



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014

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

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Councilperson Michelle Martinez.
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy
- 1.2.1. (12) Present: Billy Malone, Amy Cienfuegos, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Jamie Bissner, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Ron Adams, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews  
(4) Excused: Gretchen Seager, Brent Musson, Sylvia Vega, Jennifer Lee  
(0) Absent/Unexcused: None
- 1.3. Approve November 18, 2014 Meeting Agenda\_\_Chair Diane Marcussen requests a Motion to amend the Agenda by adding item 5.4 - Special Presentation by Southern California Edison. Motion made by O. Ezieme; seconded by G. Sanyika-unanimous.

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen reports that two (2) Census Tracts and the Chair met with NBBA (Neighbors Building a Better Altadena) regarding work that the NBBA wants to do in partnership with the ATC which concerns the Walkability Study. These are projects that go along with the Walkability Study. The community will hear more about the projects at the December 16, 2014, ATC Meeting.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme reports that the November 18, 2014, Agenda that is already approved was put together by the Executive Committee and that is the order of business in which the November 18, 2014, ATC meeting will proceed. Additionally, for comments the public is encouraged to fill out a Public Comment Card. Also, since Altadena is one of the areas within LA County that is prone to flood, LA County has set up a committee to update the Flood Plan Management for the unincorporated areas in LA County. There will be a public meeting concerning this matter in January 2015. Finally, there was an invitation from the Discovery Cube. Councilmembers Ezieme and Malone attended.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Damon L. Hobdy reports that he received an e-mail from Councilmember Patricia Sutherlan regarding an amendment to be made to the October 21, 2014, Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Patricia Sutherlan moves (seconded by Councilman Ron Adams-unanimous) to add the following statement in the Public Safety Reports Item 3.2 "Finally, Lt Shear reports that there is not a buy back program for gun-collection in Altadena; however, the Altadena Sheriff's Station has participated in such a program. Anyone can call the Sheriff's Station and an Officer(s) will pick up the weapon and render it safe.
  - 2.3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Motion to Approve October 21, 2014, Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion by Councilman D. Hobdy; seconded by Councilman J. Bissner-unanimous with exception that Councilmember Judy Matthews abstains.
- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Amy Cienfuegos reports that there were \$32.00 in donations in October 2014, regarding the bank account balance.



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- 2.4.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Motion to accept /approve the Treasurer report for October 2014. Motion by Councilmember Amy Cienfuegos; seconded by Councilman Ron Adams-unanimous. Additionally, Councilmember Amy Cienfuegos reports that the Executive Committee met and approved (with the consent of all Councilmembers) that the ATC will donate \$250.00 to each to the CHP Tow Drive and the Altadena Sheriff's Station Tow Drive.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that the Discovery Cube is well worth the visit. Second, regarding the area of the 2200 Block of Altadena Drive. Motion by Billy Malone (seconded by Okorie Ezieme- unanimous) for the ATC to send a letter of support to the County –in favor of the Altadena Heritage - to have the County re-landscape the area with appropriate drought tolerant plants.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports that for October 2014, traffic collisions were 32 compared to Oct 2013 there were 33. Of the 32 in total, 23 were for property damage only, 9 were for injuries and 4 DUI related. Total year to date is 248 compared to 258 in 2013. 62 citations were issued in October 2014. 860 year to date citations compared to 770 year to date for Oct 2013. Total fatalities were zero. Also, with the Holiday season, the CHP advises people to be careful and get a designated driver if you are drinking. Further, be careful of pedestrian traffic during the Holiday season.
- 3.1.2 \_\_\_\_\_ California Highway Patrol Officer Ryan Bejar (Public Information Officer) reports about the CHIPS's for kids program. The CHP collects unwrapped toys that are donated and those toys get donated to our local communities children who are underprivileged.
- 3.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Richard Shear reports that year to date for crime, we are down 20% compared to Nov 2013. Grand Theft autos are down 29% and burglaries are down 22% as the biggest contributors. We did have 1 murder on the corner of Fair Oaks and Calaveras. The Sheriff's Station is asking for the communities help to resolve this crime. A search and rescue was activated Sunday, November 9, 2014. Sheriff's Station thanks the community for their assistance in rescuing these persons. the Sheriff's Station is doing a holiday and food drive accepting non-perishable foods and toys. Lastly, about gun collection – the Altadena Sheriff's Station did participate in the gun collection program in conjunction with a bigger operation with the Sheriff's Department in 2009. That was because of a grant in which the Sheriff's Department had where they could exchange gift cards for guns. The Sheriff's Department will look on conducting another such program in the future because such programs have been very successful.
- 3.2.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Lt Robert Lewis from the Altadena Sheriff's Station reports that more patrol cars are being put out in the community. The response times



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have also been lowered. Social media has been increased. Sheriff's Station has Nixel, Facebook Twitter, and mapping through Crime Mapping.Org. Councilmembers and the Public have access to see where the crime is originating and occurring. Finally, the Next Door Program is being put out to reach out to the community more. In the coming months, more information will be provided about such program.

