

**Altadena Town Council, Community Standards District Subcommittee
Minutes, Meeting of 14 January 2014**

Members Present: Dan Harlow, Meredith Miller, Ed Myers, George Jenkins, Jonathan Potter, Mark Goldschmidt

Members Absent: Tecumseh Shackelford, Marge Nichols, Don Kirkland, Jim Osterling,

County Regional Planning Staff: Brianna Menke, Susie Tae

Visitors: Stephen Zeider, Jamie Bisner

Meeting called to order at 6:46 by chairman Meyers.

Minutes were approved with one minor correction.

1. Report from the Chairman: Ed Myers introduced Susie Tae from Regional Planning

Ed asked all on the subcommittee to shift to higher gear, get on Google Docs and do the work necessary to bring the process to completion. Supervisor Antonovich will be termed out soon, and we should get our recommendations out soon enough to get it to the lengthy County planning process before then. Meredith Miller suggested establishing firm deadlines, perhaps two dates at end of March.

Ed thanked all who had put comments up on Google Docs, and asked all those who had not to please visit the site.

A letter to commercial property owners, drafted by the subcommittee and reviewed and revised by the Town Council chair, will not be sent because the Town Council Executive Committee voted against authorizing sending with TC letterhead. Objection was that the letter would make it seem the subcommittee is promoting increased commercial development in Altadena. Ed said he was further told the subcommittee needs no input from property owners because we already know what needs to be done, such as addressing fences and hedges, setbacks, and signage. Ed was also told by a member (or members) of the Town Council that the County Community Visioning Report is not relevant to the CSD subcommittee's efforts, and should not be referred to as a basis for decision-making. Committee members may still invite commercial property owners on an informal basis.

2. Report from the vice-chairman Vice Chairman was absent

3. Report from the Secretary Secretary was absent

4. Bed and Breakfasts Brianna Menke from Regional Planning reported that Public Health does not require food service permitting if guests are limited to a maximum of seven. B&Bs are regulated as boarding houses. She wasn't certain about a B&B hosting weddings, but will check.

5. Report by Jamie Bisner. Town Councilman Jamie Bisner visited and gave a short speech, urging the subcommittee to try to hurry our process, pointing out that the Supervisor will soon be termed out, and County approval process is lengthy.

6. Residential sub-committee. Main discussion was regarding fences and hedges. There is a need for a grandfather clause, because at present close to 20% of properties are in non-compliance. Brianna said her office had discussed how this could work and would report back to us.

7. Public Comment Observer Steve Zeider urged the subcommittee to take the time needed to do the work. He suggested it might be possible to submit some suggestions to the County before all issues were decided on by the subcommittee; this might speed up the process.

7. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Minutes by Mark Goldschmidt, 22 January 2014