



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**November 15, 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

Member present: Gino Sund, Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Allan Wasserman, Amy Cienfuegos, Jamie Bissner, Diane Marcussen, and Lorie Judson

Member Absent: Gretchen Seager, Tecumseh Shackelford, Ruth Edwards, Brent Musson, Doug Colliflower, Ken Roberts, & Gene Stevenson.

**1.3** Accept/Modify November Agenda: Motioned and accepted as meeting agenda.

**1.4** Motion for approval of October Minutes Motion accepted 9-0-0

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

**2.1** Recording Secretary -----Greg Middleton: no additional report.

**2.2** Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner Letter regarding Debris removal related to the motion was mailed to the county facility on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

**2.3** Treasurer-Doug Colliflower – Absent and made no report. We collected \$69.00 at the meeting for our treasury fund. Funds delivered to the treasurer Colliflower

**2.4** Vice Chairman-----Okorie Ezieme reported on the setting of the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**2.5** Chairwoman – Several key points were made for notation:

- Vote for the flag ends at midnight on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. Winning flag will be emailed to the Blog and the Patch once the votes are final.
- Planned Christmas gathering at the Golf Course by Councilmen Colliflower and Middleton for details later.
- Noteworthy correspondence. 1.) Regarding fences and hedges violations for the height. This issues will be dealt with by a sub-committee to come up with something that the workable to the County. See letter from Antonovich for the record regarding county's position on the violations that will be held off for now..
- Letter from Supervisor Antonovich to Regional Planning Director Richard Bruckner was read into the minutes.
- Letter from Phillip Clarke was read into the minutes. A copy of letter is on file in the Secretary's file.
- Suggestions as to how this new revelation will be addressed by the council were brought up to the council by the Chair for suggestions as to how we will deal with this sensitive matter.
- In related to this issue it will be sent back to Land Use and start the process over.

## **3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

**3.1.** California Highway Patrol-----COPS Officer Kevin Denmon #13504 The Traffic Collision Stats for Altadena can be found online. In the future we can post these stats on the Altadena Town Council website. Their website is: [www.chp.org/](http://www.chp.org/) Previous reports were given to Councilman Musson for his website that were not posted on the council website. This issue needs to be corrected and given to Town Council for all members.

**3.2.** Altadena Sheriff's Station-Captain Steve McLean. Altadena was previously the top reduction of crimes in the county but is now number two, which is still very good.

Public Comments: Carlotta Martin commented regarding bulky items left on the curve. Refer item to Councilmen Shackelford and Musson regarding this situation in their census tract 4610.

-Jeanette Mann made a statement regarding endorsements of the Chair and the use of her title. There was a disclaimer on the flyer.

**4. Community Recognition Award: Several groups showed up for the recognition award presentation.**

Hollyslope Road Neighborhood watch

LaCorona/Palm St. Upside Down T

McNally Neighborhood Watch

Pepper Drive Watch

Palm Street Area Residents Association

SENC has the most members present and received the Special Recognition Award for their attendance.

**The Town Council Recognizes all Block Captains of Neighborhood Watch Groups**

**5. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**5.1** Street Lighting Improvement Project by Arnel G. Dulay, P.E. Traffic & Lighting Section:

This lighting plan covers the area of Layton Vista Area of Altadena. This was a general announcement, but notices will be mailed out to the area residents that will be most immediately impacted by this improvement project. The County will be responsible for these notices.

**5.2.** Presentation regarding Bike Trail Plans: John Walker Public Works, LA County

This is a general plan that is in the stage of planning and seeking approval of the county. They will be seeking public comments and input. The plan should take us 20 years down the road. Further discussion will be held on this matter and the county welcome the opportunity to discuss this with interested parties.

**5.3.** Altadena Community General Plan-Richard Bruckner/Anne Russett, Dept. Regional Planning.

Altadena has great history, access to jobs, great potential for growth and development and mostly the ingredients to make this a great community is already here but the county want to partner with the community to make sure the plan work best for the community.

Current plan was adopted in 1980 and not modified since.

5 guiding principles: including: smart growth, sufficient community services and infrastructure, strong and diversified economy and, more. A copy of the report was made available to the members and is online.

Divide the county in 11 planning areas. Altadena is in the West San Gabriel Valley Planning area. A copy of the general plan is on file with the Town Council in full detail for review if requested.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1:** WAPAC- Brent Musson absent and made no report.

**6.2:** Land Use Committee-Mark Goldschmidt. A decision needs to be made regarding the home owner who has done all the work to improve his property yet cannot get an approval from the LUC because there was no quorum on his two previous visits. A special motion was raised that the LUC hold a special meeting to deal with this specific item and pass that recommendation up to the Town Council. Since Town Council did not have a quorum this motion was not carried, which was the same issue of the LUC already twice.

This situation was tabled until further discussion with the full council.

## 7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**7.1:** Chamber of Commerce. *Ed Myers from the chamber has a new website: [www.altadenachamber.org](http://www.altadenachamber.org) Looking for new board members to serve on the Chamber's Board: If you know of anyone for Citizen of the year please submit their names to the Chamber.*

**7.2:** Altadena Library-----Barbra Pearson

**7.3:** L.A. County Parks Dept-----Meliza Hernandez - District Manager for LA Country Parks in Altadena. Loma Alta has the most active schedule at this time. Call the office for details of activities that are currently going on: (626) 398-5451

**7.4:** Sheriff's Support Group-----Jamie Bissner

**7.5:** Altadena Rotary-----Tony Hill

## 8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS:

**4601: no report**

**4602: no report**

**4603.1: no report**

**4603.2: no report**

**4610: no report**

**4611: Thank-you "Shout out" to the Sheriff's Department for rapid deployment when called.**

**4612: Jamie re: WaMu creator on Lake next to Ralphs: checked on permits. No new active permits were found: possible soil testing about 6 months ago, but nothing since.**

**4613: no report**

**9. OLD BUSINESS:** Letter to County about Dirt Removal Correspondence Secretary Bissner was read into the record during Correspondence report.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion regarding having a meeting December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the last Tuesday before Christmas. It was decided that we would meet. There was also a sample of street signs by Councilman Sund. This matter was suggested to be referred to the appropriate committee that has been newly set-up that deals with the flag, signs, banners and the like.

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A few comments were taken earlier in the meeting regarding specific agenda items. 2 people made comments in reference to the Bike Trail Plan and thought it was not as thorough as it could be. They wanted further discussion before the plan is implemented.

**12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 pm**