



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**August 16, 2011**

**7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center  
730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dr. Sandra Thomas**

**1.1 Pledge of Allegiance----- Vice Chair Okorie Ezieme**

### **1.2 Roll Call**

Members present were Gino Sund, Gretchen Seager, Ken Roberts, Brent Musson, Doug Colliflower, Jamie Bissner, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Okorie Ezieme, Amy Cienfuegos, Diane Marcussen, Ruth Edwards, Lorie Judson and Greg Middleton

Members with excused absents were Tecumseh Shackelford, and Alan Wasserman.

Alice Wesson now resigned and will no longer be listed in the Roster minutes as a current member

**1.3 Accept/Modify Agenda.** Motion by Member Sund and seconded by Member Bissner. Motion approved 13-0-0

**1.4 Minutes** motioned for approval by Member Colliflower and seconded Member Roberts. Motion approved 13-0-0.

## **2. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**2.1 Recording Secretary -----Greg Middleton** made no special report

**2.2 Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner** who stated that we missed the deadline to get our letter to the for the Rubio Water drilling project so it was not sent on our behalf as per motion carried in the July meeting.

**2.3 Treasurer-----Doug Colliflower:** A copy of the treasurer's report has been submitted into our minutes file that reflects a July balance of \$1,900.06 reflecting a deposit of 82.00 from the July meeting.

**2.4 Vice Chairman-----Okorie Ezieme** made the following report:

- a.** The Executive committee met on 8/08 as per rule to set the agenda.
- b.** The traffic committee is to be head by Council Member Ezieme
- c.** Council Member Amy Cienfuegos will be taking the lead position on the Education committee to represent the Council

**2.5 Chairwoman----- Dr. Sandra Thomas** made the following report:

- a.** A meeting of the minds was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> with most of our members, old and new to discuss in how the council work to serve the community. See notes from that meeting in the secretary's file
- b.** There is an urgent need is to overhaul and update the website. This project will be headed by a committee consisting of Greg Middleton as Chair, Member Brent Musson, Rebecca Haussling a private citizen, and Bill Westphal.
- c.** On the website pictures and bios of council reps. Census tract report, and other important information was suggested.
- d.** It was discussed to include an on-going calendar of events on our modified website and other ideas.
- e.** The Chair expressed a need for the council to be more involved with the community to feature a special person or event that needs mentioning, giving honor, or recognition.
- f.** More will be discussed in old and new business later in the meeting.

### **3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

#### **3.1 California Highway Patrol-----Officer Kevin Denmon**

See printed report for the record. Traffic collisions were down in July. Get more info from the report or DVD of the meeting.

Question from Council Member Sund regarding a traffic report possibly online where the people could look up traffic reports in our census traffic tracts: Officer Denmon stated that he will look up the site.

#### **3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Captain Steve McLean**

- a. National Night Out was a great success with a tremendous turnout filled with many events.
- b. August 6 was the Day in the Park at Charles White Park, which was also a great community showing. They wanted to send a message to the community that this is a "community park."
- c. Drug use in Altadena is being addressed with several agencies such as FBI and Pasadena Police. Several warrants had been issued in 3 separate locations. Defer to Sheriff's Department for further information.
- d. Saturday, 9/24 is the Grand Opening of the newly renovated Altadena Station starting at 10 am. And ending at 2pm.
- e. The Station also started the second VIDA class with 16 students in this second class.

F. Lt. Joe Dempsey reported on crime stats. See printouts for details that will be made part of the record. An email will be sent out to the Council Members about the grand opening of the station.

**Vice Chair interjected an announcement about keeping the time for public comments. There will be 3 minutes for public comments and a flipchart that shows the colors green, yellow and red to indicate time remaining during the speaker's comments.**

### **4. SPECIAL REPORTS: Note will be timed 5 to 7 minutes unless otherwise agreed upon by Chair**

**4.1 Altadena Citywide Outreach and Festival-----Phlunte Riddle with the Pasadena Police Department made the following report:**

- a. Their organization, Abundant Harvest presents Altadena Citywide Outreach and Festival to be held September 10th from 11 until 5. See the printout of the flyer for the details of the event. A flyer was obtained for the details of the event.
- b. She agreed to send a copy of the flyer that can be emailed PDF to the Members upon request.
- c. Parking details were extensive but this information can be obtained from the festival organizers @ [www.AbundantHarvest.info](http://www.AbundantHarvest.info) or phone 626 793-4959.

**4.2. County Presentation regarding Coyote problem-----Raymond Smith**  
Deputy Director of the Weed Hazard and Pest Management Bureau

**Several main points were made.**

- a. Coyote trapping is one of their services through the county.
- b. Population rises and falls normally but now they are having more pups than can survive. This is why we are seeing more now at this time of year.
- c. Who owns the coyotes? The wildlife is owned by the people of California. The fish and game department determines who can hunt or capture them.
- d. Altadena is a good habitat for them. They love our trash and gathering we have.
- e. Don't feed them.
- f. What is being done? Community liaison Ellen Walton will assist us in handling the problem
- g. When they come through they move on so keep away things that they eat.
- h. Public comments one speaker with comments unknown name.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**5.1:** WAPAC: Alan Wasserman: No report because Alan had an excused absence.

**5.2:** Land Use Committee: Chair position being considered but absent as of this date. *Chairwoman Thomas thanked Brian League for his outstanding service as outgoing Chair of the Land Use Committee..*

## **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7.1:** Chamber of Commerce: Doug Colliflower: Mixer will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**7.2:** Altadena Library: Barbra Pearson...No one was present for Library report.

**7.3:** L.A. County Parks Dept:

Ms. Hernandez gave her report as the Area District Manager.

- a. August 20 and 27 will be the last two events.
- b. Movie night Clone wars on the 26 at Farnsworth
- c. The last day the pool will be open at Loma Alta is Labor Day,
- d. Adult volleyball going on at Loma Alta

**7.4:** Sheriff's Support Group Bill Westphal was not present and no report

**7.5:** Altadena Rotary: Tony Hill gave a brief community report and introduction to the community.

- a. Youth Club is a standard program they are facilitating. The program is called the Interact Program? See Tony Hill for more information.

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS:**

**4601:** No report

**4602:** No report

**4603.01:** No report

**4603.02:** No report

**4610:** Report on drive-by dumping in his census tract that has been reported to the proper authorities. Business on the northwest corner of Figueroa and Lincoln has been cleaned.

**4611:** No report

**4612:** No report

**4613:** No report

## **9. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Community Identification Sign design committee members are Gino Sund, Diane Marcussen and Tecumseh Shackelford. Several designs are being considered and they will bring them back to the council.**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**10.1.)** Replacement for Town Council Seat Alice Wesson 4603.01 was publicly announced that we are actively seeking a replacement for her seat. Interested members are to contact Member Doug Colliflower for necessary application and information.

**10.2: Land use committee members for the record are as named below. See 1 new addition**

**4601: Gino Sund and Brian League**

**4602: Steve Haussler and Okorie Ezieme**

**4603.01: Doug Colliflower and John Klose**

**4602.02: Sandra Thomas and Ken Roberts**

**4610: Tecumseh Shackelford and Brent Musson**

**4611: Amy Cienfuegos and Mark Goldschmidt**

**4612: Jamie Bissner and Ruth Edwards**

**4613: Diane Marcussen and Anthony Chang**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Please note that the speaker cards were not placed on the piano as per usual so no one was able to fill out a card. All public comments were taken during the portion of the meeting they had comments.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourned at 8:26 motioned and seconded by members: Meeting held in a record time.**