



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, November 17, 2009 7:00 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, Herbert Simmons; 4603.01: Alice Wessen,; 4603.02: Ken Roberts, Sandra Thomas 4610: Tecumseh Shackelford, 4611: Allan Wasserman, Gaurav Malhotra; 4612: Jaime Bissner,; 4613: Susan Goldman, Lorie Judson

Excused Absences: 4610: Gene Campbell; 4612 Ruth Neilan Edwards

Unexcused: Dennis Bridwell

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

Recording Secretary -----Alice Wessen

Move to approve minutes of October, 2009

Member Okorie wishes to have a more extensive report under census tract. Discussion regarding minutes being a recording of actions of a board, not a transcript.

Motion failed for lack of a second. Minutes to come back in December for review.

Corresponding Secretary---Ruth Edwards

Vice Chairman-----Dennis Bridwell NR

Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford

Chairman-----Gino Sund

1. Restriping of North Lake; I invited director of lighting to give a presentation at next meeting to give more info on restriping plan on Lake Avenue.
2. Cell tower at Loma Alta and Fair Oaks. That will not be coming back to Land Use for review till early next year. ATT seems optimistic about finding an alternate spot but will come back next year to Land Use for review.
3. Los Angeles Universal preschool ribbon cutting at Loma Alta School.

Oak woodland conservation management plan to preserve oak woodlands in the county. They have a draft proposal and will be giving a presentation at Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

[www.lacounty oak woodland plan.org](http://www.lacounty oak woodland plan.org)

Metro board voted 2009 Gold Line plan was approved for funding. Antonovich along with mayor of Duarte and Ridley Thomas worked together to bring the Gold Line to the Foothills. May see construction as early as next year.

### **3. GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS**

State Senator Carol Lui (staff Tahra M. Goraya, District Director)

Special Presentation: Sen. Lui discussed outstanding issues such as prison reform, how can California compete with K-12, water resources and ground water restoration.

See Carol's website for more info at: <http://dist21.casen.govoffice.com/>

State Assembly Member Anthony Portantino—Tanganica Turner

Thank you for welcoming me to the community. I am here to introduce myself to the community. More info at: <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a44/>

### **4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

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

Lt Sanchez, community relations

Lt Steve McLain joins Altadena Sheriffs.

1. Sheriffs station and athletic Bike Ride 2009 Tour of Altadena will be Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 9Am-1PM or 12. 5 mile hill challenge at Palm street.
2. Annual Christmas Food Drive to people within Altadena Community. Canned goods or toys prior to Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. Various schools in community help out. Will deduct from your library fines.

Burglaries: We are seeing a small decrease in number of burglaries.

California Highway Patrol-----Officer Chris Cracraft.

28 collisions in October

7 DUI

Increase of 65 collisions over last year.

DUI Checkpoints throughout Altadena for the holiday season

### **5. SPECIAL REPORTS**

Los Angeles River Ranger District-Mike McIntyre (Will report in December)

### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Land Use—Brian League No report

Traffic Committee-----Ken Johnson-Loma Alta, Light needed in front of Loma Alta School

WAPAC-----Minutes submitted to entire council. Need a report from the representative.

## **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Friends of Altadena Library --- Kristine Larsen – Membership drive. More info: <http://www.altadenalibrary.org/>. In midst of encouraging Altadena to become a “Friend of the Library” <http://www.altadenalibrary.org/friends>

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

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

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

4601: Phil Barela Mailboxes are disappearing. Holliston and Altadena has vanished.

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 Two questions, do you have info on transportation study?

Chair Sund Ans: Consultant from county said they would come back and haven't heard a word.

Restriping on North Lake?

Chair Sund Ans: We will have Lighting and Traffic Commission will come in December to discuss the striping on Lake.

Other comment for people in our census tract: I don't have a grasp

Herbert Simmons No Report

4603.01: Alice Wessen The station fire has devastated the habitat for animals

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 – Windsor Avenue striping should be soon. We need folks to go into the bank. They have parking and security guard.

The Super King Market just did a commercial but it is doing very very well.

4611: Allan Wasserman – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thurs North Lake Association and Crown City News, Tammy Devine, honoring the Firefighters and those who fought the station fire.

4613: Lori Judson – Heard of couple of variations of burglary situation in East Altadena including a woman who came with a child in the night, while someone else cased the back of the house.

Family went away for an hour, and when they returned the house was ransacked.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Tasks to focus on in 2010-what might council focus on?

- North Lake Business
- Community Standards from 1986
- Oversized vehicle parking overnight
- Nuisance abatement issues and get regular notices from the county
- Scripps home, Montecedro (Episcopal Homes Community)-Fire Captain asked for weed abatement.

Question on whether to have a board meeting on what are we going to do.

- Possible donate part of our bounty to good causes ie sheriffs
- Possible logo done for ATC

Motion: \$250 dollars towards Sheriffs Dept Food and Toy Drive. Discussion by Gaurav Malhotra on possibly upping the amount for the Food and Toy Drive.

Sub motion: \$500 Okorie and Judson

MSP Unanimous

First motion fails for lack of second

Barela: Plaque for Office Primeaux

Roberts second

The chair will meet with captain dance to review the system.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speeding on Loma Alta when kids are in school.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

MSP 9:04PM

Any member of the public may address the Council prior to a vote on an agenized item scheduled for a Council Vote or on any issue not on the agenda. All persons wishing to address the Council are required to complete a public comment card located on the piano at the rear of the room. Please submit the card to the Chair before the start of the meeting

