

## **ACONA Meeting Notes, May 28, 2013**

### **Altadena Library Community Room**

After introductions, the following topics were covered:

#### **Altadena Sheriff's Station - Lt. Eric Lasko**

- Showed a chart of crime trends; most trends are downward or steady, although there is an increase in larceny theft (mostly theft from cars left unlocked or broken into).
- The station uses a map to post crimes so that if there are any concentrations of incidents they can increase their presence in those areas.
- Gave some tips to help stop vehicle burglaries:
  - Don't leave valuables in plain view in your car
  - Lock all your car doors, even if you plan on being gone only briefly.

#### **Going Green - Ellen Walton**

- Organic doesn't mean pesticide-free; it means the pesticides are organic.
- Shared a number of websites that give information and resources for drought tolerant vegetation [see PowerPoint agenda]. Native plants are the best to use.
- Organic products must be kept separate in stores -- cannot touch non-organic products.
- Foreign organic produce may be more strictly regulated than US organic produce.
- Fire Danger Prevention: Be sure to trim back brush in 200-ft radius from your home.

#### **Arroyo Food Co-Op - Mia Dunn, Alex Berrie**

- Opening a commercial grocery store in Pasadena at 494 N. Wilson (at Villa St), hope to open after Labor Day.
- Goal: Enact positive change, keep profits in the community.
- Hiring local people.
- Want to educate people about the food they consume.
- Food is local, organic, sustainably sourced. Some staples will be more widely sourced.
- Over 600 members right now. Would like more members so that they will be able to open the store on time.
- Website: [www.arroyofoodcoop.com](http://www.arroyofoodcoop.com)

#### **Altadena Heritage - Mark Goldschmidt**

- Altadena Heritage is a preservation organization formed in the 1980s.
- Has a database of all of the old homes in Altadena, housed at the Altadena Community Center.
- Gave a brief history of Altadena, with illustrative slides [see separate presentation].
- CSD: Community Standards District, is evolving. The Visioning project was part of the evolution process.

- Went to 2006 preliminary MonteCedro meetings and saw some illustrations of what was planned. Had a favorable impression.

### **MonteCedro - James S. Rothrock**

- Episcopal Communities & Services has two homes in operation elsewhere.
- Will provide continuing care agreements for a one-time up-front and recurring monthly fees.
- Home care service; licensed home agency for residencies.
- Working on the permits. Expect to get grading permits by the Fall.
- Location is where the old Scripps home used to be, Calaveras and El Molino.
- Potential residents from Altadena and surrounding communities.
- There are 57 former Scripps residents who will be offered the option to return to MonteCedro when it is built, at no additional cost to them.
- \$150 million project, with estimated completion within 24 months of start of construction.

### **CERT “Zones” - Holly Rundberg**

- Map of zones on display; work in progress. Some boundaries may change.
- Eleven zones at the moment. They may need to be divided up further.
- CERT=Community Emergency Response Team
- Fall 2011: Altadena CERT program started. Now has 60 members.
- Website: [www.altadenacert.org](http://www.altadenacert.org)
- Teen CERT coming.