3.3 \_\_\_\_\_ Cert Karen Gibson reports concerning safety tip for the month – replace your batteries in your smoke detectors. Also, CERT is for everyone - there is a role for everyone. The CERT team will be rolling out a program called "Map Your Neighborhood." Please join CERT for the ACONA meeting on January 27, 2015, from 7:00 p.m., to 8:30 p.m., at the Altadena Library. Community members will be trained in the new program.

3.4 \_\_\_\_\_ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief reports that for the Month of October 2014, there were 340 responses. Of that 282 responses were emergency medical, 19 were good intent calls, 18 were false alarm calls, 4 hazardous condition calls, and 3 structure fires with property loss. We have been under red flag warning. Fire Department does a toy drive as well and it starts November 28, 2014. Those toy's will be distributed to needy families and children. Major reasons for fires, cooking on stove, electrical wiring, smoking in house or bed, heating elements, and Christmas trees/candles.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Diane Marcussen (who is also the acting Chair for the Land Use Committee) reports that the LUC reviewed the La Vina Project and determined additional work was needed to be done from a LUC standpoint and that issue will be presented at the December 2014, LUC meeting. LUC recommended approval of the CUP for Walmart to sell liquor in the market located at 2408 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena. That presentation will be presented by Councilmembers Michelle Martinez/Brent Musson. Also, LUC recommended approval of the CUP for an existing second unit at 1917 Sinaloa Ave. The LUC also preliminarily reviewed the request for a CUP to serve beer and wine at Alta Eats on North Allen. Finally, the LUC reviewed – 20 E. Mariposa Avenue – for a boarding house and the Committee determined that additional information was needed.

4.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Conditional Use Permit for Walmart application to sell liquor in the market. Councilmember Michelle Martinez reports that the CUP for Walmart's Liquor License is being brought to vote. Mr. Brent McManigal (attorney for Walmart from Gresham Savage Attorneys at Law ) presents concerning the CUP request. Councilmember Michelle Martinez then reports that there are conditions that will be requested to be attached to the approval of the CUP by Regional Planning. Those conditions are set forth in "EXHIBIT A" which is attached to these Minutes and incorporated as though set forth herein.

4.2.1 Public Comment on Walmart Project \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Johnson states that he is cautiously optimistic about the Walmart CUP based upon the conditions placed regarding Liquor. Also,



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Tecumseh Shackelford states that he is for the Walmart CUP regarding Liquor and asks that the ATC recommend approval of the CUP.

4.2.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Vote on approval of the CUP regarding the Walmart Liquor request. Motion by Councilmember Michelle Martinez to recommend to the Regional Planning Commission that the ATC supports the CUP for Liquor at Walmart with the ABC conditions as well as the conditions attached as Exhibit A (seconded by Councilman Jaime Bissner-unanimous with the exception that Councilmember Gloria Sanyika abstains).

4.3 \_\_\_\_\_ Conditional Use Permit and Certificate of Compliance for an existing second unit at 1917 Sinaloa Avenue. Chair Diane Marcussen reports that the LUC voted to recommend to the ATC that the project of a certain scope be approved. However, the CUP that would be voted on by the ATC as recommended by the LUC is different than the CUP as now proposed. Therefore, the ATC can send the matter back to the LUC to vote on this new CUP, or to allow the CUP to now be presented to the ATC. Vote to permit the CUP to now be presented to the ATC (unanimous vote in favor by all ATC Councilmembers).

4.3.1 Public Comment \_\_\_\_\_ Maloumian Aida states that she is a neighbor of the Sinaloa address and she is in favor of the CUP. Lutz Mueller also states that he is also in favor of the CUP.

4.3.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Vote on approval of the CUP regarding Sinaloa address. Motion by Councilmember Jaime Bissner to accept the LUC approval and to recommend that the ATC send a letter to Regional Planning approving the project. Councilmember Okorie Ezieme requests amendment of the Motion to include that the approval and recommendation by the ATC is an exception and not the norm (Seconded by Councilmember Gloria Sanyika-unanimous as amended).

### 5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Altadena Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Pauline Dutton (Acting District Director) reports the Proposition in favor of the Altadena Public Library passed. However she will retire in December 2014. Pauline Dutton then introduced Mindy Kattay who is the new District Director (unanimously voted in by Board/Staff) Mindy Kattay reports that there will be Turkey Thanksgiving crafts on November 20, 2014. Team DIY club for Altadena Teens – learn Hand-drawing which will be held in November 2014. Thursday December 4, 2014, is a winter concert at the Library. Friday, December 5, 2014, at 7 p.m. is a Jazz concert for all ages. Also, every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month from 10 a.m., to 11:00 a.m., is coffee and conversation with the new District Director.

