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Minutes TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010 8:10 PM Altadena Community Center

Following: Joint meeting with the Pasadena Unified School District Governing Board Followed by Regular Altadena Town Council Meeting

Quorum

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance – Earlier during Joint Meeting

Roll Call

Attendance:

4601: Sund, Barela

4602: Eziemie

4603.01: Wessen – excused Bridewell – excused

4603.02: Roberts, Thomas

4610: Shackelford – excused, Campbell – excused

4611: Wasserman, Malhotra

4612: Bissner, Edwards

4613: Goldman, Judson – excused

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

Recording Secretary – Alice Wessen

Sund calls for motion to accept minutes, Thomas motion to accept minutes

Second by Eziemie

Corrections of names and spelling to be made by Sund – editorial

Accepted.

Corresponding Secretary - Ruth Edwards

Vice Chairman - Dennis Bridwell

Treasurer – Tecumseh Shackelford

Balance: \$1557.04

ATC Chairman – Gino Sund

Trash Hauling: There have been procedural and personnel delays by the County thus the RFP will not to out until March – probably no new service for Altadena until end of 2010.

ATT: New cell tower on Loma Alta and Fair Oaks – was on hold till end of '09, waiting for county to sign off and ATT to send proposal to LACO, we expect a new proposal to come to Land Use Committee by the first quarter of this year.

Land Use: 1207 Malrota Place CUP, a continuance of the case was approved by Regional Planning so it could come to Land use and the Council.

Vacancy in 4602: One application was received and will be taken up in New Business

The Chamber of Commerce announced the 2009 Citizen of year award it is C Jake and Mr. T. The Chair asked for a motion to present an ATC proclamation honoring the recipients. Motion: Bissner, second Thomas approved unanimously. The award dinner is January 29th, reservations are required by Jan 22, \$75/person for dinner at Altadena Town and Country Club.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Altadena Sheriff's Station – Captain Roosevelt Blow

Thanks for toy & food drive, fed 190 families. Assistance from Bright Scholars and other volunteers, 20 delivered by Sherriff's station.

Feb 27 Neighborhood Watch - Loma Alta 8AM-3PM – how to protect your neighborhood. 10 new groups.

Introduce new staff – appointed new Deputy for Community Relations, at station 4 years, Dep. Mike Prince.

Community Relations Sargent – Sarg. Bartlett

Stat new neighborhood watch group – call them. Next Wed - @ Elliot walk halls with students.

Summer months in Altadena need more enforcement, increase 36% over summer quarter, decreases over fall quarter.

Rainstorm issue this week problem – no planned evacuation for Altadena. Bridge at Canyon Crest Road damaged Tuesday 1.18.10, cleared last night. Cooperate with Sheriff's Dept if need to evacuate.

Recognition by Barela for job well done. Also by Eziemie.

Public comment: Event for custodial release after hours, arrested in Altadena, taken to Crescenta Valley – release policy is regulated by law.

California Highway Patrol – Capt. Ming Hsu (Officer Andre Primeaux)

39 collisions (confirm), 29 property damage and 11 minor injuries

4 DUI

Raymond re-paving Sacramento and Lake

Caution to drive safely during rain events.

Primeaux – spent great amount of time with Hsu to ensure ongoing commitment to Altadena. Past year as Public Information Officer for LA Sheriff's will continue but different community

Introduce Lt. Cruze for any complaints that may come up.

Chairman Sund presented the Altadena Distinguished Service Award plaque to Officer Primeaux for his outstanding service and dedication to the residents of Altadena.

Lt. Krusey – Primeaux will take oral for Sergeant next week. Lt. will be here quarterly.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

Southern California Edison – Dave Ford

3500 customers out of power yesterday. Continue to work to restore service. Report outage by calling: 800-611-1911

Feb. will begin to install 'Smart Meters', from 2009 – 2010, 5Million new meters. Can look at useage on internet, Smart Connect program. Installation takes about 5 minutes with brief power outage to change out meters. Contractor is Corix. Check www.sce.com and search for 'Smart Connect'. Plans to take about 2 months – Feb – March, several hundred meters/day. Cost for consumer is ~1.56/customer/month. 1.6% increase, but is expected to provide a 5% savings from more efficient use of power.

5. LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT

ATC VOTE: 3572 Canyon Ridge Dr. Project number: PM 064462/Renv 2006-00060/Roak 2006-00021. Applicant: Daniel Singer and Calvin Smith. Subdivision of one parcel (1.25 acres) into three parcels with one oak tree removal. No change to existing residence.

Brian League reports:

Land Use conducted Public Hearing on Dec 2 and Jan 5 subdivision above. Surrounding residents support the CUP and the Land Use Committee voted to recommend approval of the project.

Motion made by Barela, seconded by Goldman to recommend that the Regional Planning Commission approve project number: PM 064462/Renv 2006-00060/Roak 2006- 00021.

Vote of Council: Unanimously passes.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

WAPAC – Gene Campbell/Ken Roberts

No WAPAC meeting last month, no report

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chamber of Commerce – Ben McGinty

Dinner and Citizen of Year award, please consider attending.

Altadena Library – (Barbra Pearson), Polly Dutton, Principal Librarian at Altadena Public Library

Outlined library upcoming events for next month, The library is accepting applications for the post of poet laureate of Altadena. For information See: www.altadenalibrary.org.

L.A. County Parks Dept – Lorraine Martinez

No report

Sheriff's Support Group – Bill Westphal

No report

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4601: Barela: Mailboxes an issue to drop mail, lack of convenience, need community voice.

4602: NR

4603.01

4603.02

4610

4611: Wasserman: Monte Cedro, project still alive, but wants to have them address ATC in near future. Malhotra: Petty robberies, working with Sheriff, and local residents to resolve

4612: Bissner: Power goes out on stop lights, please remember to stop

4613: Goldman: Restriping, resident called and is opposed. POC for Highway, is out on jury duty for long trial. Lincoln crossing, reduce parking 25 spots, call Anita Gutierrez @ 213-975-6433 to voice opinion. Concern already under-parked at the location, parking if very tight.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Sund: We should consider forming a Complete Count Committee for Altadena. This committee would assist the Census Bureau in getting an accurate count of hard to reach residents for the 2010 Census. Ken Roberts agreed to chair the committee.

Sample of shirts for council members

10. NEW BUSINESS

Principal from Elliot School invited ATC members to walk the halls, invitation came a bit late, but Sund was able to participate. Outreach to community, no group in Altadena has been engaged and

active at the school. Wednesdays at 8AM thru January. The Chair suggests that other Council Members visit the school and think of ways we can become more involved.

Vacancy in 4602: Have application, letter, check for \$35. Greg Middleton, resident for 30 years. Interested to contribute to Council.

Motion to accept Middleton to be accepted as representative of 4602 made by Eziemie, second by Bissner. Public comment: supports Middleton, involvement in Neighborhood Watch and community.

Vote by secret ballot: Unanimous, 9 votes.

Sund administers oath of office – Middleton accepts.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Spencer: Wednesday March 17 6-8PM, St. Patrick's Day event @ Pasadena Library – Custodial Night Release Policy.

Govine: Will moderate the event.

Ben McGinty: 1) Over-extended parking, problem. Lake and Mariposa. Parking regulated by County not by Sheriff's Dept. Ask ATC to investigate. Bissner would like to make motion, Sund will take to sheriff's Advisory Committee meeting – ATC work with Chamber, take up next meeting.
2) May 1 – Arts Coalition all day event.

Adam Bell: Passionate about Baseball, going into 57 season, one of oldest little leagues in country. Age 5-16, try-outs next two Saturdays. Looking for sponsors, \$6K fees to \$16K in last two years. Call 626-236-4969 to support. Come to opening ceremonies on March 6, pancake breakfast. Also volunteers are needed. January 30, Farnsworth Park. Need county to step up, East Altadena about to lose the field, Pasadena City will not renew, per Barela, and need way to keep kids off streets. Future business item, perhaps sub-committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:40PM