



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2011 Agenda

7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center

730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Dr. Sandra Thomas: 7:05 pm

1.1: Pledge of Allegiance-----Gretchen Seager

1.2: Roll Call – Secretary Middleton

Members Present were: Gretchen Seager, Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton, Doug Colliflower, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Ken Roberts, Tecumseh Shackelford, Brent Musson, Allan Wasserman, Amy Cienfuegos, Ruth Edwards, Diane Marcussen

Member excused absence Gino Sund, Lorie Judson.

Members absent unexcused: Jamie Bissner

Present at meeting also was Greg Edwards President of the NAACP who will be placed in the agenda for this meeting to make a brief statement:

1.3: The council ratified the agenda as amended. Motion approved and carried. 12-0-0

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS:

2.1 Recording Secretary -----Greg Middleton submitted September's meeting for approval into minutes so moved and carried. The notes are now official minutes and will be posted to the website

2.2 Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner was not present at the meeting to give his report.

2.3 Treasurer Doug Colliflower Distributed the Treasurer's report as follows: August 2011 balance of \$1,982.06 with deposits in September of \$139.00 bringing the total Current Balance to 2,121.06 and expenses of \$40.97 for deposit slips leaving a current balance of \$2,080.09. Submitted to council and approved.

2.4. Okorie Ezieme Approval of the minutes was the only report given by the Executive Committee

2.5. Chair's Report: The Chair had three main points she wanted to make to the Council as listed: a.) Website update is officially launched for public to use. The current chair of the website committee Councilman Musson to give a more detailed report on website status later in the meeting notes: b.) Altadena Town Council Committees are also posted on the website with the current chair persons of those various committees. Please refer to website for the actual posted committees. c.) The Flag Committee has submitted 13 Samples that are now posted on the website. The new submissions are closed. The vote from the community is due by 11-18-2011 at 12 midnight. The winning flag will be announced at the November Town Council Meeting.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1: California Highway Patrol-----COPS Officer Kevin Denmon #13504

An Officer was present to make a brief presentation but nothing noteworthy or alarming for the community.

3.2: Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Captain Steve McLean: Joe Dempsey will be taking another post in another position. His replacement is Lt. Duane Allen, Jr. who will step into the position of Commander of the Detective Bureau and the Station's Public Information officer. Lt. Dempsey made his final report to the council as noted: A local Church that will be putting on services to the outreach to the community in the area of Sacramento near the cemetery. They will be trying to find ways of improving the neighborhood and working with the Sheriff's department as well as the neighbors to improve this area. In addition the state is

scheduled to release many parolees because of overcrowding. Two are in Altadena and the office will be keeping tabs on the ones released in Altadena. 30,000 released in the state.

Carolyn Seitz announced a new Cert Training program at Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station October 22, 25, 26, 27, and 29th. Call CV Station for time, date and location.

4. Community Recognition Award

4.1: Census Tract 4601 to award recipient to:

Webster's Community Pharmacy both Meredith and Mike Miller received their award on behalf of Webster's Community Pharmacy. For Webster's Fine Stationary both Scott and Lori Webster were present to receive their community service awards.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS (5-7 minutes unless specified)

5.1: State of the State Address by: Assemblyman Anthony Portantino

Report: Spoke about the budget issue and the release of parolees where 7 out of 10 return to prison. In the state budget there were education cuts made without warning and with no public hearing. In addition the raising of fees for the colleges and universities was not open to public input. There was Revenue production cuts in the schools because the number of school days was reduced. This was also proposed without discussion. There are 8,000 expected inmates and only 4500 beds currently in the jail system. Assemblyman proposed AB1129 bill to force the legislative body to open its budget disclosure to the public. A second bill was proposed, HR20 to force the house to do all budget issues in public, or open to the public. For further information do to the Assemblyman's website @: www.asmdc.org/members/a44/ or call local office at 626 577-9944.

5.2: Special Report on P.U.S.D. Redistricting by: Dr. Bernadean Broadous & Richard Moon are the 2-member task force representing Town Council regarding the sub-districting of the School Board Election Changes. The duo gave us several facts about the current plan and promises to share with the council the meeting dates and location so we may post this to the community. This information can also be found at the local libraries that serve that purpose as their general public service. Mr. Moon is the Vice-chair of one of the vital committees and will keep us informed about policies that are pertinent to the Altadena school community.

5.2.a) Greg Edwards is president of the NAACP Altadena Branch. His focus is upon the kids. 3 areas of concentration: 1.) the youth council, 2.) junior youth 3 through 13 and 3.) Athletic interaction. AXEL organization is to expose the tremendous talent within the community that they wish to work with. Call naacpaltadena.org. You may check out their facebook page for more details about what they are doing locally: www.facebook.com/pages/Altadena-Branch-NAACP/131831365255.

