

**Altadena Town Council  
Community Standards Committee  
Minutes: July 9, 2013**

1. **Members Present:** Ed Meyers, Jim Osterling, Meredith Miller, Peggy Taylor, Mark Goldschmidt, Marge Nichols, Don Kirkland, Jonathan Potter. Absent: Tecumseh Shackelford, Dan Harlow. Observer: Steve Zeider representing Diane Marcussen.
2. **Minutes:** M/S/C approval of June 25 minutes. Secretary was asked to send the updated committee roster to members. *Note: due to computer breakdown, roster is not currently available, but will be sent as soon as possible.*
3. **Reports:** Jim Osterling reported on recent actions in Whittier, including a moratorium adopted for the uptown core zone, prohibiting churches and nonprofits in the area since they don't promote retail trade. Fees were adopted for various businesses, but not restaurants. Discussion about LA County Sanitation district fees touched on the possibility that we might request limitation of the \$25,000 fee for new restaurants in buildings without prior grease disposal facilities.
4. **Old Business:** Discussion of Google Docs: Committee members can add "comments" to the current CSD document without redlining or disrupting text. Members were encouraged to use Google Docs to identify areas of possible changes, to be edited later. Procedure was discussed following subcommittee discussions:
  - Sign on to Google Docs
  - Use the current CSD document working copy
  - Highlight clause
  - Right click
  - Select comments to be shared
5. **New Business:** Residential and Business subgroups split up for discussion.
6. **Public Comment:** Steve Zeider commented that is isn't good to have a charge of \$25,000 for a permit that safely disposes of waste from residents who patronize local restaurants.
7. **Adjournment:** M/S/C to adjourn at 8:30.

**Notes from Residential Subcommittee Discussion**

22.48.160 of County Code doesn't seem to address Director's Review re setbacks for fences. Our current CSD is more restrictive.

A very high proportion of Altadena properties have walls with no setback from the sidewalk at all.

We will specify no Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for walls. No setback allowed if a wall is on the property line (as opposed to the portion of lot controlled by county).

Corner lots: add that hedges are subject to review by county for traffic safety issues.

If taller than 3 ½ feet, a fence requires a Director's Review on new construction after the new CSD is adopted. Photos will be required for Desk Review to document any safety problems.

Specify no change is required for prior construction

We want to liberalize requirements for home businesses to allow having classes or group sessions. Recognize parking as an issue.

Currently home based occupations cannot be in a garage, and only one business per home, only one employee, one client visit per hour and one car per client, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, only computers and office equipment allowed as machines for home based businesses.

Many occupations are prohibited. If liberalized, how do we want to modify this list?