



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, December 21, 2010 7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance-----Dr. Lori Judson

1.2 Roll Call

4601	Gino Sund	P
4601	Phil Barela	E
4602	Okorie Ezieme	P
4602	Greg Middleton	P
4603.01	Doug Colliflower	P
4603.01	Alice Wessen	E
4603.02	Sandra Thomas	P
4603.02	Ken Roberts	P
4610	Tecumseh Schackelford	P
4610	Gene Campbell	P
4611	Allan Wasserman	P
4611	<i>Vacant</i>	-
4612	Jamie Bissner	P
4612	Ruth Edwards	P
4613	Diane Marcussen	P
4613	Lorie Judson	P

P: Present; E: Excused Absence; A: Absent

### 2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

2.1 Recording Secretary -----Gino Sund for (Phil Barela)

Motion to approve November minutes of the ATC made by K. Roberts, seconded by D. Colliflower. Minutes approved.

2.2 Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner

Two letters were sent thanking the organizers of the Town Hall meeting at Jackson Elementary School.

2.3 Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford

Balance reported of \$1249.39, with thanks to council members and public for their donations, the only source of income for the ATC.

2.4 Vice Chairman-----Ruth Edwards

No report – Vice Chair summarizes the ATC Executive Committee meeting, but due to travel, was unable to attend.

## **2.5 Chairman-----Gino Sund**

It is noted that Gaurav Malhotra moved to CT 4601 and will no longer represent CT 4611. He was thanked for his dedication and service to Altadena, and encouraged to continue his support to the community.

Altadena Farmers Market, likely looking at Loma Alta Park as the location, LA County looking for vendors and getting public input on days and hours.

AT&T cell tower NW Washington near Fair Oaks, up to LA County Regional Planning, communications to representative for 9 Feb hearing. Feedback to planners is due by 15 January.

Review of Altadena Community Plan & Community Standards will be conducted, has not been reviewed since 1986.

Estimate six months to plan, 18 month process, Land Use Committee already engaged.

Carolyn Seitz named Citizen of the Year by Altadena Chamber of Commerce. Dedication will be on 28 January at the Altadena Town and Country Club.

Question on the cross-walk issue on N. Windsor Ave in West Altadena, no report.

## **3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

### **3.1 California Highway Patrol-----Officer Ming Yang Hsu**

Offc. Hsu reported 33 collisions, 5 DUI, 7 DUI arrests. Toy drive brought in 2000 toys to Pasadena & Altadena. No check points planned due to logistics of the Rose Parade on New Years Eve.

### **3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Captain Steve McLean**

Capt. McLean introduced two new deputies, James Barker and Efron Contreras. He reported no homicides in Altadena for 2010. Violent crimes are down, biggest reduction in LA County. 71% reduction in gang crime, 20% reduction in rape, 3% in burglary and 22% in aggravated assault.

Annual Toy Give-away was on Dec 18, 200+ families benefitted with toys for each child plus food.

Capt. McLean noted two programs, one helping paroles with mentoring and a middle school program of Bicycle Education and Registration Program that teaches how to take a bike apart and put it back together.

He said that his goals for 2011 are: 1) to build a better relationship with the community and, 2) to continuing to work on reducing crime, to make Altadena one of the safest communities in the county.

He noted it was a pleasure working with G. Malhotra

### **3.3 Altadena Neighborhood Watch ----- Jeff Sedlick**

J. Sedlick gave an update on the neighborhood watch programs in Altadena, and encouraged those interested in establishing any new programs to contact the sheriffs station.

## **4. SPECIAL REPORT**

### **4.1 Lincoln Crossing Bank of America**

Selena Gill and Cynthia Casteneda invite the community to visit BoA, they are working on the parking issues and highlighted that they do have safe deposit boxes available. A. Wasserman expressed how pleased he is with the professionalism of BoA staff and their services, noting that they are also very friendly. T. Shackelford also noted that they have wanted a grocery store and full service bank for 30 years, and asked that the community support the Redevelopment Project.

