



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

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Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

School Board Meetings

Orinda Union School District
Monday, April 9, 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



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

March 11 to March 24

Alarms	45
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	142
Suspicious Circumstances	5
Suspicious Subjects	8
Suspicious Vehicles	18
Patrol Request/ Security Check	87
Service to Citizen	54
Supplemental Report	12
Vacation House Check	8
Welfare Check	4
Abandoned vehicle	
El Toyonal/Camino Del Cielo	
Accident injury	
200 Block Moraga Way	
Accident property	
Camino Pablo North Eb Sr 24	
Orinda Country Club	
50 Block Davis Rd.	
Moraga Way/Brookside Rd.	
Auto burglary	
Wilder Sports Fields	
100 Block Via Floreado	
Barking dog	
El Toyonal/Loma Vista Dr.	
Beat info	
Eb Sr 24 At St. Stephens Dr.	
Burglary	
10 Block El Verano	
Civil	
10 Block Gardiner Ct.	
10 Block Owl Hill Ct.	
20 Block Ardilla Rd.	
20 Block Tappan Ln.	
100 Block Canon Dr.	
50 Block Monte Vista Rd.	
70 Block La Cuesta Rd.	
Police Department	
Death non criminal	
10 Block Altarinda Rd.	
Disturbing the peace	
Bart Orinda Station	
20 Block Greenwood Ct.	
Drunk in public	
10 Block Quarry Hill Rd.	
Dui misdemeanor	
Library	
Hailed by citizen	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way	
Hit and run misdemeanor	
Camino Pablo/Moraga Way	
Identity theft	
20 Block Keith Dr.	
300 Block Rancho De Maria	
100 Block Orchard Rd.	
10 Block Rabble Rd.	
Juvenile disturbance	
Camino Pablo/Bart Track	
Lavenida Dr./Estabueno Dr.	
Litter	
San Pablo Dam Rd./Bear Creek Rd.	
Loud party	
Orinda Country Club	
100 Block Manzanita Dr.	
600 Block Moraga Way (2)	
Medical hospital	
10 Block Lost Valley Dr.	
10 Block Altarinda Rd.	
30 Block Ivy Dr.	
Moraga Way/Hall Dr.	
Motorist assist	
Camino Pablo/North Santa Maria	
Ordinance violation	
100 Block La Espiral	
50 Block Meadow View Rd.	

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Orinda Mutual Appreciation Society: Salomon gets raise

By Sora O'Doherty

Steve Salomon took over as Interim City Manager when former City Manager Janet Keeter retired, which happened to be about a month after the Miner Road sink-hole occurred. The city council was so pleased with his performance that last October it offered him the job on a permanent basis, which he accepted with the proviso that he be allowed to work only 90 percent of full time as he commutes from

Brentwood. His employment contract provides for the possibility of a raise of up to 3 percent after six months on the job. On March 20 the city council confirmed that Salomon would receive the full 3 percent raise. His performance review was conducted in closed session, and the result was reported to be "superb." Vice Mayor Inga Miller declared that Salomon was a pleasure to work with, and said that she was

pleased "we can increase to the maximum allowed." The motion on the salary increase was moved by Miller, seconded by Council Member Dean Orr, as he said, "happily," and carried unanimously. Salomon was lauded for his incredible service and tremendous leadership. In turn, Salomon praised the city council members. "You are all very devoted to this community,"

he said, "and you all have family obligations and job obligations that most people would find overwhelming ... but you manage to put in tremendous amounts of quality time." Salomon's raise will cost the city an additional \$7,915.19, and includes the salary increase plus increased contributions to his 401(a) plan and payroll taxes. Salomon's base salary will now be \$231,379.20 per year.

Wilder development agreement postponed indefinitely to allow sidewalk negotiations

By Sora O'Doherty

Although some would have preferred a certain date to keep the pressure on to find a solution, the Orinda City Council decided to defer indefinitely further action on the approval of the eighth amendment to the development agreement for Wilder. The main controversy concerns the elimination of planned sidewalks for a large part of the development.

