



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 18 2010

7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance-----Ken Roberts

1.2 Roll Call

Phil Barella – excused absence.

All others present

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

2.1 Recording Secretary -----Alice Wessen MSP with three minor edits noted made

2.4 Vice Chairman-----Ruth Edwards

Exact Committee took a look at how we construct our minutes. We are looking at how we might ease that for the future. We are also improving the development of the counsel and the board processes.

Parking issues of overnight parking-later in agenda and also business development in Altadena Especially north Lake area

2.2 Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner

Two letters sent to Regional planning stating ATC approval.

1. Applicant: BDI –Derra Design for AT&T Wireless R2010-00090 (CUP 201000014) filed 01/26/2010 – R1-7500

2. Installation of an unmanned telecommunications facility disguised as a 100 foot monopine and 501 Stonehurst drive – retroactive conversion of a garage. Applicant: Yolanda McCausland, consultant R2009-01628/RCUP 2009-00116/ROAK 2009-0038 filed 09/23/2009 – R1-YY Retroactive conversion of an existing garage into 2 bedrooms

2.5 Chairman-----Gino Sund

- Last week met with supervisor and staff who deal with trash to find out what is going on. There was a change of personnel who dealt with the contracting process. The elements originally voted for at ATC in Dec 2008 are still in the contract. The \$\$ are also favorable with 10% or more drops in pricing for folks who go with a single service contract.
- One charter school (Aveson) is moving to the vacant lot on Lincoln and Altadena. Will have a meet and greet on May 20th
- Speed limit on Lincoln from Loma Alta to Pasadena border is now 35mps not 30 mph. Now CHP will be ticketing speeders over the speed of 35mph

2.3 Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford

Beg	\$1,740.04
Dep	\$ 60.00
Sub:	1800.04
Checks (3)	213.84
Ending	\$1,586.20

PUBLIC COMMENT (all comments related to local residents of the neighborhood around the 183 E. Palm St. property registering objections to turning the property into a school for special needs/autistic children)

- 1.No School on Palm. Streets are too narrow, too much noise. Nothing to do with the kids, has to do with the quality of life in the neighborhood. Sahag Mesrob school was unbearable.
- 2.Adjacent to Palm – Speaker wished to register his and his wife’s complaint about using the site for a school including the previous school which did not have proper permits. This is zoned r1 residential which seems open to a challenge due to the park like nature of the property. Not a narrow minded nimby-it is simply impractical!
- 3.Quality of life will not be bargained away. Any school public or private should be a benefit not an impact to people’s lives and homes.
- 4.30 year resident, on Raymond next to the property. This is a residential area with narrow streets, hills, quiet. The Palm street residents are trying to preserve the quality of life.
- 5.Bienvenidos for 80 infants and toddlers did not generate the traffic and noise that a 250 k-12 school will generate.
- 6.East Palm resident since 2001. It was quiet, it was peaceful we do not want a school on our block.
- 7.The site should be reserved for a residential community.
- 8.Homeowner on Palm, 5 houses away from Sahag Mesrob . It was loud, it was dangerous. This is a street where people walk, it is not meant for heavy business use.Very serious situation.

Gino Sund: Chair privilege - This will be a big issue for Altadena. Since it can affect land use we need to get more information. Will refer to Land Use to discuss further.

Member Ezieme: There is a potential sale of this property. It has not been sold yet. The neighborhood has come forth as a result of prospective buyer coming forth.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff’s Station-----Capt. Steve McLean

Update on burglaries. 18 arrested in last two months. As a result of the arrests, our thefts are at an all time low. Burglary and larceny rates are down. Been averaging 8 a week. Last month we were down to 4, last week it was three a week. This is a team effort needing neighbors and sheriffs working together.

Gang crime: 6 out of the 7 are down by as much as 50-80%, but there is very little gang crime in Altadena, but even one gang banger is one too many. We should have zero tolerance for gang activity.

Robbery at Chevron gas station by a convict in for 20 years for armed robbery. Within 20 minutes our deputy picked up the guy. Ronald Boswell, had just gotten out of prison for armed robbery.