5.2.b.) Phlunte Riddle spoke about the Community Outreach Festival that was held this past September 10th. It was a very successful outreach to the community pulling out over 2,500 citizens that participated and with great corporate and local community sponsors She thanked the community for their support.

5.3: Public Works Woodbury Medium Landscaping Project---Maria Sim. This was an extensive report about the beautification of the center mediam with landscaping and other measure to make this a more attractive stretch of local roads. The project is scheduled to start in late summer of 2012 and will be done in stages so it will not be totally disruptive of the traffic patterns. Project Manager is Maria Sim and her contact information is msim@dpw.lacounty.gov or by phone 626-458-5956.

5.4: Special Announcement----- Athens Services roll out of the new trash contract Thor Schmidt, General Manager and Louis Sanchez, the local area supervisor. Working with the Sheriff's Department to remove graffiti and clean up illegal dumping. The roll out has been a tremendous process and they are happy to be serving the Altadena area and willing to work with the community to serve all their needs in reference to trash collection. Contact phone is: Thor Schmidt (818) 381-4371 or Luis Sanchez (818) 897-2099 Ex. 3514. Please call for specific concerns or for unexpected or unusual pick up requirements.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1: Land Use Committee-----Chairman Mark Goldschmidt

One conditional use permit that was offered and taken back for further review by the architect. They are also looking into new ordinances with ad hoc committees. Looking into the commercial district by the county. No special reports given but he will be attending the meeting on a regular basis to report their business to the Town Council.

6.2: Website Committee-----Councilmen Brent Musson the website is fully operational. All the features are operating. The community is welcomed to go to our site to find all the resources mounted for their conveniences and make suggestions regarding how the site may be improved. The flags are posted on the web site for public vote and no other flags will be added at this point. The cutoff date for voting is posted on the website.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1: Chamber of Commerce by Doug Colliflower. Their website has also been updated. Encouraged the community to visit their modified website. www.altadenachamber.org/

7.2: Altadena Library: No report

7.3: L.A. County Parks Dept: Meliza Hernandez is the Service manager that will be making the official announcements at the town council meetings instead of Penny Daniels.

1.) The fall basketball league is starting (date) 626 398-5451 for more info on basketball. Contact website: www.dhr.lacounty.gov/ for the job board bringing jobs to the Altadena Community for our youth.

7.4: Sheriff's Support Group/Jamie Bissner (absent) No report

7.5: Altadena Rotary by Tony Hill: Constantly reaching out to the community regarding what the rotary is attempting to offer to Altadena. You may also visit their website. www.AltadenaRotary.com

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS: *(Submitted In writing to Recording Secretary)*

4601 – No report

4602 – Report on parking at the top of Lake Avenue. Asked the community to be respectful on parking and blocking the residents drive ways and being more respectful

4603.01 – No report

4602.02 – No report

4610 - Councilman Brent mentioned the cleanup of the area near Lincoln and Figueroa

4611 – Councilwoman Cienfuegos met with Deputy Sheriff that walked to the area near the cemetery in order to attempts to start a neighborhood watch group. Thanked the Sheriff for their work as well as Athens for their cleanup of the area.

4612 - No report

4613 - No report

9. OLD BUSINESS: A personal introduction was made by Gene Stevenson as a “*Potential*” Candidate for Alice Wesson Replacement. After hearing from him a motion was made to accept Gene Stevenson as the replacement for Alice Wesson to serve out that term ending in June of 2012 by Councilman Colliflower to accept him to serve out the term in this Census Tract. It was moved and seconded that Gene Stevenson be accepted as the new census tract representative for tract 4603.01 for the remainder of this term.

10. NEW BUSINESS: Devil's Gate vote on the removal of the dirt settlement. Councilman Shackelford proposed that the trucks use route# 2 where the trucks will not have to go through Windsor to remove the dirt. Councilman Shackelford made a motion that the Altadena Town Council sends a letter to the Los Angeles

County Public Works Department stating our position in support of Route Number Two on the Devils Gate Cam Project. Selecting Route 2 will impact the community the least by going from Oakgrove Drive to Berkshire, and then entering onto the 210 Freeway. The motion was carried and seconded by the Council. The Corresponding Secretary is hereby asked to draft this letter as stated in the motion by Councilman Shackelford. So moved...

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Ann Stevenson of the Altadena Community Arts Center announces that they have a site for the Art Center to have classes. The location is to be at the site of the Loma Alta School in their bungalow.

12 ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 pm