Approval of the eighth amendment to the development agreement had been on the council's consent calendar, but was pulled, as it was clear that there was further public concern. City Manager Steve Salomon noted at the outset that the city council had received significant testimony and written comments indicating that a large number of Wilder residents want sidewalks. He proposed that the matter be continued "so that we can work with the developer to make that happen."

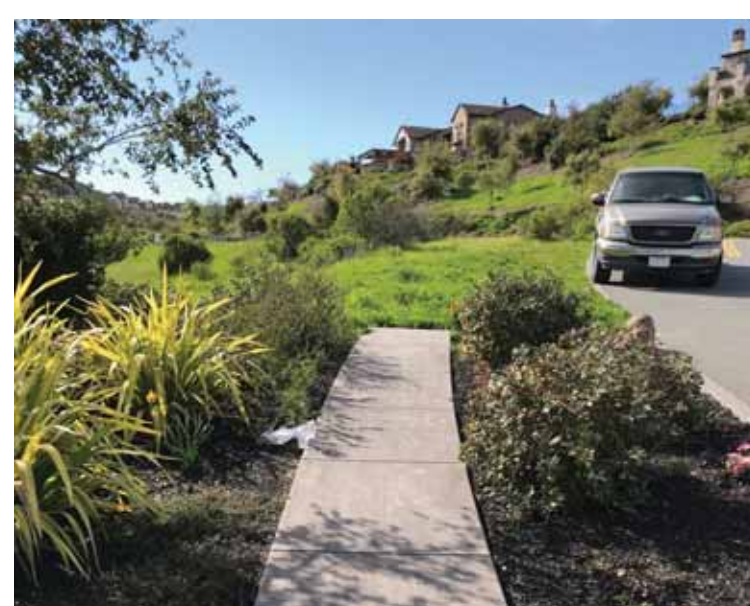
Project Director Bruce Yamamoto said that everyone is very passionate about Wilder. There are continuing discussions about 4-foot paths in all sections, and

there are ways to achieve this, he said. He also wanted to clarify that the special assessment that Wilder residents pay is for public improvements, such as the Art and Garden Center and playing fields, and cannot be used for the Quarry House, for example, or sidewalks on private streets.

Originally, the development agreement provided for pathways of decomposed granite, but the developer thought that cement sidewalks would be easier for long-term maintenance. A number of 3-foot sidewalks were poured, but were later found to be out of compliance with state law. Since the residents on those streets had an expectation of sidewalks, the developer planned to replace them with 4-foot compliant sidewalks, but to recover some of the costs by eliminating sidewalks in other parts of Wilder.

Mark Bresnik told the council that there is an ever-growing group of Wilder residents who favor sidewalks, and submitted a letter signed by 55 voting-age residents who occupy 31 homes in Wilder. He welcomed the effort to continue negotiations and hoped that residents would be included.

Rick Kay spoke of the elimination of sidewalks as a safety issue, and presented the council with pho-



This 3-foot sidewalk ends on Boeger Ranch Road in Wilder. Photo Sora O'Doherty

tos taken from the driver's seat of his car as he drove around Wilder, demonstrating how a child might not be seen by a driver in Wilder's undulating terrain. Julie Liu said that all purchasers of Davidon homes were told that there would be sidewalks, and that they therefore have expectations that it will be safe to walk in the development.

A local developer and Wilder resident, Ben Zarrin, told the council that his wife has been frightened by a near miss accident in Wilder. "It's not complicated," he said, "it's

about safety." He urged the parties to allow residents to be involved in the negotiations.

There was some disquiet expressed about the role of the Wilder Homeowners Association. Roxanne Christophe noted that the HOA members who comprised the pathway accessibility committee were two residents who already have sidewalks in front of their homes. She believes that they did not represent the other homeowners, and that the HOA has disseminated misinformation on the issue.

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