



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Councilperson Billy Malone.
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2.1. (13) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Jamie Bissner, Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Jennifer Lee, Amy Cienfuegos, Sylvia Vega.
  - (1) Excused: Okorie Ezieme,
  - (2) Absent/Unexcused: Ron Adams, Gretchen Seager
- 1.3. Approve June 16, 2015 Meeting Agenda\_\_Chair Diane Marcussen requests that the Agenda be amended to add a Census Tract report under Item 7 for 4602 and 4603.02, to amend the Altadena Sheriff's Station report from Lt. Robert Lewis to Lt. Phil Marquez, and to delete the report for County Fire due to illness of Ms. Stephanie English. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended made by Councilperson Amy Cienfuegos, seconded by Councilman Billy Malone-unanimous.

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen thanks the community members that assisted with the Altadena Election as well as the Election Committee who made sure the Election polls were staffed and the election ballots counted. Chair Marcussen also welcomes the new members who were elected. Finally, Chair Marcussen thanks the Sheriff's station for its participation in the Election.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Diane Marcussen reports for Okorie Ezieme and informs the community that the Executive Committee met and approved the Agenda that has been distributed to the community. Also, if a community member wants to make a comment concerning any matter, please fill out a comment card and provide to a Councilmember. That community member will be able to make their public comment at the end of the meeting.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning the May 19, 2015, Meeting Minutes.
  - 2.3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Hobdy reports that the May 19, 2015, ATC Meeting Minutes were distributed to the Council. Councilman Hobdy indicates that there needs to be the addition of the last name of an individual who made a public comment at the end of the May 19, 2015, meeting. Councilman Hobdy moves to approve the May 19, 2015, meeting minutes as amended; Councilperson Michelle Martinez seconded; unanimous.
- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Amy Cienfuegos reports concerning the May 2015, ATC bank account balance. Also, the ATC runs strictly on donations, so if any Community member wants to donate it would be appreciated.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that on Thursday, June 25, 2015, from 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Assembly member Chris Holden's office will be holding an



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event and informational forum concerning the current drought situation. The event will be held at the Kid Space Museum. Additionally, Assembly member Holden's office will be holding another event at the Senior Center called the senior scam stopper to assist our seniors and hopefully prevent such seniors from becoming a victim of a crime. This is a free seminar to be held on Friday, June 19, 2015, from 10:00 a.m., until noon.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports that Traffic collisions in Altadena for May 2015 were 24. Of those, 16 were for property damage only, 8 with injury and 3 were DUI related. Year to date for 2015, there have been 102. There have been 58 citations issued for May 2015, and 329 year to date. There are no fatalities in Altadena for 2015 and there are a total of 7 DUI arrests that occurred in May. Office Cooper reminds the community not to leave children and pets alone in cars even for a minimal amount of time especially during the summer heat months. Also, Officer Cooper suggests that the public keep water in their cars. Please check your car to make sure the car is in proper working order and full of gas.
- 3.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Marquez reports that there is a 22.4% drop in crime (year to date in Altadena) for 2015 – means there are 65 fewer crimes in Altadena from last year 2014. The 5-year reduction in Altadena in the crime rate is at 54.5% which is a difference of 273 fewer crimes. Lt Marquez also gives an update regarding specific crimes. Finally, Lt Marquez reports concerning the Concert in the park at Farnsworth which begins Saturday, July 11, 2015, and goes through Saturday, July 29, 2015, and the Altadena Sheriff's Station will hold a CSI Camp for Kids beginning July 6, 2015, going through July 10, 2015.
- 3.3 \_\_\_\_\_ CERT Karen Gibson reports concerning CERT training in Crescenta Valley on Saturday, June 20, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on June 27, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and finally on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (June 23, 2015, to June 25, 2015) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Ms. Gibson thanks Deputy Page who has hosted the CERT trainings.
- 3.4 \_\_\_\_\_ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief no report.

### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 4.1. New Yard Sale Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ Jonathan Bell, Department of Regional Planning reports that on May 26, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors gave their indication that they will approve a new yard sale ordinance update. An extended yard sale is a person who is putting on a swap meet rather than a yard sale. The yard sale ordinance from 1994, was very difficult to enforce. The issue of extended yard sales was identified as a problem and needed to be addressed. The new yard sale ordinance authorizes yard sale as an accessory and temporary use on any private property with a residential use. The current yard sale ordinance only applies to residential and agriculturally zoned properties. But, some houses are in commercial zones. The new ordinance fixes that problem and permits yard sales as long as



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there is a residential use on site. The current ordinance permits 2 yard sales in any 12-month period. But, when does that start? The new ordinance establishes a calendar year (January 1 through December 31) so that yard sales can be tracked. The number of yard sales has also been changed. The enforcement procedure has been enhanced to deal with violators. County counsel is working on the final version of the ordinance. That final version will go back on the consent calendar for the Board of Supervisors. Thereafter, there is a 30-day noticing period required by law before the ordinance can go into effect.

### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 5.1 Election Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Election Vice Chair Patricia Sutherlen thanks everyone that assisted in the Altadena Town Council Elections – from individuals to organizations. The 4 new members who were elected will be sworn in at the July 2015, ATC meeting. In terms of the Election, the information concerning the election and results is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Please refer to Exhibit A for further clarification. Motion to approve the Election results as set forth in Exhibit A; seconded by Councilperson Sylvia Vega; unanimous.

### 6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 6.1 Altadena Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Mindy Kattay, Library Director reports that on June 23, 2015, the summer reading program will start. Such program is for children, teens and adults. On June 13, 2015, the Library held its second Saturday event and approximately 215 attended and the event was a huge success. The second Saturday will continue starting in October 2015 through June 2016. On June 29, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., there is a free film screening of Life Inside Out.
- 6.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. \_\_\_\_\_ Albert Gomez (Assistant Regional Recreation Director for L.A. Parks and Recreation in the Altadena area) reports that swimming lessons and summer day care started during the week of June 7, 2015. The Altadena Community Garden will be hosting their community picnic on June 27, 2015. The summer concerts will be starting at Farnsworth Park. Movies will be shown on two movie nights – one in July and one in August. On July 18, 2015, there will be a concert series starting at Charles White Park. The picnic shelter at Charles White was completed. The Parks After Dark program will be starting. In September 2015, there will be a 10-week parenting class to help with difficult children in terms of their learning and behavior.
- 6.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that the shop hop event that was held on North Lake was a success. Additionally, the open studios event was a success. On August 6, 2015, the Power Breakfast will be at the Altadena Country Club with guest speaker Supervisor Michael Antonovich. Topics will be discussed that may include raising the minimum wage. A sidewalk sale supported by the Chamber of Commerce will occur in July 2015.
- 6.4 Altadena Best Fest \_\_\_\_\_ Diana Phillippi provides an update concerning the Altadena Best Fest Event to occur on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Ms. Phillippi thanks the ATC for the support letter provided, which concerned the Best Fest Event. For further updates, please visit the website at [bestfest@altadenlibraryfoundation.org](mailto:bestfest@altadenlibraryfoundation.org).
- 6.5 Collaborate Pasadena \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Damon L. Hobby reports concerning



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the collaborate effort by Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre re: the health, safety and welfare of Altadena families and students. There will be a working group meeting on June 24, 2015, from 6:00 p.m., to 8:00 p.m. Please log onto the website at [collaboratepasadena.org](http://collaboratepasadena.org). These working groups permit the public to implement their suggestions as to how to assist students and families. On Thursday June 25, 2015, from 8:00 a.m., to 9:30 a.m., there will be a Business Breakfast Meeting at the Altadena Town and Country Club. The community is invited. There will be business owners in attendance. Also, members of the Leadership Council on Collaborate PASadena will attend as well as Faith Based Business owners. There will be an overview of what Collaborate PASadena stands for, what the goals are, etc. Finally, there will be a Leadership Council meeting on July 8, 2015, and Councilman Hobdy will update the community at the next ATC meeting to be held in July as to what occurred.

