

LAND USE COMMITTEE OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 7, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Land Use Committee of the Altadena Town Council was held at the abovementioned date and time in the Community Room of the Altadena Community Center, 730 East Altadena Drive, Altadena CA. A copy of the notice and agenda was posted at the Community Center for one continuous week prior to the meeting date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Committee Chair Lucy Hino.

Given there were no action items brought to the attention of the Committee during May, 2005 the Chair of the Committee called an administrative and planning meeting to prepare for the upcoming Committee year. **At this meeting, there was no formal action taken on any matter, and issues were raised solely for informational purposes and/or for placement on a future agenda.**

PROGRAM PLANNING

1. **Roll Call.** The following Members, constituting a quorum, were present:
Steve Bass, Ron Carter, Anthony Cheng, Steve Glasser, Susan Goldman, Steve Haussler, Lucy Hino, Bill Jones, Barbara Koenig, Marietta Kruells, Steve Lamb, Tecumseh Shackelford, Viola Williams, and Michele Zack.

The following Committee members were absent:
Jamie Bissner

2. **Status of pending projects**

- A. **Five Acres.** Members Shackelford and Glasser have organized a group of Altadena residents to attend the County public hearing to speak against the Five Acres expansion project. The County is purportedly preparing to recommend approval of the Five Acres expansion plan despite previous recommendations for denial by the Altadena Town Council and Land Use Committee. Member Glasser distributed a staff analysis prepared by Regional Planning, and gave a brief history of the project. He encouraged as many Committee Members to attend and speak against the approval as possible. Members Shackelford and Glasser have organized a van to transport residents to the hearing.
- B. **Sycamores.** Consultant Carolyn Ingram Seitz told Member Lamb that the Sycamores will be postponing an updated presentation for several months while making major changes to its expansion plan.

3. Land Use Issues

- A. County General Plan Update.** The Committee will be invited to attend community meetings to discuss the upcoming County General Plan update. The Chair has requested Regional Planning come address the Committee in September to provide more in depth information regarding SEAs and the overall preliminary plan, and to gain feedback. The Committee will inquire at that time how the General Plan update impacts and fits in with the 30+ community plans in existence, and when the Altadena community plan should be updated.
- B. JPL Clean Up Status Update.** JPL has offered to provide an status update presentation to the Committee with a summary on clean up efforts. The Committee will request JPL to make such a presentation at a Town Council meeting rather than the Committee for greater community reach. Town Council Chair Balder agreed to have that done.
- C. Forest Service brush clearance.** There are three agencies involved in brush clearance for the Meadows area resulting in confusion over primary responsibility: Forest Service, City of Pasadena, and LA County. The County claims it has done all it can to have the brush cleared, but there has been no action in the field. The Committee will recommend the Town Council contact our two congressional representatives to identify the primary responsible entity for Altadena, and recommend that entity take care of brush clearance for the Meadows, Altadena foothills, La Vina, and Millard Canyon. Member Jones will research and report back to the Committee on the appropriate areas to target, as well as which entity shall be the responsible party.

4. Redevelopment and New Projects, Tract Reports

- A. Westpac Redevelopment Area.** The Regional Planning public hearing is scheduled for July 6, 2005. The public announcement states that the current proposal includes mixed used development, a health club and multi-story parking garage. The Committee will continue to follow this project and discuss at its next meeting.
- B. Altadena Animal Hospital.** The applicant hired Consultant Carolyn Ingram Seitz to assist in a zoning change before application for a CUP.
- C. Cemetery Lot.** A developer is in escrow for the multi-parcel land across the street from and owned by the Pasadena Cemetery. The current idea from the developer is to build townhouses that would sell at the \$500-600k range.

D. Rite Aid Complex at Altadena and Lake. The owner has informed the community of its desire to better utilize the lot, and will seek more input from the Committee at a later time.

No further business being brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned to the scheduled regular meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Room of the Altadena Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Member Anthony Cheng
Communications & Recording Secretary