



Altadena Town Council

Land Use Minutes

May 1, 2018

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

1. **Call to Order:** Diane Marcussen, 7:04pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Patricia Sutherlen
3. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Diane Marcussen, Sylvia Vega, Dan Harlow, Pat Sutherlen, Justin Robertson, Nestor de la Torre, Judy Matthews, Sandra Thomas, Dorothy Wong, John White, Victoria Knapp. *Excused:* Greg Middleton, Gloria Sanyika, Veronica Jones, Doug Colliflower. *Absent:* Billy Malone
4. **Approved Meeting Agenda for May 1, 2018:** Justin Robertson moved approval with an amendment adding Item 8, an information-only discussion item regarding Super King; Sandra Thomas seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Minutes of April 3, 2018 LUC meeting:** Pat Sutherlen moved approval; Nestor de la Torre seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Chairman's Report:** Only one household has asked the County to delay enforcement of their non-compliant fence, wall, or hedge for 15 years. The opportunity to delay enforcement through a free registration process ends on April 1, 2019. It takes very little effort to buy yourself a lot of time. Go here and scroll down to Altadena CSD Fence, Wall & Hedge Registration: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/apps>. The County will mail postcards to homes in Altadena next week regarding the new rules and the opportunity to delay enforcement if desired.

New York Drive reconstruction project: the Department of Public Works is developing an informational website, along with a community meeting, date TBD. Contact diane.marcussen@altadenatowncouncil.org for more information.

7. Action Items

7.1 Project 2018-0008052203 2432 El Molino Ave - create three new single family residential parcels on a 24,000 sq. ft. lot. - Justin Robertson, Pat Sutherlen. The committee heard about the project, a request for community support in redrawing three existing parcels so that each will have some frontage on El Molino, achieved through creating "flag lots." The applicant told the committee of their plan to build a single-family home on a vacant lot along El Molino, which requires a new Parcel Map. The committee asked clarifying questions regarding a

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previous draft of the project exhibit provided to members. Justin Robertson moved that the committee recommend that the Altadena Town Council send a letter to the Department of Regional Planning in support of the subdivision without conditions; Pat Sutherlen seconded. Motion carried.

7.1.1 Public Comment: There were no comment cards received on this item.

7.2 La Vina II Project - Amendment to CUP 2007-00114 - The La Vina Subcommittee made a presentation of a new proposed condition for the project, including a video explaining the history and significance of the Owen Brown Gravesite. The proposed condition would require the developer of La Vina to purchase the six-acre Owen Brown Gravesite, and provide additional funds for trail restoration and educational materials. The site would then be turned over to a conservancy program for preservation and management of the site, to ensure protection from commercial or residential development in perpetuity.

7.2.1 Public Comment: Members of the subcommittee not on the Land Use Committee spoke in support of the proposed condition. Residents of the Meadows neighborhood below La Vina voiced concerns regarding “redevelopment”; public access; traffic, noise, parking, fire hazards, smoking, and drinking. A resident, as well as a representative of Altadena Heritage, both spoke in support of the proposal.

Committee members reiterated that there are no plans and no intention to provide a parking lot, new roads, a visitor center, bathrooms, utilities, or any other kind of “development” on the site. The aim is to secure and preserve the historic property as open space for the community in exchange for supporting the second phase of the La Vina project.

Judy Matthews moved that the committee recommend that the Altadena Town Council send a letter to the Department of Regional Planning in support of the amendment to the Conditional Use Permit, incorporating into the previously-approved set of recommended conditions the new condition relating to the Owen Brown Gravesite; Sandra Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Only

The owner of the Super King property was on hand to inform the committee that the County of Los Angeles is requiring him to get a Parking Use Permit to make official an agreement between themselves and the 24 Hour Fitness complex across the street that the Super King property could use 16 spaces in the parking structure to meet its parking requirements.

9. General Public Comment: None

10. Reports - Census Tract Representatives:

10.1. None

11. Adjournment: 8:56 p.m. Dan Harlow moved, Diane Marcussen seconded.

Minutes prepared by Justin Robertson