### 7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 D. Hobdy/J. Matthews. Councilman Hobdy provides an update concerning his request for speed bumps on Glenrose between Altadena and Palm Street. A speed counter was placed and the average speed was approximately 33 miles per hour. There needs to be an average speed of 35 miles per hour for the County to recommend speed bumps. However, the County recommended that pavement speed signs be placed on Glenrose along with a posted speed sign. Councilman Hobdy is still working on the pedestrian crosswalk on Olive and Altadena Drive.

Councilperson Matthews reports concerning localized repairs between Casitas and Crestford Drive in Altadena - The current ramp has been installed to assist disabled pedestrians and people with strollers. Removal of bumps caused by tree root growth has been removed and repaired in several areas. MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – the third group of the training session was held at Councilperson's Matthews residence on Saturday, June 13, 2015, and the fourth group training will be held within 10 days. It is anticipated that all training will be completed in this area (Florecita Farms) by the end of July 2015. Residents from the Meadows have indicated that they are interested in MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. That group is collaborating on a time period for their training. The only group left is for residents of LA VINA. If that occurs then the entire north west Altadena area will be completely trained in MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. The annual Census Tract meeting for 4603.01 will occur on September 12, 2015, from 1:00 p.m., to 3:00 p.m., at Loma Alta Park. To ensure that all concerns of constituents are addressed, a survey will be distributed so that members of the public can indicate what issues they want discussed and what speakers they would like to be present.

4603.02 G. Sanyika/R. Adams. Councilperson Sanyika reports that there was a concern of a resident regarding the area at Ventura and Windsor in terms of traffic safety. Councilperson Sanyika discussed this issue with the County (Mr. Ickus of Traffic and Lighting). Mr. Ickus advised that the County was in the process of making a recommendation concerning that area. Councilperson Sanyika requested a stop sign or traffic signal at Windsor and Figueroa. Additionally, a resident was concerned about the number of stray cats in the neighborhood and the fleas being brought. Councilperson Sanyika followed up with Animal control and tips were provided to her to address this issue. Lastly, Councilperson Sanyika in collaboration with Food Forward (a volunteer group working to reconnect our food system and create change around urban hunger and food waste) - the first community harvest will be on June 27, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fruit will be picked and forwarded to a registered food bank.



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4602 B. Malone/O. Ezieme. Councilman Malone reports concerning an issue in the Canyons where a facility had increased their business from a summer kids camp to weekend recreational activities that disturbed the neighbors. There was a hearing held on June 16, 2015, and a ruling was made that the activity violated the existing CUP. Also, Councilman Malone heard from residents concerning a new school opening up on Santa Rosa called Altadena Free School with students from the ages of 6-18 years old. If any community member has a comment or concern regarding this school, please contact Councilman Malone. Lastly, Councilman Malone reports concerning the Mariposa road diet. Councilman Malone will be in contact with the County and community members regarding the issue. This matter will be addressed at an upcoming Land Use Committee meeting.

### **8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.**

Amy Cienguegos moves/Sylvia Vega seconded-unanimous.



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### EXHIBIT "A"

#### ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 2015

On Tuesday, June 2, 2015 and Saturday June 6, 2015, the Altadena Town Council held its 2015 elections. On June 2, votes were cast at the Altadena Main Library. On June 6, votes were cast at 9 locations around Altadena – the Altadena Main Library, Ralph’s Market, Podley Properties, The Mint Leaf Indian Cuisine, Loma Alta Park, Farnsworth Park, Gordy’s Garage, the Coffee Gallery, and the Altadena Community Center. Results are as follows:

<b>Votes Cast</b>		<b>427</b>
<b>Census Tract</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
4601	Anne Chomyn	97
	James Walker, Jr	24
4602	Billy Malone	48
	Reuben Balter	13
4603.01	Damon Hobdy	29
4603.02	Dean Cooper	11
4610	Brent Musson	21
4611	Justin Robertson	89
	Amy Cienfuegos	18
4612	Anne Lansing	31
4613	Sylvia Vega	29
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Of these votes, 17 were considered Disqualified. After careful consideration by the Election Committee, it was determined that these votes would not have affected the outcomes of the election.