17,500 government finance professionals. Its CAFR certificate program was launched in 1945 "to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal," according to the GFOA's website (www.gfoa.org).

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May 17

June 21

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