3.2 California Highway Patrol-----Officer Ming Hsu

17 ppty damage only

5 dui arrests

In regards to speed limit being raised on Lincoln. State law changed and requirements changed. We can not use radar without proper survey. With survey, we can now enforce the speed limits. May 7th & 22nd Teens drivers: Drive Smart to Stay Safe:

<http://www.chp.ca.gov/community/startsmart.html>

Due to the graphic nature of some pictures and videos, a parent is required to accompany each teenager.

Memorial Day is coming up. At least 75% of station workforce will be out. Also Prom night is here so remind them to be safe. Remind teens to drive responsibly
June 19th will hold a fundraiser at Rosemont for widows and orphans fund for fallen peace officers.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

4.1 Dept of Public Works, *Bicycle Master Plan*-----Kristofor Norberg

Presentation of the County of LA Master Bicycle Plan: class 1,2 & 3
SEARCH LA COUNTY BIKE MASTER PLAN

4.2 IBI Group, *Transit Needs Study*-----Steve Wilks SEARCH TRANSIT NEEDS STUDY, LA COUNTY, ALTADENA

A presentation regarding community characteristics, existing traffic services and potential traffic needs by LA County IBI group.

- 58% of residential areas are within .25 miles of Transit Service area (considered a reasonable walking distance, not considering topography) Note that Dial A Ride does service Altadena. 58% of residential areas in Altadena are within a quarter mile of a transit service area, which is considered "served" -- and of the underserved areas, 58% are located on a slope greater than 8% grade. Approximately 40% are on a slope greater than a 12% grade. For those people who do use transit, more than 80% use it for non-work purposes, so the percentage of commuters is quite small. In addition, most underserved areas do not have standard sidewalks, curbs and storm drains. Bus noise, particularly in hilly areas, may be objectionable -- and a large capital investment would be required to meet the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act to establish bus stops.
- Deviating metro 687 along Altadena drive, Marengo and Lake could generate 5-10 passengers per vehicle service hour (VSH)
- Not enough ridership to support new service. Would require major capitol investments along Marengo.
- Not enough to satisfy ARTS 26 passengers per residential service area (RA).
- To meet ADA guidelines for new bus service, stop zones with landing pads and curb cuts to be established ie large capitol investment involved.
- 80% of existing trips are for discretionary purposed. 100% of existing area served by Dial a Ride for older and disabled.
- Deviating existing Metro or Pasadena ARTS routes falls below existing service standards
- In terms of existing transit standards due to the budget environment hard to justify, especially when Dial A Ride is available for senior and disabled.

5. OVERNIGHT PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES

55.1 Possible ATC Vote: A proposed ordinance to require resident permits for over night street parking of oversized vehicles.

J Bissner, Ruth Edwards and Okorie Ezieme have yet to meet to review and make a recommendation.

Want to address the perception and issues of using Altadena as a free RV storage area. Where is stands is to send a letter to Antonovich to enforce the ordinance.

Motion: ATC write a letter to Antonovich to help solve the long tern problem, to recommend an ordinance

MS Bissner/Judson

Discussion:

Public Comment:

1. there is a small but vocal minority of folks who are complaining about a few problems. Wishes to advocate for the status quo.

2. According to senior parking person there are 9 registered RV owners. Felt it is only a few bad eggs, it would be inconvenient.

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Discussion regarding the nature of the motion.

The motion is to ask the county to come back with a suggested ordinance that then ATC would vote on. We are not being specific yet as to what the ordinance should be.

Call for the question (Wessen)

MSP to ask the county to come back with a suggested ordinance so that ATC could then discuss the specifics of the proposed ordinance to be voted on at a later date.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 ELECTION COMMITTEE----Bob Meyer

Saturday June 5th is the ATC election.

9-3PM

4 competitive and 4 unopposed

limit of 6 locations

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS (recorded on camera)

9. OLD BUSINESS None

10. NEW BUSINESS None

ADJOURNMENT