

Altadena Town Council
Community Standards Committee
Minutes: May 14, 2013

1. Members Present: Mark Goldschmidt, Dan Harlow, Don Kirkland, Ed Meyers, Meredith Miller, Jim Osterling, Marge Nichols, Jonathan Potter, Tecumseh Shackelford. Absent: Peggy Taylor, George Jenkins. Regional Planning staff: Brianna Menke.

Meeting started late, relocated to Community Center since Senior Center was closed.

2. Minutes: MSC to approve minutes from April 23 meeting.

3. Reports: Marge Nichols reported that all approved committee minutes, roster and meeting dates have been sent to be posted on the Town Council website, although nothing has appeared to date. Ed Meyers said he will follow up to ensure that this is done.

4. Old Business:

Jim Osterling commented on highlights of Eric Duyshart's presentation on April 23.

Mark Goldschmidt noted that we may need to deal with zoning in hillside areas regarding equestrian and trail uses. Several businesses operate in hillside R-1 zones, such as Nuccio's Nursery. Summerkids Camp and Zorthian Ranch. We need to consider whether some commercial uses such as equestrian activities would be appropriate in hillside areas. At times, conflicting interests among hikers, bikers and horse riders affect trail uses. Brianna Menke noted that Agua Dulce recently did a CSD which is very trail and equestrian friendly. She will send the CSD report to the committee.

There was a brief discussion of leakage of business income into surrounding communities, and implications of the demographic report from Eric Duyshart. Brianna Menke was asked to find out how much county sales tax is generated in Altadena, and what types of demographic information are available from the county for Altadena.

5. New Business

Committee members did not want to extend meeting times to allow working groups to report back to the entire committee.

A report to Town Council is needed on May 21. Secretary will prepare highlights and Vice Chairman will deliver the report in the Chairman's absence.

There was a suggestion to revise the agenda to have working groups meet first, rather than at end of meeting. Possibly minutes could be approved by email.

Commercial and residential working groups split up to discuss their areas of work. Meeting adjourned informally following these discussions.

6. Committee member reports and assignments:

6. Adjournment: MSC to adjourn 8:30 pm.