



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, March 16, 2010 7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance-----Doug Colliflower

Members Present:

4601: Gino Sund; 4602: Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton; 4603.01: Alice Wessen, Doug Colliflower; 4603.02: Sandra Thomas 4610: Tecumseh Shackelford; 4611: Ruth Neilan, Jaime Bissner 4612: Gaurav Malhotra, Allan Wasserman; 4613: Susan Goldman, Lorie Judson

Excused Absences: Phil Barela, Ken Roberts, Gene Campbell

Approval of Agenda: MSP

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Recording Secretary -----Alice Wessen

Minutes of Feb 2010 need some spelling corrections before being approved: No motion

Corresponding Secretary—Jaime Bissner Regional Planning regarding Morado place, they withdrew their application for a cup

Vice Chairman Report----- Ruth Nelian

It is an honor to be elected and hope to fulfill the duties. Did talk with chair about upcoming elections and additional revisions of bylaws. I have previously chaired the bylaw committee and helped shape the bylaws.

Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford

Current balance \$1,557.04

142.00 deposit

1699.04 current balance

Chairman-----Gino Sund report

Census mailer-please fill it out. It is a civic responsibility.

Mail Boxes: Met with Postmaster. They agreed to do a survey. Chair has not gotten results of survey. They have been picking up a lot of mail and that is one reason to push to put mailboxes back!

Hillside Ordinance (HO) committee: regional planning approved HO. Will go to supervisors. It was a 4 year effort, with a hardworking committee. The commissioners gave a round of applause because they were so impressed with the job the HO did. This committee worked with all the stakeholders and did a great job working with many of the homeowners and regional planning.

Water Task Force: Parcel tax from Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD)-Marietta Kruells is chair of committee charged with trying to get more info about the water tax. Members of committee include Steve Haussler, Ruth Neilan, Ken Roberts, Michelle Zack, Doug Colliflower & Gino Sund. The group is working on a list of questions to be asked of foothill municipal, and they do have a meeting set up and plan a tour. More under special reports later in agenda.

Overnight parking for oversized vehicles-now we have question of other oversized vehicles like rv's from non Altadenans parking on streets without any permit. We are seeking community input. More info under New Business in ATC agenda below.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Lt Steve McLean
He introduced Roosavelt Johnson ie 'Rosie' who becomes Lt Johnson.
626-798-1131 for station

In last two months arrested 8 suspects for burglary including 2 known gang members.
3 home burglaries and 2 vehicle thefts
March 2 weeks compared with 2 weeks of Feb-larceny is down 45%!!! Thinks we headed in right direction. We have an ongoing investigation. To the community please continue to pick up the phone and call the sheriffs to let us know. Call if you see any suspicious activity.

Feb 27th First Neighborhood Watch Conference
1st ever. 100 folks showed up even in the rain. McLean expressed his extreme pleasure to honor Carolyn Seitz who went out to make this a huge success.

Upcoming: Original Rosie is having an Open House on the 31st of March. The community can come out and say good bye.

April 3rd, massive community event with 100 or so volunteers who will walk the streets, drop off information and take back this neighborhood so Altadenans can know what to do and how to protect themselves.
Event will be at Charles White Park at 10AM. We want explorers, reserves and more. Learn how to protect yourself from theft. Challenge to Council, bring at least 6-7 folks from each census tract on April 3rd to take back Altadena.

California Highway Patrol-----Officer Hsu

Stats in Feb in Altadena

24 minor accidents

86 citations in Altadena area.

Lake and Morado crosswalk complaints. Offc. Miller will do a special enforcement

25 collisions, one dui non injury, 21 ppty damage only

We have been focusing on crosswalks at Morada with 20 violations cited.

We are looking for senior volunteers need to be at least 50 years old doing 20 hours at least a month.

Will be doing a class for teens ie first time drivers for advice for new drivers/teen drivers on the responsibilities of driving. Class for teens and their parents to make sure their kids are paying attention behind the wheel.

Will be in May in the ACC. As soon as available will share with council. Need to confirm the dates in May.

Q: Radar meter on Loma Alta, is it effective?

An: We are still monitoring. It allows officers to stand further away and monitor traffic speed.

Q: Did CHP get a grant to do a little extra work up in Altadena.

An: Yes, contact Officer Miller for more details.

LA County Fire Dept ----- Stephanie English

Liaison with Fire Chairman

Fire safety awareness

Feb: There were three mobile ppty fires, 196 rescue calls, 19 service. 22 false alarms

Earthquakes-I brought some literature, we are overdue. Our task force went to Haiti and did an outstanding job. Emergency Preparedness Guide for handout. Try to keep on-hand at least three days of emergency supplies, water, food and medical supplies.

Rains and evacuations: Our unified command worked hard to get info out to affected communities.

Special Reports

County Dept of Parks and Recreation – Kathleen Ritner, Dep Director

Charles White Park-we had series of meetings about CW park, and what we could do to improve. Schiff offered monies for a feasibility study. We have had a series of 5 meetings with community for a vision for what could happen to that park. Working with public works we go into design development for construction plans. This has been presented to congressman Schiff's office under a grant of Proposition 84. State grant submitted in March.