5.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. \_\_\_\_\_ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager) no report.

5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that there is an event to celebrate the holiday which will be held on December 6, 2014, between noon and 5 p.m. There are 50 sponsors for this particular event. The event will be held on North Lake in Altadena.



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5.4 Southern California Edison \_\_\_\_\_ Ben Wong (Public Affairs Regional Management Southern California Edison (SCE) reports that he will be transferring to the eastern part of San Gabriel Valley and will no longer be representing Altadena. The new representative from SCE is Francisco Martinez who reports that a program on electrical safety was put together. After such, other communities asked for the same presentation. It was the partnership of Altadena which caused this program to go statewide.

### 6. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 Damon Hobdy/Judy Matthews. \_\_\_\_\_ D. Hobdy reports that he has been working hard to beautify Altadena. In that regard, he has caused – with thanks to Pubic Works - two (2) new steel bus benches to be placed in Altadena which replace the existing wood benches in that area. One of the new bus benches is on the corner of Fair Oaks and Altadena Drive on the South side of Altadena, and the other at the corner of Olive and Altadena Drive on the South side of Altadena Drive.

4603.02 Ron Adams/Gloria Sanyika. \_\_\_\_\_ G. Sanyika reports that they are having their annual Census Tract Meeting on Saturday, January 31, 2015, from 1:00 p.m., to 3:00 p.m., at the Sacred Hearts Catholic Church. Also, at present there is a Community Harvest going on. R. Adams reports that they are diligently working and putting together communication within the Census Tract with the neighborhood watches to collect their information. Additionally, 4603.02 is working with Councilwoman Judy Matthews to see if the County will extend the program called Fascade for beautification and storefront face-lifts.

4602 Okorie Ezieme/Billy Malone. \_\_\_\_\_ O Ezieme reports that the grand reopening of the Rite Aide store on Altadena Drive was held. The store is really looking great and improvements continue. Also, El Patron (located on North Lake) is a success story and is recognized for that success. Other businesses could not survive at that location. Further, there is another El Patron location on Lincoln near Woodbury which is celebrating its one (1) year anniversary.

### 7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT: 8:53 p.m.

Okorie Ezieme moves/Amy Cienfuegos seconded-unanimous.



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### EXHIBIT "A"

#### ATTACHMENT TO ATC NOVEMBER 18, 2014, MEETING MINUTES

#### WALMART CONDITIONS

1. Sales and service of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 pm, each day of the week.
2. No wine shall be sold with an alcohol content of greater than 15% by volume except for "Dinner Wines" which have been aged two years or more and maintained in corked bottles.
3. No beer or malt beverage products shall be sold, regardless of container sized, in quantities of less than six per sale.
4. Beer, malt beverages, and wine coolers in containers of 16 oz. or less cannot be sold by single containers, but must be sold in manufacturer pre-packaged multi-unit quantities.
5. The sales of beer or malt beverages in quantities of quarts, 22 oz., 32 oz., 40 oz., or similar size containers is prohibited. No beer or malt beverages shall be sold in quantities of less than six per sale.
6. The petitioner(s) shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control, as depicted on the ABC-253 dated 06-25-13.
7. Loitering is prohibited on or around these premises or this area under the control of the licensee(s) as depicted on the ABC-253 dated 06-25-13.
8. There shall be no exterior advertising or sign of any kind or type, including advertising directed to the exterior from within, promoting or indicating the availability of alcoholic beverages. Interior displays of alcoholic beverages or signs which are clearly visible from the exterior shall constitute a violation of this condition.
9. The petitioner(s) shall post and maintain a professional quality sign facing the premises parking lot(S) that read as follow:

NO LOITERING, NO LITTERING,  
NO DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO ARREST



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This sign shall be at least two feet square with two inch block lettering. The sign shall be in English and Spanish.

10. The parking lot of the premises shall be equipped with lighting of sufficient power to illuminate and make easily discernible the appearance and conduct of all persons on or about the parking lot. Additionally, the position of such lighting shall not disturb the normal privacy and use of any neighboring residences.

11. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on any property adjacent to the licensed premises under the control of the licensee(s) as depicted on the ABC-257 dated 06-25-13 and ABC-253 dated 06-25-13.

12. Wine shall not be sold in bottles or containers smaller than 750 ml. and wine-coolers, beer coolers, or pre-mixed distilled spirit cocktails (if allowed by the licensee) must be sold in manufacturer pre-packaged multi-unit quantities Walmart has agreed to additional conditions that I do not currently have with me, but getting home tonight, I will send you those as well.