



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, July 21, 2009

7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance-----Ken Balder

Roll Call

Members Present:

4601: Gino Sund; 4602: Okorie Ezieme, Sarah Fuller; 4603.01: Alice Wessen;
4603.02: Ken Roberts 4610: Tecumseh Shackelford, Gene Campbell; 4611: Allan
Wasserman; 4612: Ken Balder, Ruth Neilan Edwards; 4613: Susan Goldman

Excused Absences: 4601: Tim Kelly, 4603.02: Sandra Thomas , 4611: Michele Zack;
4613: Lorie Judson

Unexcused: 4603.01: Keith Gibbs

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

Recording Secretary -----Alice Wessen Approval of minutes
MSP Roberts, Barela

Corresponding Secretary---Lorie Judson No report

Vice Chairman-----Ken Balder, Reviewed agenda, reviewed minutes. End of report

Treasurer-----Tecumseh Schackelford

Beginning Balance: \$2,216.28

Deposits(fees from election) 464.15

Checks Cleared 323.69

Ending Balance \$2,352.74

Chairman Report-----Gino Sund

- Cell tower-that came to land use, we basically continued due to lack of material at the LUC. Some are contacting AT&T to locate alternative sites
- Sahrob Mesrob school-preliminary restraining order, vacated the judgment. The permanent hearing is in November. Previously the Superior Court had granted the county permission to

close the Palm Street School, at least temporarily, because county officials said it has been operating for the past year without a conditional use permit. A CUP is required for any school to operate in a residential zone.

- There will be an upcoming Town Council planning meeting in the near future

Swearing in of new council members.

New members came to podium

4601: Phil Barela

4602: Herbert Simmons

4603.01 Dennis Bridwell

4603.02: Ken Roberts

4610: Gene Campbell

4611: Gaurav Malholtra

4612: Jamie Bissner

4613: Lorie Judson (absent)

A staff member of Supervisor Antonovich's office swore in new members, and then new members took their seats.

Certificates to retiring members Sara Fuller and Ken Balder were presented

Election of Officers

Nominating committee: Members Fuller, Balder, Kelly provided a slate of officers. The slate is:

1. Chair - Gino Sund
2. Vice Chair - Dennis Bridwell
3. Corresponding Secretary - Ruth Edwards
4. Recording Secty - Alice Wessen
5. Treasurer - Tecumseh Schackleford

Other nominations from the board

Vice Chair - Member Ezieme nominated himself, with second by Herbert Simmons for Vice Chair

Closed Ballot Results:

11 for Dennis Bridwell

2 for Okorie Ezieme

The rest of the slate was accepted by acclamation of Town Council

Naming of Committee Chairs and Representatives to Committees

LUC: Chair Brian League

Ken Johnson: Traffic Committee

WAPAC Representative:

Michele Zack nominated by Alan Wasserman, 2nd Susan Goldman
Gene Campbell nominated by Jamie Bissner; 2nd by Phil Barela

Closed Ballot Results:

Gene Campbell 7

Michelle Zack 6

3. GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS

Congressman, Adam Schiff-----William Syms (Dist Rep for Schiff)

- Monday Aug 17 at the Loma Alta gym, Congressman Schiff will be in the area to look at parks to be developed. Special focus will be on the Charles White Park at Loma Alta/Ventura because it has not had the attention that other parks in Altadena have had.
- 626-304 2727
- William.syms@mail.house.gov

4. GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS

LA County DWP Outreach Team-----Steve Wilks
Outreach Public Meetings- Transit Needs Study discussion regarding
Website for further information

Metropolitan Water District-----Robert Gomperz

Robert Gomperz addressed the council.

He is member of Foothill Municipal Water District.

There will be community meetings regarding the strategic plan to address the statewide drought and how Foothill Water Supply will address that drought.

July 22, 6pm at Charles Eliot Middle School, 2184 Lake Ave, Altadena and July 30th,
6PM at Verdugo Hills Hospital, 1812 Verdugo Blvd, Glendale.

For further information call 818-790-4036, email: info@fmwd.com

Website: www.fmwd.org

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

Youth activities league went to Huntington State beach for a state sponsored camping trip with students from Eliot Middle School. 12 kids went.

National Night Out Aug. 4 at Loma Alta Equestrian Center

The Altadena Sheriff's Station is participating in National Night Out on Tues., Aug. 4, at Loma Alta Park Equestrian Center from 5-9 PM. National Night Out is a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The National Night Out is designed heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood and law enforcement-

community partnerships in Altadena, and send a strong message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized.

There will be hot dogs available as well as a selection of law enforcement and fire department displays. For more information, contact Dep. Sam Estrada at the Altadena Sheriff's Station, 626-798-1131.

Concert in Park-Trumpler Elliott Caine and his sextet headline the Sheriff's Support Group summer concert series at Farnsworth Park this Saturday, July 25, starting at 7 PM.

May 9th Jerrell Delaney: Supervisor's office has approved a reward of 10K for info leading to arrest of suspects.
323-890-5500 Homicide division

Capt Blow distributed a booklet titled "Confronting the Gang Crises"
Question from Member Schackleford-"what do you do when you see a large group of young men congregating out in front of a house? Where are the parents? What can we do?"

