

**Altadena Town Council**  
**Community Standards Committee**

**Minutes: September 8, 2014**

**1. Members Present:** Mark Goldschmidt, Daniel Harlow, Ed Meyers, George Jenkins, Don Kirkland, Marge Nichols, Jim Osterling, Jonathan Potter. Dave McDonald, Regional Planning. Steve Zeider, observer. Absent: none.

**2. Reports:** None.

**3. Old Business:** Dave McDonald was asked about definition of some changes in terminology for permits, such as “Minor CUP” and “Yard Modification.” Toward the end of the meeting he was asked to provide a definition for CPD zoning, and also whether there is any difference in requirements for fences and hedges in R2 and R3 zones. He will provide definitions by the next meeting. Dave noted that RPC wants to get our recommendations soon.

**4. New Business:** The group split up for subcommittee discussions.

Commercial group worked on format for their report to Town Council in October.

Residential group discussed setback, fences and hedges requirements.

- a) It was agreed that flag lots should have a 10 foot setback on all sides, rather than the current requirement for 25 foot setback on the front.
- b) Setback for hedges or fences on corner lots should be 6 feet on each street side of the corner lot, with a 45 degree angle on the corner to facilitate visibility for traffic.
- c) Driveway gates should have a 6 foot setback from the curb or pavement, and 2 ½ ft. from the sidewalk (if present) to allow cars to back out of driveway for visibility without going completely into the street.
- d) Enforcement of fence regulations will be challenging in the wake of the 10-year moratorium on fence and hedge issues. It was noted that enforcement is complaint-based, rather than in the form of issuing mass warnings.
- e) Next meeting we need to focus on urban agriculture, and also any modifications needed in R2 and R3 areas.

**5. Full group discussion.** The group reassembled for discussion. Commercial recommendations will be in a PowerPoint presentation that Dan will develop. We will continue to meet at the Community Center under auspices of the Chamber or Altadena

Heritage. When recommendations are presented to Town Council we will need time for an adequate presentation, so Ed will request a special meeting.

We believe that there is no specification for fences and hedges in R2 and R3 zones, which would mean that if not specified, requirements revert to County Code. CSD specifications for R1 don't apply, and therefore there would be no CUP required in those zones.

6. **Minutes:** MSC to approve minutes of August 26 with typos corrected, 5 yes, 3 abstained (absence).
7. **Public Comment:** None.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30.