

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 2, 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 7:08 P.M. by Committee Chair Lucy Hino.

GENERAL MATTERS

- 1. Roll Call.** The following Members, constituting a quorum, were present: Anthony Cheng, Steve Glasser, Steve Haussler, Lucy Hino, Marietta Kruells, Tecumseh Shackelford, Viola Williams, and Michele Zack.

The following Committee members were absent:
Steve Bass, Jamie Bissner, Ron Carter, Susan Goldman, Bill Jones, Barbara Koenig, and Steve Lamb.

2. Agenda Approval

- A. Item 6 deleted. The Chair directed Members from CT4603.01 to inquire into this item for future agenda placement.
- B. Item 7 deleted at request of applicant due to plan revisions, which no longer require a CUP.

Motion to approve the agenda with the above modifications was made by Member Zack, seconded by Member Haussler, and approved unanimously.

3. Minutes Approval

- A. February 1, 2005 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Member Williams, seconded by Member Zack, and unanimously approved.
- B. April 5, 2005 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Member Williams, seconded by Member Zack, and unanimously approved.
- C. May 3, 2005 Minutes. Motion to approve made by Member Zack, seconded by Member Glasser, and unanimously approved.
- D. June 7, 2005 Minutes. Motion to approve as modified made by Member Zack, seconded by Member Kruells, and unanimously approved.

4. Organizational Matters

- A. Committee Member recognition. The Chair thanked the Committee Members for their hard work over the past year/term. Discussion was held as to potentially decreasing the quorum size of the Committee, and the Chair will pass on these comments to the Town Council for further consideration.

5. Public Comments – none.

PUBLIC HEARING: PERMITS, VARIANCES & CHANGES

6. 3500 Glenrose Ave (CT4603.01) – ITEM DELETED

Conditional Use Permit R2005-01718

Applicant: Anderson

Construction of second unit; modification of existing carport.

7. 2072 Oakwood St (CT4612) – ITEM DELETED

Conditional Use Permit not yet filed

Applicant: Dick Barnes

House expansion. Ground level extension to two story dwelling.

8. 2400 N Fair Oaks (CT4611)

Conditional Use Permit T200500052 (R2005-00583)

Applicant: Ryan Wells, Cingular Wireless; Leslie Zimmerman, Nextel (both from contractor MMI Titan, Inc.)

Proposal for a monopine wireless pole at Mountain View cemetery for Cingular. This is now a combined proposal by the same contractor but also on behalf of Nextel. Nextel had a CUP in application for a nearby property at the Masonic Temple site, but it made more sense to the contractor to co-locate both carriers' antennae in one monopine.

A 70' monopine structure is proposed. Plans were submitted to the Committee. The location of the monopine is approximately 300' from Fair Oaks in the service yard of the Pasadena Cemetery and will not affect operations of the Cemetery. The antennae of each carrier within the monopine will not interfere with the other.

Several Members expressed that monopines will look more natural and fit in better with the surroundings at this location than monopalms.

Given the above, and on motion made by Member Zack, seconded by Member Shackelford, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED that the Committee recommend that the Altadena Town Council issue a letter to the County Regional Planning Department to recommend APPROVAL of CUP T200500052 for the erection of a cellular antenna monopine for Cingular and Nextel as presented to the Committee.

REPORTS

9. Five Acres expansion update (CT4610)

Conditional Use Permit and Oak Tree Permit 03-297-(5)

Applicant: Five Acres

Results from the County public hearing from June 2005.

Hearing was continued to August 17, 2005. Unfortunately, at the June County public hearing, public comments focused more on the Altadena Town Council and Land Use Committee, and their failure to represent the community's sentiment against Five Acres rather than the issue of Five Acres itself. The Commission cut short the public comment period due to lack of time before all residents that showed up were allowed to speak. Altadena residents will get to continue public comments at the August 17 public hearing.

There is a private meeting scheduled with the Town Council on August 4 to discuss this further with the County and Five Acres.

Member Glasser will continue to serve as the lead for this case, and recommended other Committee Members attend the August 17 meeting to speak out against the Five Acres expansion as before.

10. Phase 2 of Lincoln Crossing (CT4610)

Status update following July 6, 2005 County public hearing.

Member Shackelford stated that the developer has changed its general contractor, where the original one was "relieved on convenience." The new GC is Swinerton Builders. Member Williams brought up that some neighbors heard that the GC was not hiring any local subcontractors. Member Shackelford explained that Westpac has conducted outreach to attract local subcontractors, but only found 2 local subcontractors so far that have met the developer's \$2 million minimum insurance requirement. Further outreach is going to be done to get more local subcontractors who qualify. Westpac will have Swinerton dedicate outreach resources to assist with this effort.

11. 2317, 2319, 2321 Glenrose Ave (CT4610)

Regulations on keeping chickens and other farm animals
Follow up after neighborhood nuisance complaints.

A letter of complaint against Gillermo at 2317 Glenrose Ave signed by 6 neighbors was presented to the Committee.

Primary issues:

- A. Noise. The loud crowing of the roosters every morning is a public nuisance.
- B. Rooster fighting. There is suspected illegal rooster fighting activity drawing numerous visitors to the neighborhood.
- C. Illegal business. This activity of breeding and/or rooster fighting constitutes an illegal business in a residential zone. This may be the best way to have the County alleviate this problem.

Public comments:

Titus Hopson

2328 Grandeur Ave

The chickens/roosters are making lots of noise. Roosters crow loudly in the morning. The food is causing a neighborhood rodent problem. He sees people coming over and is suspicious of rooster fighting activities. There are probably 30 or so roosters.

Member Shackelford recommended contacting the Sheriffs Department to come investigate during times where fighting might be occurring; Member Shackelford will personally contact the Sheriff's captain to investigate this matter. Member Williams advised him to take pictures himself to document these activities.

Member Glasser reminded Committee that we should be careful of requesting the County impose stringent restrictions in case of over-restricting the community.

Mr. Hopson contacted Town Council Representative Bobby Thompson who will be visiting on Monday to try to investigate the illegal activity.

Luis Hernandez

2312 Grandeur Ave

The owner of the house does not own the fowl. The owner is renting the property to a tenant who owns the chickens. However, Member Lamb had previously advised Mssrs. Hopson and Hernandez not to disturb the owner, yet.

Member Shackelford will follow up on this matter and report back to the Committee.

No further business being brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned to the scheduled regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Room of the Altadena Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Member Anthony Cheng
Communications & Recording Secretary