## **5. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

### **5.1 ATC Vote-----Brian League, Chair ATC Land Use Committee**

3770 North El Sereno Ave. Project number R2004-00378, Applicant: Gregory Coxsom. To authorize a CUP for the addition of a 566 square foot expansion to single family residence that currently exceeds the Gross Structural Area limit set by the Altadena Community Standards District.

B. League reported that the Land Use Committee vote 5-3 NOT to approve this expansion. In these cases, LA County Regional Planning looks for recommendations from the Town Council. Extensive discussion and indications from Cossam that a proposed change to the plan was in progress. This led to a motion from T. Schakleford to table the decision until January meeting. This was not seconded since the decision is on the current proposed plan. L. Judson made a motion to deny this proposal, seconded by J. Bissner. Discussion ensued with B. League noting that this plan was not in accordance with the Community Standards, and G. Sund noting that the ATC should consistently and fairly apply these standards. . ATC voted 8 in favor of the motion to deny, 2 opposed ,and 1 abstention. It was therefore recommended to deny the proposal, but to hold a letter until the February meeting to further consider actions.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **6.1 WAPAC (West Altadena Project Area Committee)-----Ken Roberts**

Roberts noted that the representative for the developer does not attend the meetings. Plans for building 5 are prepared. The DA office is reviewing paperwork due to list of complaints. WPAC is now encouraging more public engagement.

## **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **7.1 Chamber of Commerce-----Doug Colliflower**

It was noted that Carolyn Seitz will be the 2010 Altadena Citizen of the Year with the installation dinner on January 28 at the Altadena Town and Country Club.

### **7.2 Altadena Library-----Barbra Pearson**

No Report.

### **7.3 L.A. County Parks Dept----- (Lorraine Martinez)**

Penny Daniels and Richard Aguirre reported that Charles White is also a potential place for the Farmers Market with public response 38/40 positive responses, also noting that parking is an issue. They reported on various winter programs and camps for youth. Roberts questioned progress on renovations and Daniels reported that they will move forward with them and look to maximize parking. She noted that soccer use of the field must go thru a permit process and due to the rain soaked field condition, would reschedule any games.

### **7.4 Sheriff's Support Group-----Jamie Bissner (for Bill Westphal)**

No Report.

## **7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

**4601** – No Report

**4602** – O. Ezieme questioned the status of the restriping of N. Lake, Sund said that another letter was to be sent to residents of N. Lake.

**4603.01**– D. Colliflower said that the listserve messages indicated very positive response for the Farmers market.

**4603.02**– No report

**4610**– T. Schakleford noted that removing the silt from the dam is an estimated \$32M project. He also again encouraged all to support the Lincoln Crossing Project

**4612**–J. Bissner noted that the letters sent in the past month to commercial properties on N. Lake seem to have had a positive effect to improving the look of the street.

**4611**– A. Wasserman thanked G. Malhotra for his service to the community and the Census Tract. Recalling their shared experience of painting a fence to improve the community, he commended G. Malhotra and encouraged him to continue working with Capt. McLean.

**4613**– No report.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1** Motion by S. Johnson to prepare a plaque for Carolyn Seitz congratulating her on her Citizen of the Year Award. Seconded by J. Bissner. All in favor.
- 9.2** K. Roberts made a motion that eth ATC should prepare a letter to LA County for support in 2011 in preparing the Community Plan and Community Standards. L. Judson seconded. All in Favor.
- 9.3** A. Wassserman read a letter from James Yang requesting a letter for project support from the ATC. The letter should go to the LA County Metropolitan Transportation in response to their 2011 Call for Projects and the possibility to beautify the Woddbury Road median strip. Seconded by J. Bissner. Requested letter due January 3. All in favor.
- 9.4** All requested to look at scheduling a Saturday meeting of the ATC for a future planning session.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**9:05 PM**