Capt Blow-there is information in the booklet and you also know we have an increased presence and suppression efforts. We will arrest as many as possible and get them off the street. You are going to see a lot of them go to jail.

Increased vigilance in reporting has kept burglaries and vandalism down.

If you see someone suspicious, please report to the desk 626-798-1131.

Crime Reports

<http://crimereports.com/map?search=91001&searchButton.x=34&searchButton.y=14&searchButton=SEARCH>

California Highway Patrol-----Officer Andre Primeaux

Backed up Capt Blow-our responsibility is to take them to jail.

Contact info: 626-296-8100

2130 Windsor Ave, Altadena across from Jack in the Box

Google map of all collisions on Highway Patrol web site.

<http://cad.chp.ca.gov/>

24 collisions 17 involving property damage

4 DUI arrests

Check in on your senior neighbors. The heat is especially hard on seniors.

Officer Tom Miller-talk with him regarding speed complaints

Officer Miller is our new COPS officer.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Committee-----Ken Johnson

WAPAC Report as reported by Allan Wasserman.

At the June 22nd meeting of the WAPAC, the letter from the CDC to Altadena Lincoln Crossing (specifically addressing Mr. Galletly of Dorn Platz) listed reasons the project was in default. The letter acted as notice that the time limit to cure the “unavoidable delay extension” (365 days) had been exhausted in March. The letter included “a brief summary of the various defaults” including non-payment of more than a half million dollars of overdue taxes, “litigation, liens, levies, writs, and other encumbrances.” It mentioned that Mr. Galletly had granted an “option to purchase” the property Super King’s owners without telling the county, and that he’d also used the property to borrow against. Both of these actions are prohibited according to the development agreement.

The PAC discussed the contents, and the public had the opportunity to question the CDC representative and Mr. Carlisle who was the WAD-C director and partner in Lincoln Crossing. The upshot of this information being made public was the WAPAC, with apparent backing from community members present, resolved to write a letter to the CDC asking the county to support WAD-C’s request to “get a divorce” from Dorn-Platz, and to allow WAD-C to seek a new, solvent development partner.

Bank of America is open for business. However there still remain parking issues due to the success of the current tenants and crowds of people.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altadena Library-----Barbra Pearson No Report

www.altadenalibrary.org

L.A. County Parks Dept-----Lorraine Martinez (No report)

Loma Alta Park: 626-398-5451 or 52

Sheriff’s Support Group-----Bill Westphal

13th Annual Summer Concerts in Farnsworth Park. Farnsworth Park is located near the top of Lake Ave. at 568 East Mt. Curve, Altadena, CA 91001.

Trumpeter Elliott Caine and his sextet headline the Sheriff's Support Group summer concert series at Farnsworth Park this Saturday, July 25, starting at 7 PM.

Summer Concerts in the Park Schedule

Fee: Free of charge

All ages

July 25 Elliot Caine

August 1 Melena

August 8 Those Manning Boys

August 15 Brian Hughes

August 29 All-American Wranglers

September 12 Final Concert: Tribute to Neil Diamond

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4601 – Member Sund: Pasadena Unified School District board will be looking at reauthorizing Aveson Charter School. Specifically: adoption of a mitigated negative declaration and mitigation monitoring and reporting plan; approval of facilities use contract and lease agreement on the Noyes school site; and considering a future facilities plan.

The Aveson items are scheduled for consideration early at the open meeting, scheduled to start at 6:30 at room 236 at PUSD headquarters, 351 S. Hudson, Pasadena. The entire agenda, including attachments, is available at:

<http://www.pusd.us/boardmeetings>

4602 Member Ezieme, thanks new council members, Sahrob school – community says it is unfair that schools stays open. Hopes County and school come to an understanding. Continued issue with public transportation.

Member Ezieme will lead an ad hoc committee to discuss Altadena Public transportation issues.

4603.01: Member Wessen-Thanked the neighborhood around Chaney Trail for their work on watching the gate during 4th of July weekend to educate the public about bringing in fireworks. We will work with the neighborhood watch on Fair Oaks next year.

4603.02: No report

4610: Member Campbell - Aug 17th we took several boys to camp. We are looking for funds for MYPD.org

4611: Member Wasserman -one of my constituents called who had witnessed a tagging incident

4611: Member Malhotra-we had an illegal business open up, a recycling center that moved into Fair Oaks Burger parking lot. The Recycling business attracted the wrong type of people. They recycle their bottles and then buy liquor. The neighbors worked to get the county to shut it down. We also have a lot of illegal tagging in our area.

4612: No Report

4613: No Report

9. OLD BUSINESS None

10. NEW BUSINESS

We have a Sat retreat. Please send the chair your preference for a date/time

We are establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on transportation

Members Ezieme, Simmons, Roberts, Neilan, Malhotra, Bridwell to facilitate information regarding transportation issues.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Dolan: My digital video production company recently merged. We work and live up here, we live up here. Our services include infomercials, commercials,
Beth Dolan LNProductions

Website: www.lnproductions.net

Ms Rice – Commented on gang violence. Has a group called Neighborhood outreach workers to stop violence and take back our streets. Gave several examples of successful transition of kids from gangs to productive lives. Meets every Tuesdays, 7pm at Jackie Robinson Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MSP at 9:23PM Neilan, Barela