

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
OF THE CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2016, 6:30 P.M.**

La Crescenta Library Community Room, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 pm

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Roll Call: Present: C. Davis, , J. Bodnar, I. Chessum, F. Beyt, P. Rabinov, K. Hale (6:42 pm)
Absent: M. Claessens, A. Ordubegian, and N. Englund.
2. Approval of Agenda for May 5, 2016 - FB, PR (Passed Unanimously, CD,JB,IC, FB, and PR)
3. Approval of Land Use Committee Minutes April 7, 2016 – IC, PR (Passed Unanimously, CD,JB,IC, FB, and PR) with attachments that were handed out at meeting.
4. Public Comments – none on items not on agenda

PUBLIC HEARING & ACTION ITEMS

5. Consideration of draft revised Community Standards District and discussion with community stakeholders
 - Four items on the CSD were outstanding for review.
- a. Approach the original authors about the Community Standards District for their review and comment. The CSD subcommittee will meet with them once all outstanding items are revised.
- b. Tutoring and After School Centers – Concerns with traffic issues on Foothill Blvd. at pick-up/drop-off times.

Child Care Centers Comments from Phillip Estes Principal planner DRP La County:
Land use regulation of child care or day care uses is linked to state licensing...

"Child care center" means a facility other than a large family child care home or a small family child care home in which less than 24-hour-per-day nonmedical care and supervision is provided for children in a group setting as defined and licensed under the regulations of the state of California.

Child care center is a permitted use in zones C-1, C-2, C-3, R-3

Child care center is a conditional use in zones R-1, R-2

Parking: 22.52.1105 - Day care facilities

A. Every adult day care facility and child care center shall have one parking space for each staff member and any motor vehicle used directly in conducting such use.

B. In addition to the parking required in subsection A of this section, each child care center shall have one parking space for each 20 children for whom a license has been issued by the state of California. Every childcare center shall have a specific area designated and marked for off-street drop-off and pickup of the children.

I consulted with our site plan review section. Regional Planning refers all tutoring schools, after school activity centers, and similar uses to public works for review and approval of a vehicle circulation plan. This has been a matter of practice for about two years, so some of these facilities may predate that. (Licensed child care centers have been subject to this review since 2004). There could be two things going on: 1) some operators may be in violation of an approval or 2) they predate the circulation plan approval requirement. What we could do is take a look at the operators in question to see if they are in compliance or if other measures can be taken to address traffic/queuing problems.

The LUC decided that since there is a vehicle circulation plan review the concerns can be addressed thru code enforcement. No further revisions to the CSD will be necessary.

c. Smoke Shops

Tobacco Shops Comments from Phillip Estes Principal planner DRP La County:
“Tobacco shops” are permitted in the C-1, C-2, C-3 zones with a site plan review. Unless there is some other use (e.g. restaurant, bar) the county treats this use administratively.

Hookah bars or smoking lounges typically claim they operate as tobacco shops and private smokers’ lounges, which are among the businesses that can allow indoor smoking under exemptions in California’s Smoke-Free Workplace law. The county treats them as tobacco shops, unless there are other uses associated with them.

Hookah lounges, cigar lounges, etcetera are not regulated like alcohol. Retail or wholesale tobacco shops and private smokers' lounges are exempt from the California Smoke-Free Workplace law (Labor Code 6400-6413.5). Under the county code, these fall under “tobacco shops” and they are permitted to operate smoking lounges as a “main purpose” with a site plan review. They may be able to sell food as incidental to the primary use. It’s questionable, but it can be done within current state and county regulations. There isn’t a buffer required between sensitive land use (schools, child care centers, etc.). If a buffer is desired, we could look into this if the committee wants to go in this direction.

The LUC decided that the Smoke Shops should be included in the CSD list of uses that are required to go thru a CUP.

d. Pole signs.

Discussed pole signs along Foothill Boulevard. There are a substantial amount of pole signs. Current CSD does not allow pole signs. But any business can go thru a DRP Director's Review in order to obtain a permit to install or keep an existing pole sign.

Motion to leave the pole sign elimination language in the CSD with the original fifteen year grace period (2023). FB, PR (Passed, Ayes: CD, JB, KH, FB, and PR, Nays: IC)

It was agreed that IC will check with Phillip Estes from DRP to verify what the process and cost for the Director's Review is, in order for the LUC to better evaluate the time and money impact of such a review.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. None

FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

7. None

EARLY NOTIFICATION / APPLICATIONS FILED AT DEPT. REGIONAL PLANNING

8. None

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:17 pm