



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, December 15, 2009 7:30 p.m. Altadena Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance-----Sandra Thomas

Roll Call:

Members Present:

4601: Gino Sund, Phil Barela 4602: Okorie Ezieme; 4603.01: Alice Wessen,; 4603.02: Ken Roberts, Sandra Thomas 4610: Tecumseh Shackelford, 4611: Allan Wasserman, Gaurav Malhotra; 4612: Jaime Bissner, Ruth Neilan Edwards; 4613: Lorie Judson

Excused Absences: Gene Campbell; Susan Goldman

Unexcused: Dennis Bridwell

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

Recording Secretary -----Alice Wessen

Move to approve minutes of October, 2009

L Judson, Bissner MSP

Move to approve minutes of November, 2009

Bissner/Judson

MSP November 2009 minutes

Corresponding Secretary---Ruth Edwards NR

Vice Chairman-----Dennis Bridwell NR

Chair Report

Steve Pierce (Crescent Valley Town Council) Our council 3rd Thur at Rosemont Middle school, invites all to join them. Would like to work with Altadena Town Council on some joint projects.

Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford

Balance Forward \$2,264.89

Deposits 42.00

Food Drive 500.00

Current Balance 1,503.04

Chairman-----Gino Sund

Dec 15th, 2009 Executive Session of Town Council
6PM - 7:30

The chair has accepted Mr. Simmons resignation. During executive session, the council reviewed the findings and recommendations of the investigative committee, which will be kept as a record of executive committee.

No action taken due to the resignation of Mr. Simmons.

To summarize the process, conducted under the rules of how Town Council operates.

Rules give the council the authority and responsibility to discipline members. Details of the proceedings will be kept confidential. No further comment.

Gino Sund: Dept of Public Works not present was supposed to come up to discuss restriping on North Lake. Hopefully will have more about striping plan on North Lake

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Captain Roosevelt Blow

Volunteers on Patrol. Short training period. Driving courses and learn radio codes. Several programs needing 20 hours a month. If anyone out in the community interested, contact Sgt Bartlett and he can assist you. http://www.lasd.org/aboutlasd/volunteer/volunteer_info.html

Complaints about vendors: fruit vendors, flower vendors. Dpty Wiggins joined forces with Dept of Health to combat unlicensed fruit vendors and food vendors.

Altadena@lasd.org

Another event: Food and Toy Drive. Thanks the Town Council for the \$500 check donation to the Food and Toy Drive. For those able to help, contact Sgt Bartlett, Community Relations 626-798-1131. Would like folks there at the station by 6AM to help. The event starts at 7AM and goes to 11AM on Saturday December 19th, 2009. For teens above the age of 12, the sheriffs will sign slips for earning community volunteer hours

Other news: 4 hikers went up into Eaton Canyon and became stranded.

California Highway Patrol-----Officer Andre Primeaux

Capt Dance appointed a new Public Information Officer for CHP, Officer Ming Hsu

27 collisions in November, 6 DUI

DUI Checkpoints throughout Altadena for the holiday season

The CHP is partnering with Walgreens with boxes for toys to be donated for CHP

During the rainy season, CHP suggests you check your tires. Underinflated tires can hydroplane

Special Reports

Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy—Paul Rabinov

2 year alternating position

1. Disadvantages, not up to speed prior to joining. Regarding the La Vina development.

Included donated lands for hiking trails. That land not transferred. The action has been appealed.

2. Friends of River, Sierra Club, and certain outside public lands should be subject to conservancy. Huge opportunity for funding for organizations trying to preserve open spaces.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use—Brian League – The Southern Cal Association of Governments is responsible for transportation and housing planning and develops the growth forecast for the region. The housing needs assessment and housing goals or mandates are based on that growth forecast. It is important that the growth forecast is reasonable since it may influence the housing type and patterns that will be required in Altadena. An inaccurate forecast may not directly affect us, but it might. SCAG currently forecasts that Altadena will grow by 20% in households by 2020 and 50% by 2035. This seems excessive, since our actual population only grew by only 9 persons from the 1990 Census count to the 2000 count. We have an opportunity to review the data in their growth model and adjust any inaccurate information.

Motion to write to a letter to SCAG and County Regional Planning stating that ATC will work with SCAG staff to update and correct any errors in their data for Altadena.

Bissner/Ezieme

Motion passes for lack of objection.

WAPAC—There is a need regular reports, therefore, the Chair is appointing Ken Roberts as ATC' alternate representative to the committee. Next meeting will be in January 2010.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chamber of Commerce: Ben McGinty-- announced that C Jake and Mr. T has been named our Community Citizen of Year

Sheriff's Support Group: Bill Westphal-- Sheriffs support group is quiet but will start planning in January 2010 for the annual concert series.

If anyone has 15 or 16 hours available monthly, come on down and be a volunteer.

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4601: Phil Barela--Post Office boxes are disappearing. There is a criteria of 25 parcels per day If parcels don't meet that criteria they will remove the PO. Write a letter to PO master.

4601: Gino Sund-- Question came up regarding the WAMU development. Member Sund stated he was told by the developer that the building will now be single story – no more second story office. Rite-Aid is still 100% on track but Fresh N Easy is only 70% sure of coming in.

4602: Okorie Ezieme--We are very happy and active and in communication and list serve (McNally).

4603.01: Alice Wessen--Millard Canyon has mud slides. The station fire has devastated the habitat for animals. Please keep out of the forest that is closed due to fragile habitats and danger to hikers

4603.02: Ken Roberts-- Charles White Park. 3 separate meetings have been had and we are working on what we want to do with that park

4610: Tecumseh Shackelford – C Jake and Mr.T have been named citizen of the year. The installation dinner will be the 29th of January. Windsor and Ventura the people are working on the parking lot on Ventura to keep cars from parking on Mountain View.

Jobs this year that Michael Antonovich was able to get this year. 213-736-5456 ask for Rosalinda. Thanks to Supervisor Antonovich.

Q; Okorie: There was a traffic study going on, what happened? Casitas/Ventura. Sund- attempt to will Public Works to make a report at the Jan meeting

4611: Allan Wasserman

1. The new Operations Lieutenant Steve Lean is experienced and we now have a great team.
2. Series of emails regarding senior center and trees being removed from senior center. 8 trees removed, still 81 trees remaining. The trees removed all had internal rot. Choice is safe access for seniors.

Gaurav Maholtra-thanks sheriffs for decrease in burglaries

4612; no report

4613: Lori Judson – no report

9. OLD BUSINESS

Census count-Ken Roberts and Chair Gino Sund met to discuss census count for Altadena to see how to assist in getting an accurate count. Looking for volunteers to help. Will send info later.

Need a photo of everyone. A year end review of Altadena.

Bylaw revision: Phil Barela, suggests we review our bylaws. Ruth Neilan Edwards is chair of bylaw committee

Sund: Overnight parking of large oversized vehicles in Altadena, We are having issues with large RV's and motor homes parked on public streets. Some are owned by non residents who park the vehicles in Altadena to avoid storage fees. We need to look into possible overnight parking permits to park these vehicles on streets.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

MSP 8:43PM