



Altadena Town Council

Land Use Committee Minutes

October 4, 2016
7:00 p.m., Altadena Community Center

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Diane Marcussen 7:05 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Damon Hobdy
3. **Roll Call :** Patricia Sutherlen – John White, Anne Chomyn, Billy Malone, Greg Middleton, Judy Matthews, Damon Hobdy (for Item 7.1 only), Tim Norman, Gloria Sanyika, Dean Cooper, Nestor De La Torre, Patricia Sutherlen, Jennifer Lee, Anne Lansing, Diane Marcussen, Sylvia Vega

Absent: Justin Robertson, Jessica Mack
4. **Approved Amended Meeting Agenda for October 4, 2016** Moved, seconded (Sutherlen, Malone), unanimous.
5. **Approved September 6, 2016 Minutes** – 12 in favor, 1 abstention (Cooper).
6. **Chairman Report** – Diane Marcussen spoke on new Yard Sale Ordinance
7. **Action Items** –

7.1. La Vina II Project - Amendment to CUP 2007-00114, project number 2007-00005.

Matthews/Hobdy. Councilmember Matthews described the application, which includes a request for plan amendment from zoning for school to zoning for residential and a CUP for modification of conditions of approval related to the project site so as to allow the construction of 18 new homes in the site that was originally intended for a school. Councilmember Matthews reported on the outreach that she and Councilmember Hobdy had conducted, and on a public forum held at Aveson Global Leadership Academy Charter School. The forum gave an opportunity for residents to express their approval or concerns and allowed the applicant the opportunity to address the concerns presented. Councilmember Matthews provided the results of canvassing that had been conducted, and the opinions in the emails received from the community.

Developer Tim Cantwell gave a presentation on the reason for the application

7.1.1. Public Comment*:

Alison Amegatcher, Linda World for Michele Zack, Steve Lamb, Tim Caldahan, H. Shakur, Robert Staehle, Lloyd Paul, and John Honol for Nancy Steele spoke in opposition or expressed reservations or asked for a community benefit to take the place of the school.

Jerry Givens, David Moralia, David Volk, and Jeff Boyson spoke in favor.

7.1.2. Motion: Councilmember Matthews moved to recommend that the Town Council approve the application with conditions. The motion was seconded (Hobdy)

and discussed. Councilmember Chomyn moved to postpone the vote on whether to recommend approval or denial of the application to the next LUC meeting. The motion to postpone was defeated 5 to 7 (one of the committee members had left before this motion was voted on). The main motion passed, by a 7 to 6 vote (with the Chair breaking a tie), with the agreement that the conditions would be revised before putting the recommendation before the Town Council.

7.2. 162 E Las Flores Drive - 2016-000369. Legalize and remodel 2nd unit with non-conforming setback

Middleton/Malone. Councilmember Malone introduced representative of the owner, who described the project. Councilmember Malone reported canvassing results.

7.2.1. Public Comment*:

Steve Collins, next door neighbor, spoke in support of project.

Don McKinley was not opposed but expressed concern for the stability of one tree.

7.2.2. Motion: Councilmember Malone moved to recommend support of the project, and to communicate this support directly to the Office of Regional Planning; seconded by Vega. The Public Hearing by Regional Planning was to be held on the morning of October 18, so Town Council would be unable to vote on this project. The motion passed unanimously (12-0).

8. Presentation Only

8.1. Palm Street Project – New Residential Development

Malone/Middleton. Councilmember Malone introduced the speaker for the development, who presented revisions to the previous plan to address the neighbors' concerns.

8.1.1. Public Comment*:

Steve Simms expressed concern over tree removal, grading, stability of existing wall.

Steve Lamb, Nancy Rothwell, Matt Brandt expressed support for a residential development on the property under discussion.

9. General Public Comment*:

Aurora Toshida spoke to safety for children walking on Lincoln Avenue near Aveson School.

10. Reports – Census Tract Representatives – no reports.

11. Adjournment: 10:27 p.m.

* As comment cards were not available at the time of this writing, names may be misspelled.

Anne Chomyn and Dean Cooper