

ACONA Meeting Notes

November 17, 2021

Altadena Sheriff's Station's New Captain

Speaker: Capt. Jabari Williams

Hopes to bring his past experience to build community; plans to involve the Station in as many community events as is feasible, and to establish events hosted by the Station. Wants to solicit community involvement through Neighborhood Watch and the Community Advisory Committee. Hopes to decrease property crime rate through community information, increased patrols, working with other enforcement agencies. Wants to use these same resources to reduce crime. Also wants to focus on youth, doing positive outreach, teaching life skills. Stress on communication, getting information out to the public through social media, town hall meetings, word of mouth. Emergency preparedness is also on his list, including practice.

Affordable Housing in Altadena

Speakers:

Tahirah Farris, LA County Department of Regional Planning, Housing Policy Section

Nathan Merrick, LA County Coastal Development Services

SB 9 is a new state law dealing with increasing affordable housing, taking effect January 1, 2022. Applies to single-family residential zones. Allows for ministerial review to develop two family units on a single-family lot, or to split a lot in two for lots of 1200 square feet or more. Must meet certain criteria regarding location (not allowed in historical district, prime farm land, high fire risk zones...). Can't demolish a rent-controlled unit to build another; can't split a lot more than once without going through a longer process. Project can be denied if there's a perceived threat to public health or safety. County is communicating with the State Department of Housing and Community Development, so if there are questions, pass them along. Question about project on Lincoln Avenue & Figueroa: Tahirah doesn't have any information but pass planner's contact along.

Letter from Hannah Petrie

Regarding the Lincoln Avenue project and affordable housing; in favor of this project. Asked to prioritize local workers and local residents.

Q&A

Comment: Parking ratio is set by the county; because the developer has reduced the number of units, there may be more parking available than the county standard (.5 per unit).

Q: Coffee with the Captain?

A: First one is on Saturday, November 20 at 10:00am at Patticakes, 1900 N. Allen Avenue (Allen & New York). Will try to do some on weekday evenings.

Comment: Second annual Thanksgiving turkey and groceries giveaway is happening on Saturday as well, 10am - 1pm at Christ the Shepard Lutheran Church, 185 W. Altadena Drive (Glenrose & Altadena Dr.).

Q: Will there be parking requirements for these split lots or additional buildings?

A: Local jurisdictions can have a requirement.

Q: Is there someone we can get in touch with about Altadena specifically with regard to SB 9?

A: Tahirah will share any questions with the State.

Q: There was a threat of the Altadena Station being closed. Has that been resolved?

A: There are no plans at the moment to close the station. Last meeting with the Sheriff was two weeks ago, where he said they are still having budget issues. Capt. Williams will keep the community in the loop.

Q: Are any environmental impact reports required for SB 9?

A: No, no CEQA reviews are required. There are locational criteria, however.

Comment: If our community “throwing a fit” is effective, maybe we can throw a fit about the absence of community relations officers.

Comment: If the Station’s mission goals are emergency preparedness and community awareness of homelessness, it’s really counterproductive to close the Station.