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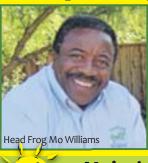






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ooking a bit like something from a sci-fi movie testing is complete sometime in early September, set, these 12 steel containers actually hold only said PG&E spokesperson Tamar Sarkissian. Ques-

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Work in Process

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Comprelli later explained that agendas are not the correct place to provide detailed information about processes, although he asked planning staff to make sure that agendas are written in common English and avoid planning jargon as much as

There was one item on the evening's agenda that had a resolution attached to it – an amendment that extends to multi-family and commercial districts the same deinside or outside remodeling is

Prior to this modification, if residents of a multi-family dwelling wanted to resurface a deck, upgrade their windows or change something inside their home they had to go through a design review board hearing, a costly process that delays projects. The amendment allows

sign review exemptions that single- and determine the level of environfamily residents enjoy when minor mental scrutiny it should go through; simple projects can get administrative approval.

The list of 18 projects exempt from design review includes interior remodel, replacement of doors and windows, installation of a small satellite dish, demolition and removal of outdoor structures, replacement of flooring material for decks, and installation of low voltplanning staff to review the project age path lights and solar tubes.

New Representative to Agency on Aging

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different café sites throughout Contra Costa County. CCCAAA offers health insurance counseling and advocacy. Finally, CCCAAA disseminates to its members information about changes at the federal level that affect seniors and listens to the concerns the representatives bring forth.

Katzman was sworn in as Moraga's CCCAAA representative in July, but he didn't wait until then to begin work. "I joined the Moraga Movers and started talking to those I am now representing," said Katzman, who had to get a special exemption to join the organization of his former classmates at the first Moraga Movers dinner he attended. Fisher noted that Katzman is also in the process of getting his Class B drivers license to help with the transportation of seniors when they go on excursions together. In addition, Katzman attends meetings of the non-profit Village to Village that's

"One of the first things I want to do is organize a communication system to reach all of Moraga's senior residents," said Katzman. His first concern is safety. As a Community Emergency Response Team gradu-

CCCAAA also manages the Senior because he is not yet age 55. He ate, he is very aware of the impor-Nutrition Program serving an aver- added that since he was raised in tance of local communication in age of 16,000 meals a month at 21 Moraga, he recognized many parents times of grave disaster; he even recently passed the Ham Radio exam to be even more connected. "Maybe it could take the form of a phone tree with, at the top of the tree, those who are most comfortable with email and texting," he said.

Katzman will also follow the question of senior transportation in Moraga. He is aware of the challenges that the Spirit Van is facing and will be studying all the different systems available in the county. A real estate agent by trade, Katzman says he wants to give back to his town; the method he has chosen is

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That Sinking Feeling – Orinda's Tarabrook Repair Costs May Triple

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Council members asked probing questions of staff during deliberations. Areas of concern included potential safety and financial issues, as well as the appearance of expense padding by the bidders in less critical project areas such as tree planting costs now projected as 10 percent higher than initial estimates.

Councilmember Steve Glazer recommended apologizing Tarabrook residents before delaying the project until a more favorable bid councilmember Victoria Smith.

climate could be found; however, mayor Amy Worth felt that the bid climate would likely not improve. With more people working in an improved economy, companies are now simply able to charge the city more. She also observed that the city will receive significant bang for its buck in that the replacement pipe will offer a significant improvement over the

"We have no good options," said

"There is nothing that makes us happy about having to spend more money than expected. Councilmember Dean Orr concurred. "I have a fair amount of fear of another winter out there."

The council authorized staff to accept the low bid and begin the Tarabrook repairs on a 3 to 1 vote (Severson excused; Glazer voting no). Construction will likely begin in September and take roughly 90

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