

# **ACONA November 29, 2023 Meeting Notes**

After introductions, the following topics were presented.

## **Updates on Community Issues**

Speaker: Nic Arnzen, Altadena Town Council

Universal Waste Services

If you have issues you can call UWS at 626-677-3990 or email [customerservice@uwscompany.com](mailto:customerservice@uwscompany.com).

Reaching Supervisor Barger

The Resources tab on [ACONAOnline.org](https://www.aconaonline.org) has the contact info.

Public Works updates

Altadena Drive/Washington Blvd roadway improvement — repaving project; improvement will extend beyond the intersection in the future.

There are a number of further plans for other Altadena streets, including four-way stops, edge-line striping, intersection improvements, speed cushions, speed limit reductions. (See slides for a full list of projects and locations.)

Polytechnic/Chaney Trail

Still no plans being submitted to Regional Planning. AltadenaWILD is still campaigning against the planned development.

## **ATC Land Use Committee**

Speaker: Diane Marcussen, Committee Chair

Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. There's a list of what can go into a commercial lot; businesses can go in there "by right." ATC has no control over these. ATC doesn't do oak tree permits (Regional Planning does these). ATC tries to apply rules that make businesses more community-friendly (e.g., operating hours for liquor stores). A number of alcohol Conditional Use Permits are under consideration at present.

## **Filming in Altadena**

Speakers: Amy Kradofer, FilmLA

Paul Audley, FilmLA

Gary Smith, LA County Film Office

FilmLA is a 502(c)(4) nonprofit organization. Provide coordination services for on-location filming permits. Answer questions and provide help on production planning. MyfilmLA online permit system. (See slides for step-by-step process.) Handle community concerns regarding film projects. FilmLA has a notification service, in a 500-ft radius around a shooting location, they place door hangers. Some shoots have FilmLA monitors, usually for sensitive shoots to make sure the production is abiding by their permit. FilmLA does outreach and education to resolve long-term filming issues. GIS

Location Intelligence provides a heads-up about any local issues. Contact for issues: 213-977-8600 (24-hour number) or [info@filmla.com](mailto:info@filmla.com).

Gary Smith: In the process of finalizing draft of new film ordinance that will gather all the film-related information in one place. Seeking to get Board of Supervisors approval by June, then 3-4 months to implement. Will share with the community once it's official.

## **Q&A**

Q: Henninger Flats land gift project — is it within the ATC purview. A: Aware that the tribe has been in contact with LA County about opening a casino up there. (That's not going to happen.)

Q: When is the next Altadena CSD due to be negotiated? A: No plan for it to be negotiated.

Q: Notification of film projects to multi-unit buildings? A: One notice is posted for multi-unit buildings. Sometimes access is an issue. Private property issues. Sometimes the management doesn't post it. We try to place the notice in a place with higher visibility. If you have suggestions for good places to post such notices, you can contact Amy Kradolfer ([akradolfer@filmla.com](mailto:akradolfer@filmla.com) or [info@filmla.com](mailto:info@filmla.com)).

Q: Can notifications be posted publicly on a website? A: We want to tell the people directly affected and not the entire world (avoiding gawkers).

Q: What to do when a project does not fall within the Altadena community standards plan? A: The State of California is making decisions about land use that affect Altadena (ADUs, for example). Those decisions override Altadena's CSD. You can visit [epicla.lacounty.gov](http://epicla.lacounty.gov) to search for permits. Use the Works app if you want to file a complaint. Your ATC rep can make an inquiry for you, as well.

Comment from Diane Marcussen: Baja Ranch Market property is listed to be sold. There is no project with the County regarding that property.