



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:10 p.m.)

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance-----Okorie Ezieme

1.2 Roll Call

CT	Member	Status		CT	Member	Status
4601	Phil Barela	E		4610	Tecumseh Shackelford	E
4601	Gino Sund	Present		4610	Gene Campbell	A
4602	Greg Middleton	Present		4611	Allan Wasserman	Present
4602	Okorie Ezieme	Present		4611	Gaurav Malhotra	A
4603.01	Alice Wessen	Present		4612	Ruth Edwards	Present
4603.01	Doug Colliflower	Present		4612	Jamie Bissner	Present
4603.02	Ken Roberts	Present		4613	Diane Marcussen	Present
4603.02	Sandra Thomas	E		4613	Lorie Judsen	Present

E: Excused Absence; A: Absent

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

2.1 Recording Secretary -----Alice Wessen

Motion to accept the minutes for June and July. Motion made by D. Colliflower, second by L. Judson. Minutes approved.

2.2 Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner

No correspondence

2.3 Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford

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2.4 Vice Chair-----Ruth Edwards

2.5 Chairman-----Gino Sund

PUSD School Consolidation Study Committee. Faced with funding shortfalls the PUSD school board directed Superintendent Diaz to form a school consolidation study committee to look at options for the use of district properties to help identify schools most appropriate for potential closure. Mr. Diaz invited ATC be represented at this broad based community committee.

Ken Roberts volunteered for and was voted by the Council to serve on this committee.

Peafowls or Peacocks. (Chair report) We have received numerous complaints of peacocks disturbing the peace in Altadena. There are no enforcement codes to handle them and animal control will only respond to dead or injured animals. Peacocks are not a protected species. Resident should stop feeding them and will need to rely on private resources for help.

Hillside Ordinance: At its July 27th session, the LA County Supervisors approved the Hillside ordinance as an addition to the Altadena Community Standards District. Council voted unanimously to honor the

Committee for its four year effort to preserve the beauty and charm of Altadena. The ATC proclamation plaque was presented to the Chair Patricia Mulligan and the Committee.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

3.1 Nominating Committee Report. Ken Roberts, Chair of the committee presented the slate of officers. Gino Sund for Chair, Ruth Edwards for Vice Chair, Jamie Bissner for Corresponding Secretary, Alice Wessen for Recording Secretary and Tecumseh Shackelford for Treasurer.

Alice Wessen removed her name from nomination and Phil Barela was nominated, seconded and voted onto the slate for Recording Secretary.

3.2 Vote for the Executive Committee. The slate was then unanimously elected for the current Council.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

4.1 Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Capt Steve McLean

Captain McLean reported discussed the police work of the sheriffs and police departments in bringing down the crime rate of Altadena. He reported that 42 suspects have been arrested for burglary in the last five months. McLean also commended Altadena for stepping up and working within their communities to report and watch out for illegal activity. The local gangs have gone from gang banging to burglaries.

4.2 California Highway Patrol-----Officer Ming Yang Hsu

Officer Hsu expressed concern for the use of mini scooters up and down street. They are not street legal and may not be used on street. In July there were significant increase in citations being issued for speeding and seatbelts. Next Wed Aug 25th, the CHP is doing a "Zero Tolerance" campaign for illegal cell phone use while driving.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

5.1 NORTH LAKE AVE. STREET RE-STRIPING

Jalaine Madrid & Sarkis Oganessian of Traffic & Lighting division of the Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works presented a plan to reduce speed and increase safety on North Lake Ave.

Due to ongoing complaint about excessive speed on North Lake Ave. Traffic and Lighting investigated options to solve the problem. The county's proposal is to re-stripe Lake Ave from Pine St to Loma Alta to one lane in each direction, with a center dual left turn lane with road edge striping .

Research showing significant decreases in accidents due to speeding, well over 50%. was presented.

Edge striping and narrower appearing traffic lanes has been shown to reduce speed and improve pedestrian safety.

Recent court decisions will require this section of Lake Ave to be reposted to at least 40 mph for radar enforcement.

The new striping could be removed and the current striping replaced if not effective.

The Council voted unanimously to support the new striping plan.

5.2. MONTE CEDRO

Marty Tamburrano, CEO of The Episcopal Home Communities presented the current plans for going forward with the Monte Cedro project.

The project has been on hold since the 2008/2009 housing market plummeted and the capital markets were frozen. The project is now moving forward on a phased in basis, with a modification of the original design.

- The project will be smaller and phased in, based on changing economic conditions.
- Construction is planned to begin the summer of 2015, but the start date will be dependent on the sales of units.
- A sales office in Pasadena will open in September
- All residents who wish to move back may do so and units have been set aside for them. Funds have been set aside (\$15-18M) to take care of subsidizing 150 residents at Scripps-Kensington.
- Apologies for the vacant lot at the site that has not been kept up to standards. A new landscaping company has been hired who will be there on Fridays to weed and trim trees. They will bring a security service to patrol the site. The netting is coming down. By mid October they will hydro seed the property with wildflowers and native plants.

6. LAND USE COMMITTEE

6.1 Project number R2008-00738 (CUP R2008-00079) a T-Mobile Wireless 35ft monopalm cell tower and facility located at 347 W. Altadena Dr. was recommended for approval by vote of the Land Use Committee. There was no public comment on the project. The Council voted unanimously to recommend that the Regional Planning Commission approve the project. Diane Marcussen recused herself.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy---Report made on campaign by to purchase 21 acres in Rubio Canyon to preserve it as open space. More info <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/index-home.html>

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

9. OLD BUSINESS

Council shirts arrived and distributed to Members.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m.