

ACONA Meeting Notes August 9, 2011

55+ people in attendance.

Filming in Altadena:

Geoffrey Smith, Director of Community Relations, Film LA (film permitting authority for LA County) has a background in film production

- * Film LA looks for insurance for the home owner from production companies, notifies Fire Dept. and CHP that there's going to be filming
- * Homes interested in being used in a film can be listed with a service.
- * Don't offer your home if you are concerned about small damage (dings, etc).
- * A lot of filming goes on in Altadena; permits on a daily basis
- * You don't have to move out, but you have to be in a different part of the house.
- * Film LA doesn't require that you have an agreement with your neighbors if filming is going to happen at your house, but a little outreach to prepare them for it never hurts.
- * It can be financially rewarding. If you rent out your house for 14 days or less, the money you get is tax-free.
- * Film LA does filming surveys of the neighborhood, 300 ft. from filming, 200 ft. from parking. Looking for concerns they can mitigate.
- * Accessibility of property is an issue.
- * Good-sized rooms are a plus.
- * 213-977-8600 Film LA's phone number; ofc hrs 8a-6p but there's an on-call coordinator after hours.

Russ Fega: Home Shoot Home / Altadena Community Chest

- * 15-year Altadena resident
- * Location manager and actor
- * Works in Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena
- * Altadena Community Chest 501(c)(3) that gives part of profits from working with production companies to local charities.
- * Home Shoot Home property listing service. <http://homeshoothome.com>
- * Ballpark numbers for fees:
 - Photo shoot: \$2500-\$3000
 - Filming inside home: \$5000/day (14-15 hours)
 - Filming outside: \$3000
 - Prep days usually paid at about 50%
- * No filming before 7am or after 10pm without the consent of the neighborhood
Weekends: 9am-10pm
- * Shop for a Cause at Macy's -- selling \$5 tickets contact russ@altadenacc.org
- * www.altadenacommunitychest.org has a list of beneficiaries

Liquor Stores in Altadena:

Anthony Posada, ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control)

- * ABC is in charge of all alcoholic beverage regulation in California.
- * Two divisions: Southern & Northern, w/ 24 district offices.
- * Yes, it's hard to get a liquor license.
- * It's a multiple-step process.
- * Must notify people with residences within 500 ft. of proposed business.
- * If you want to protest a license, you have to go through an administrative hearing.
- * Must make a declaration under penalty of perjury.
- * Reports of violation come from different sources, mainly from ABC's own officers, but also from local law enforcement.
- * Disciplinary process is also multi-step and involved.
- * There can be appeals, and the appeals can go all the way up to the California Supreme Court.

Nicole Gomez, ABC - member of the grants team; works with local law enforcement.

- * Altadena has 23 establishments with liquor licensees (vs. Santa Clarita with 300), 16 of the Altadena licenses are for "off sales" (i.e., liquor stores).
- * ABC does decoy operations to see if licensee will sell alcohol to minors.
- * Works with licensees to bring them into compliance.

Alex Garcia, Department of Regional Planning

- * Regulates land use including sale of alcohol
- * Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
 - controls type and quantity (packaging)
 - controls use: consumption on-site (e.g., restaurants) or off-site
 - requires public hearing
- * For older stores (before 1992), there are no conditions imposed, no CUP required
- * Altadena has 1 enforcement officer; in process of getting someone new
- * Alex left a brochure that describes all of the department's services

Deborah Wright, Business License and Collection Services Unit

- * Unincorporated LA County: 2 field inspectors and a supervisor
- * Liquor stores, hairdressers, nail salons are licensed by the state, so her unit doesn't get that involved with those.
- * Issues business licenses to liquor stores for the food part of their business.
- * Issues business licenses to restaurants that may also serve liquor.

Q&A:

- * Liquor store at Lincoln and Figueroa: hours are 6am-11pm. Seems like 9a-9p would be more reasonable hours. Numerous complaints filed over 8 years. Liquor stores are highly concentrated in that neighborhood.
- * Complaints need to be specific.
- * To change the 1992 grandfather clause, you 'd have to change the ordinance. Start with County Supervisors.

- * <http://abc.ca.gov> will let you get a report by city of liquor licenses. With license numbers you can do a license query that will give you the disciplinary history of a licensee.
- * Some things trigger a CUP even for pre-1992 licensees:
 - Change in the type of alcoholic beverages sold
 - 10% increase in floor area
 - 25% increase in display area
 - Restarting an operation that has been discontinued for 3 or more months
- * Proximity of stores to each other: no ordinance that addresses it in Regional Planning. They do have sensitive use rules for new establishments (e.g., school zones).
- * Change of ownership doesn't trigger a CUP.
- * Illegal to sell alcohol to obviously intoxicated individuals.

Keep Me Wild:

Ellen Walton, office of the County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures - ewalton@acwm.lacounty.gov

- * Keep Me Wild: Department of Fish and Game program to protect wildlife in urban/suburban areas.
- * Talked about increase of coyote intrusion into suburban areas, including Altadena.
- * Keep dogs, especially small dogs, in at night.
- * Lock doggie doors and cat doors at night.
- * Eliminate attractants in yard (e.g., uncovered garbage cans, pet food left out)
- * More information:
 - <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/coyote.html>
 - <http://acwm.lacounty.gov/scripts/coyo.htm>