

OSV Expansion Financing Completed

At its March meeting, attended by members of the OCC Exploratory Committee, the Orinda Senior Village Board reported that financing for the contemplated expansion is complete, and the funds are in hand. The OSV Board constituted an investment committee to oversee management of the expansion funds pending a preliminary feasibility study. The Board is moving ahead to hire an architect to conduct the feasibility study, which will consider as its first option the upper hillside property of OCC above the upper parking lot.

The OSV Board's tentative plan, pending the feasibility study and approval of the OCC congregation, remains development and construction of perhaps 40 moderately affordable senior citizen housing units in available space on the OCC upper hillside; the Board is hoping to reach a lease agreement for space for the planned development.

There is still a long way to go, approvals to be secured from the congregation, the City, and neighboring property owners, but as OSV Board member Bob Thompson said during the March 20 meeting, "The church has been very good to Orinda Senior Village over the years. It's about time we did something good for our church neighbors."

The OSV Board and the OCC Exploratory Committee are planning to hold a joint presentation to the congregation once the preliminary feasibility study has been prepared. No date has been set for the study.

Questions may be addressed to OCC's OSV Board Members Bill Abriel, Mike Kersten, Babs Winbigler, and Fred Matteson. Tom Norris is the OSV/OCC liaison. Members of the OCC Exploratory Committee are Chris Mead, Fred Matteson, Kurt Sunderbruch, Trudi Garland, and Robin Holmes.