

## DRAFT MINUTES

### FENCES & HEDGES AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING Oakwood Recreation Center July 16, 2008, 7-9pm

#### Public comment:

forum posts taken from veniceNC.org, some of them had suggestions which were highlighted.

#### Amendment from last month's record:

Tim Guille wanted to clear up a point about fences in Santa Monica: he had relayed that an over-height chain-link fence was ok (see-through), but this was in reference to temporary construction fences. In actuality there is no exception to the 42" rule - unless it is grandfathered.

#### Homework:

Tim: from Tony Kim, an Associate Planner in Santa Monica that there is no fee to register a non-conforming fence. This registration remains valid through transfer of ownership.

Jed: Brentwood Park has a zone - RA (for agricultural) that allows 6 ft fences

#### Subarea districting:

According to Marcia Jackson, there are some communities with bylaws that impose additional standards (such as design). She also described what happens when people decide to contest a citation and it has reached the enforcement stage (city attorney involved): they will typically present as argument a prevailing condition (presence of other offending structures), and the city attorney will probably not pursue the matter unless there is an extreme condition or safety issue. [The question was brought up if it would be possible to access these records]

#### Coastal Zone:

More information is needed about what area is affected and what precedents exist for the CC to override municipal code or specific plans.

#### VSP:

Not approved by city - only discretionary.

#### Sunset Period:

Do we want to consider permits with a lifespan ?

#### Setbacks:

To preserve angle of view to the sky, depends on street width. Possible alternative (partial variance). Should F&HC come up with formula ?

#### Upcoming Goals:

Preliminary recommendations and survey nailed down in August.  
Final recs in Sept.

In moving towards recommendations, Tim suggested breaking them down into 2 categories: grandfather and new construction/remodel.