



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, September 15, 2009 7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance-----Susan Goldman

Roll Call

Members Present:

4601: Gino Sund, Phil Barela ; 4602: Okorie Ezieme, Herbert Simmons; 4603.01: Alice Wessen, 4603.02: Sandra Thomas., Ken Roberts 4610: Tecumseh Shackelford, Gene Campbell; 4611: Gaurav Malhotra; 4612: Jaime Bissner; 4613: Susan Goldman, Lorie Judson

Excused Absences: Dennis Bridwell, Ruth Neilan, Allan Wasserman

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Recording Secretary -----Alice Wessen Minutes of Aug 2009 approved: MSP Roberts, Thomas

Corresponding Secretary---Ruth Edwards Absent

Vice Chairman Report-----Dennis Bridwell Absent

Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford
\$2217.89 ending balance

Chairman-----Gino Sund

Report: Nothing much except for the fire. Town Council will discuss what we might do for firefighters.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino came to make a special presentation:
<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a44/>

Portantino discussed stats on fire, which burned 160,000 acres. Portantino then presented to the editor and publisher of the Altadena Blog, Tim Rutt, a special commendation, in appreciation of service rendered, communicating news of the fire to the community of Altadena.

There was a standing ovation to Tim for a job well done.

Portantino then discussed issues in Sacramento. They can be viewed at his website here: <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a44/Pressroom/Press/default.aspx>

Mr. Portantino feels honored to represent the community of Altadena.

Lena Kennedy of State Senator Carol Liu's office: <http://dist21.casen.govoffice.com/>

Discussed Women in Business at the Castaways in Burbank. Senator is going green in her office. Website: www.clwomenhealth.org

Can register for full day conference Female related cancer, diabetes, hypertension etc. Dr. Thomas is hosting a table for ATC.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

Report: Echo appreciation expressed to Altadena Blog and those who put out signs that said "Thank You". Some of my guys worked 22 hours without relief. Community Support was appreciated.

CERT Training Oct 13-17 at Loma Alta Park. www.rcpi-ca.org or call 323-526-5015

Big concern in Altadena Community is burglaries. Wed night, in a community meeting at station, Capt Blow expressed need to call station (798-1131) DO NOT EMAIL. Call when you see suspicious activity. Capt Blow wants as many folks as possible to attend this meeting. Wed Oct 7th at 7PM at Daniel Webster Auditorium, 2101 East Washington Blvd Pasadena.

How to protect your neighbors, how to help the sheriffs.

In regards to the Station Fire Evacuations, the last evacuation order is in Altadena up Chaney Trail at the forest gate into the forest area. The forest remains closed.

California Highway Patrol-----Officer Andre Primeaux

Representing Bill Dance of CHP-Major traffic collision eastbound on the 134 fwy at Lankershim. 2 vehicles went down embankment. An individual was camping illegally on the embankment. As a result of an investigation, turns out the driver of vehicle #1 was unlicensed. Just remember your defensive driving skills. Stay safe.

26 traffic incidents.

20 ppty damage

no fatalities in Altadena

7 arrests

Angeles Crest Hwy is closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Committee-----Ken Johnson, no report

WAPAC Report-Gene Cambell

One of the discussion issues related to a motion dated July 01, 2009 indicating that the West Altadena Project Area Committee (WAPAC) desires for the Community Development Corporation (CDC) to work with the West Altadena Development Corporation (WADC) in separating from the Altadena Lincoln Crossing, LLC (ALC).

The motion that was made and that was sent to Community Development Corporation (CDC) was incorrect. It was stated at the meeting that the motion would be corrected at the next meeting occurring in Sept 2009.

The West Altadena development Corporation (WADC) sent a proposal to separate from Dorn Platz and continue with the second phase.

The West Altadena Development Corporation (WADC) has stated that they have a developer for the second phase.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PCC Visioning-Community meeting next wed: 10 year plan PCC meeting (get info on this)

www.pasadenavision2020.org

Altadena Library-----

<http://www.altadenalibrary.org/>

Read for the Record event; largest shared reading experience in the nation. Oct 8th. Goal is Very Hungary Caterpillar.

330 at Perry's Joint

L.A. County Parks Dept-----Lorraine Martinez

http://parks.lacounty.gov/Parkinfo.asp?URL=cms1_033036.asp&Title=Altadena

Afterschool programs at Farnsworth park and activities for the youth.

Special events Oct 8th, Stepping in the Right Direction.

Congressman Adam Schiff gave \$\$ for improvements. Come out and share input for Charles White Park.

Sheriff's Support Group-----Bill Westphal

Last Sat was grand finale of Summer Concert series. Neil Colley did Neil Diamond tribute. Now embarking on 2010 Summer Concert series. Warner Bros sponsored the series.

Info @ Altadena sheriffs.org

CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4601: Gino Sund,
Phil Barella-Fire highlighted need for better real time info.

4602: Okorie Ezieme -

Herbert Simmons – special thanks to Carolyn Seitz, Alice Wessen and Altadena Blog.

4603.01: Alice Wessen: Our census tract was evacuated. The last area to have the evacuation lifted was my neighborhood up on Chaney. The forest area remains closed due to hot spots and unstable hillsides that are sliding.

4603.02: Ken Roberts NR
Sandra Thomas-Thanks that all Altadena community is back intact

4610: Tecumseh Shackelford – Lincoln Project area, we have 2020 Vision that opened up and have really nice high quality stuff. More support for Bank of America. Verizon store now there. 150 young people with Outward Bound and NAACP. 213-736-5456 and talk to Rosa regarding jobs in Altadena.

Gene Campbell-Thanks for support at John Muir High School. They have a new football field and new turf on the fields School scores are going up.

4611: Gaurav Malhotra – couple of issues of neighbors called regarding a group home issue.

4612: Jaime Bissner –told people to take CERT training, organize neighborhood watches.

4613: Susan Goldman – NR
Lori Judson - NR

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Accolades to public safety workers

Motion to create a certificate for public safety workers to thank them for their service to Altadena MSP Wessen/Bissner

Motion- a committee of two look into designs for a shirt for official business.

MSP Bissner/Shacklford

Comments for an official shirt include conducting oneself in a professional manner.

There will be a post event debriefing with the county.

Brown Act-Motion by Herbert Simmons seconded by Okorie Ezieme to place Altadena Town Council under the Brown Act. A substitute motion by Ezieme, seconded by Simmons to review the original motion and agenda for the next meeting was put before Town Council.

The substitute motion was defeated 10-2. Then original motion was defeated 10-2.

New Idea-Gaurav Maholtra, crime with gangs. Some kind of committee dealing with gangs on Town Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Steven Gibson-Community Announcement. Few of our youth are attending PCC.

Thursday Oct 8th with community members and PCC to discuss.

-Member of public sought advice on recent event with neighbor.

-Member of public made comment on recent fires

12. ADJOURNMENT MSP Adjourn 9:36PM