



# Altadena Town Council

## Land Use Agenda

November 4, 2014

7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center  
730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Diane Marcussen, ATC Chair, 7 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance: Okorie Ezieme**
3. **Roll Call – Attending members – Steve Haussler, Billy Malone, Gloria Sanyika, Ron Adams, Michelle Martinez, Jessica Mack, Patricia Sutherlen, Amy Cienfuegos, Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen, Okorie Ezieme, Judy Matthews, Damon Hobdy, Lorrie Drogin, Sylvia Vega, John White**
4. **Approve Meeting Agenda– November 4, 2014 Haussler/Cienfuegos – Approved as amended for a change in action item Project Number R2006-2805 to public comment; Regional Planning is still working on this project**

5. **Approve Minutes – September 2, 2014 - 12 pro, 3 abstentions**

**Moved to delay October minutes until presented in December - unanimous vote**

6. **Action Items: The committee is expected to vote on the following items.**

6.1 La Vina project: Amendment to existing CUP 2007-00114, project number 2007-00005.

### **Matthews/Hobdy**

6.1 request to amend the existing plan originally intended to be for the construction of a public elementary school to be used for the construction of 18 new residences, which would bring the total to 290.

Matthews, Hobdy: Within the past month, tallies were made of emails received from 110 current homeowners re: support or disagreement with proposed amendment: Results: 80% of the 110 responses were positive.

6.1.1: Public Comment: 10 comments, HOA president: No official position yet; HOA board will support a revision only if it includes new homeowners to pay into Mello-Russe bonds. Some think this construction will improve the tax base and improve the economic development of the surrounding community. Other concerns expressed were: what would the impact be of traffic at Millard Canyon Road and Lincoln Ave. since there is only one stop sign there presently; use of water during the current drought and water restrictions; whether all previous CUP items have been met; and if all school fees have been paid.

Chairperson stated that Regional Planning is responsible for determining if codes and all conditions have been met, which is not known specifically at this time.

**It was moved, seconded and passed that this application be tabled until December so that more information may be obtained. Vote: 12 in favor, 3 opposed.**



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6.2 Walmart Market application to sell liquor in the market located at 2408 Lincoln Ave. **Musson/Martinez/Mack**  
Presenter: Attorney for Walmart ABC licensing. Conditions of CUP: Sales to be beer and wine at back of store, hard liquor in locked cabinet at front of store; no singles or small container sales allowed. Security cameras are in place throughout the store; alcohol compliance training for all employees; liquor sales from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Public safety issues: Walmart is partnered with Sheriff's department.

6.2.1. Public comment: 5 people commenting: 4 in support, one opposed.

Tecumseh Shackelford, Brent Mussen: studies have shown that crime rates increase in low income areas around single-use purchase locations; yet when alcohol is purchased from grocery stores, the crime rate declines.

Alonzo Edwards, president of the Windsor-Arroyo Neighborhood Association submitted a letter for the record supporting the application for the CUP, citing Walmart's commitment to the improvement of the community via employment; donations to families and charities; and eliminating blight in the area. The last person commenting in support stated that it is imperative that potential businesses be aware that West Altadena is business friendly and welcomes new business ventures in the area.

The one person commenting in opposition said there are currently 18 liquor stores in this tract; does not want additional alcohol sales.

**Action: It was moved, seconded and passed by a vote of 14-1 that the CUP application got to ATC for review by Regional Planning.**

6.3 Application for Conditional Use Permit and certificate of compliance for an existing second unit at 1919 Sinaloa Ave. and legislation of previously unpermitted improvements to existing single family residence located at 1673 New York Drive. **Lee/Bissner**

Presenters: Daniel and Alexandra Linscott; Jamie Bissner

The couple purchased the two habitable dwellings in July, 2013. All requirements from LA County Building and Safety were met for improving the back house, permits were issued. The front house required additional details for compliance. Feb., 2014: Back house work began and inspected by LA County Building and Safety. April, 2014: Work was completed and inspections approved, save for the final inspection. The Linscotts were informed that County officials had erred and the back home was not approved as a legal second dwelling and much of the work would have to be torn out. April, 2014: The County acknowledged they had made a mistake and stated they would allow the changes that had been made to stay, provided that a CUP were filed to legally permit it as a second dwelling with a kitchen.

6.3.1 **Public Comment:** One neighbor commented in support of application for the CUP.

**It was moved, seconded and passed (14-1) that the application for the CUP be sent to the ATC.**



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### **7. Presentation: No action to be taken**

7.1 Requested CUP to serve alcohol at the AltaEats restaurant located at 1860 N. Allen Ave. **Vega/Marcussen**

Presenter: Art Rodriguez, consultant: liquor license application 541 is for beer and wine.

LUC needs to canvass the area for opinions.

### 7.2 Project R2006-2805 20 E. Mariposa Ave. **Cienfuegos/Sutherlen**

County needs to give us more information re parking. What agency will be covering this facility?

Ms. Cienfuegos will meet with the new owner and check with prospective schools re: contacts they have with this business. The county decides what the coding will be for the facility.

7.2.1. Public Comment: Michelle Zak hopes for community outreach for the girls who will be living at this facility, considering that they are not familiar with Altadena, or this country.

### **9. Reports- Census Tract Representatives - Okorie Ezieme**

9.1 Reopening of Rite Aid - Representative Chris Holden attended; there is a new section of store for featuring wellness and fitness

9.2 LA County flood plain event, Dec. 13, 2014: to be held at Altadena Community Center. Residents may attend to ascertain their vulnerability for flood plain damage. Postcards will be mailed to residents.

9.3 Devilsgate management: dredging and emptying of sediment: Devilsgate will remain open for recreational use. Work will take approximately five years; traffic will be redirected from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.: 7 a.m.-9 a.m. along Windsor; and then through La Canada.

### **Adjournment: 9:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Drogin

### **6. Presentation:**



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6.1. Census Tract 4611 – Presentation of the project located at 20 E. Mariposa – Amy Cienfuegos reported that neighborhood meetings will be held on this project. More information and neighborhood feedback will be provided at the October meeting.

6.2. Census Tract 4613 - Presentation of the project located at 2585, 2587 & 2601 E Washington Blvd – This project is to build an addition to the existing Park Marino. Action will be taken on this item at the October meeting.

### **7. General Public Comment:**

7.1. Public Comment: During the Public Comment period, any person may address the Land Use Committee concerning any item that is or is not listed on the agenda. The Land Use Committee welcomes public participation and input. Participants are asked to state their names and addresses for the record; comments are limited to two [2] minutes, or such time limit declared by the Land Use Committee Chairman in order to facilitate an orderly and timely meeting.

### **8. Reports – Census Tract Representatives**

### **9. Announcements**

### **10. Adjournment**