

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Altadena Community Center, 730 E Altadena Dr, Altadena, CA

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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M. by Chairman Brian League.

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Roll Call

The following Members, constituting a quorum, were present: Anthony Cheng, Okorie Ezieme, Sarah Fuller, Susan Goldman, Mark Goldschmidt, Greg Stanton, Gino Sund.

The following Committee members were absent: Phillip Barela, Dennis Bridwell, Gene Campbell, Ruth Edwards, Diane Marcussen, Tecumseh Shackelford, Sandra Thomas, Cynthia Tilleman.

2. Agenda Approval

Agenda was approved by the Altadena Town Council (ATC).

3. Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the February 3, 2009 minutes was made by Member Sund, seconded by Member Goldman, and approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment

- A. Russ Figa. Highland Ave. Attended to learn about the Town Council and Committee.
- B. Steve Haussler. Pointed out that the Altadena Community Standards District (CSD) contains a provision regarding side yards that can be easily misinterpreted. A side yard shall not be less than 15 feet if the building is over 23 feet high, but that is getting misinterpreted that a side yard must be 15 feet. This should be addressed in the CSD update process.

PUBLIC HEARING & ACTION ITEMS – NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Report & Organizational Matters

A. Announcements

- i. Sahag Mesrob School. Member Ezieme gave an update that the property is listed for sale but that the two recent potential buyers have backed off. The school is still open.
- ii. Scripps Home. Member Goldschmidt explained the owner is addressing an oak tree permit issue, and after that is resolved, could try to sell the property fully entitled. Member Sund stated the project was approved by the Regional Planning Commission and is going before the Board of Supervisors shortly.
- iii. Fair Oaks Enterprise Zone. Member Goldschmidt stated that there is an enterprise zone along Fair Oaks that Pasadena has tapped into for commercial façade improvement funding, and that Altadena should look into doing the same.

B. Continued discussion on update of Community Standards District

- i. Filming Standards for Residential Neighborhoods
 1. Member Stanton stated that the Meadows neighborhood restricted filming due to fire access and safety issues.
 2. Member Goldschmidt stated that we must consider that the entertainment industry creates jobs and brings interesting people into our neighborhood, both of which should be valued, and that this is a noted problem in certain neighborhoods.
 3. Chairman League asked whether this issue should be regulated or not, and asked the Committee to continue to think about this.
- ii. Commercial Standards Subcommittee
- iii. Residential Neighborhood Compatibility Examples
- iv. Razor wire. Member Sund pointed out that razor wire is allowed in residential zones, just not commercial zones. This should be changed in the CSD.

FUTURE POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

6. May Calendar

- A. Subdivision West Altadena - Address is 3572 Canyon Ridge Dr, though the property is also known as 3511 Lincoln Avenue. Members Stanton and Goldschmidt explained the owner is trying to complete the subdivision process now.
- B. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Off-site Alcohol Sales at former WaMu site on East Side of Lake. Member Sund told the Committee that a proposal has been submitted to build a commercial site for two tenants: Fresh and Easy and Rite Aid. As a result there are two CUPs that are coming before the Committee.

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No further business being brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the Altadena Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Member Anthony Cheng
Communications & Correspondence Secretary