

Altadena Town Council
Community Standards Committee

Minutes: August 26, 2014

Members Present: Daniel Harlow, Ed Meyers, Marge Nichols, Jonathan Potter. Regional Planning Staff: Dave McDonald. Absent: Mark Goldschmidt (on hiatus), Don Kirkland, George Jenkins,. Observer: Steve Zeider.

New Business: Due Jim Osterling's teaching schedule, in order to maintain a quorum at meetings we need to change our Tuesday meeting date. Ed surveyed members, and based on that information it was agreed to change our routine meeting dates to second and fourth Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Old Business: Discussion focused on the Commercial subgroup recommendations.

- Want to include provisions that incorporate some principles of Dark Sky movement by installing shields or focused lights on parking lots, or other lights in commercial properties that adjoin residential areas.
- Fancy Food Truck event fees: we can't waive fees due to multiple issues of food truck event, including music, oak trees, neighbor complaints.
- Dave McDonald reinforced the recommendation to submit general recommendations to Regional Planning sooner than later.
- Billboards: advertisers can't do new billboards, but we can't get rid of old ones.
- Commercial adjoining residential issues: parking. Lighting, trash disposal and parking are already addressed in county code.
- Ed will talk with ATC about the possibility of a special session or presentation to Land Use Committee before a general Town Council presentation.
- There was further discussion on acceptability of grandfathering and moratorium on enforcement.
- We may consider request to Town Council to promote enforcement of regulations on new construction, rather than all situations, such as a complaint about as completing a new fence coming right up to sidewalk, where RPC responded that there was a moratorium on enforcement.

We still need to address urban agriculture, home businesses and also fences and hedges in R2 and R3 zones.

Procedure for presentation of commercial recommendations: Jim will update the report and Dan will do PowerPoint presentation with illustrations.

Ed will check with Don and George about change to a Monday meeting date.

Minutes: MSC to approve minutes as written.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30