New picnic group area, permeable concrete walks, new picnic tables, new splash pad, basketball court, rest area, fitness zone, park horse, exercise equipment, onsite parking, entry with ADA accessibility, landscaping/drought tolerant plants, solar power energy system, underground retention basin, bio-swales. Due to the state of the park, it more than any other Altadena park needs help.

Cost estimations-\$4.7M. We hope to get some funds from Schiff.

The field will be multipurpose (soccer, baseball, etc).

Q: Is this a change in focus from a neighborhood park to a more regional focus.

Ans: This represents local community interest and feedback.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

WAPAC

Gene Campbell/Ken Roberts (absent, NR)

Water Task Force, Mariette Kruells, Chair

MK-Nina Jasmadarian, Gen Mgr gave a report, capitol improvements. Questions regarding station fire and implications for watershed. The group is working on a list of questions to be asked of foothill municipal, but they do have a meeting set up and plan a tour

Mon 8:30am April 22

Gino: the proposed parcel tax not much to ppty owners but might be a lot to large landowners in the foothills. They have option to opt out of parcel tax.

Prop 218, a mail in ballot. Every ppty owner will have a different assessment and the ballot will be weighted based on ppty size. Also based on assessed benefit to each ppty owner and based on last 5 years water useage. Very complicated formula.

They have changed the costs several times.

65M costs mentioned. The bond may be lowered to 20M but no concrete data has come out yet.

This will be a 50% plus 1 vote not a 2/3rds majority

Please contact your local water company and ask questions about this parcel tax! We deserve to be informed!

Chair Sund: We understand the concept of water reclamation is good but we just need to know more about it before we can get onboard.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altadena Library--- Pauly Dutton, principal librarian

<http://www.altadenalibrary.org/>

New services, adult learning center, online you can log in with your library card, prepare for citizenship, prepare for GED and so much more. Career transitions: would you like to try something else?

April 20th first class, learn at the library

March 18th, March game madness, Wii, PS3, board games and FOOD! Our teen blog has info for teens.

May 2nd, Make chocolates for your mom. April 10th lots of cookies at Poetry and Cookie celebration April 19th-burst out with creative juices with Ellen Snortland

Fun Free Family Entertainment!!!

L.A. County Parks Dept-----Lorraine Martinez (Not present, no report)

http://parks.lacounty.gov/Parkinfo.asp?URL=cms1_033036.asp&Title=Altadena

Sheriffs Support Group---Jaime Bissner-more than 30 artists are being whittled down to a 12 for the Summer Concert Series starting July 3rd.

Google Sheriff Support Group of Altadena, talking to Amy's to do box lunches and dinners for the concert.

Census Tract Report

4601- NR

4602-Okorie Ezieme, NW conf was wonderful. Central Altadena Little League had an event to raise funds (pancake breakfast) Greg Middleton sent a letter to all block captains to join forces.

4603.01 Wessen NR, Colliflower NR

4603.02 Thomas NR

4610: Tecumseh Shackelford Bank of America at LCC-heard they announced that we do have a BofA, special parking, a security guard, we need to support that bank. Bills chicken, the SuperKing please support LCC and spend your money.

Pasadena is having an open house sat the 20th 11-2, presentation starting 12:30 to intro the new helicopter that will be quieter.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Council photos-do you want them on the website?

Town Council shirts-cotton and bamboo materials

NEW BUSINESS

Bus Bench, Allan Wasserman discussion-Northwest corner of Calaveras/Santa Anita on west side of street, has no overhang, no shelter from weather. We need to do better

M/S discussion-write a letter to supervisor to use Prop 1A money, we need to send a letter to supervisor to encourage getting cover on the bus.

Chair suggested an addition to the motion to write two separate letters

One to request bus bench cover

Two-county consider a beautification of our entrance sign way to our community

Motion amendment accepted

M/S/P

2010 Election Chair will be Bob Meyers again. Need 4 folks from town council and 2 from outside. Garuav, Jaime, Greg, Doug

Oversized Vehicle, Overnight Parking Ordinance-OV has been a problem with non residents using Altadena streets to avoid parking fees of 200-300 monthly. ATC suggests that residents apply for a nominal fee or no charge for first year permit to park on streets. This is not meant to be restrictive to valid residents who need to park their RV's etc. We did establish an ordinance to restrict overnight parking for commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds which is working. But this ordinance left a gap for large vehicles, boats, trailers, RV's etc. Capt Blow suggested working this because non residents from outside Altadena will bring their large vehicles and use Altadena for free storage.

We are not going to touch large vehicles that park on property, only those that park on public streets.

Chair Sund: Seeking community input by May.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments were accommodated during key presentations at Council, therefore no public comments will be found under this heading

12. ADJOURNMENT MSP Adjourn 9:18PM MSP