

**Altadena Town Council
Community Standards Committee
Minutes: August 13, 2013**

1. **Members Present:** Mark Goldschmidt, George Jenkins, Ed Meyers, Meredith Miller, Marge Nichols, Don Kirkland, Jonathan Potter, Tecumseh Shackelford. Absent: Jim Osterling, Peggy Taylor, Dan Harlow. No Regional Planning staff. No observers.
2. **Minutes:** M/S/C approval of July 9 minutes with corrections with one abstention due to absence from that meeting. M/S/C approval of July 23 minutes with one abstention due to absence from that meeting.
3. **Reports:** Chairman Meyers urged members to be on time for meetings, since we close sessions promptly at 8:30 pm. Meyers has discussed the possibility of a session for real estate people to come to a meeting, with questions submitted in advance about challenges the experience with CSD limitations.
4. **Old Business:** Chairman Meyers encouraged members to use Google Docs to identify areas of possible changes, to be edited later. Procedure for our final product and how it will be presented to Town Council will be discussed as we get closer to completion.
5. **New Business:** There was discussion of an email to committee members which was forwarded outside the group. It was agreed that email within the committee would be considered private, and members agreed not to share these communications with others without permission of the author.

There was discussion about Walmart's liquor license application, which involves transfer of license from another Walmart facility. It was noted that even for a transfer of license, a CUP with a public hearing is always required. The discussion turned to the long term effort to reduce the number of liquor stores in the community, particularly the store across the street from Walmart which has long been troublesome due to loitering, drug sales and shootings.

Money left over redevelopment funds has been directed to Altadena by Supv. Antonovich's office for upgrading commercial facilities on Lincoln. A question was raised about whether these projects should be presented to the ATC Land Use Committee. The same contractor who did the work on Fair Oaks storefronts is scheduled to do the work. We should look at what was done on Fair Oaks to see if it has implications for our work. It was noted that at one time a county-owned strip on Lincoln was proposed for a parking lot. Since parking is a key barrier for businesses we should find out if that could be an option at this time.

6. **Residential and Commercial subgroups split up for working sessions.**
7. **Adjournment:** M/S/C to adjourn at 8:40.

Notes on Residential working group discussion on home based businesses.

This section should be liberalized to allow most occupations to be conducted in a home, contingent on meeting requirements for sound, dust and noise as specified in current CSD. Of the long list of prohibited occupations (many of which are in fact performed in homes now without problems) only the following should continue to be prohibited in homes:

- Adult entertainment
- Ambulance
- Auto repair and work
- Auto washing
- Funeral home

CSD should continue to require on-site parking for an employee. Home businesses should be allowed more than one client at a time. Possible ways of dealing with client parking could include limiting duration of parking or allowing 2 cars per hour. More cars could be allowed based on written agreement by neighbors. Parking at home businesses could be regulated based on width of the street, with more cars allowed on wider streets.

We should consider whether allowing a wider range of home businesses would be a problem to existing businesses, based on the competitive advantage of lower cost of home businesses.