



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 20, 2011

**7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center
730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dr. Sandra Thomas

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance----- Diane Marcussen

1.2 Roll Call – Sec Middleton:

Members Present at Roll Call: Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton, Doug Colliflower, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Ken Roberts, Brent Musson, Allan Wasserman, Amy Cienfuegos, and Diane Marcussen.

Members with Excused Absences: Gino Sund, Gretchen Seager, Tecumseh Shackelford, and Lorie Judson.

Members Absent: Gene Stevenson (officially resigned), Jamie Bissner, and Ruth Neilan-Edwards.

1.3 Call to Accept/Modify Current Agenda by Chair Dr. Thomas and accepted by the unanimously the Council. 9-0-0.

1.4 Discuss Minutes from November 15th meeting. A motion to offered to approve as corrected- Sec. Middleton. Minutes was unanimously approved. 9-0-0.

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

2.1 Recording Secretary -----Greg Middleton: I received a letter of resignation from Gene Stevenson to be covered in the Chair's report.

2.2 Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner was absent for the meeting.

2.3 Treasurer: Doug Colliflower reported on our current balances as of date is 2,088.15

2.4 Vice Chairman----Okorie Ezieme:

EC Committee Report: Holiday Social was a success. 2.) Vice Chair made a request to the website Chair Musson to create a place on the website to store current and past meeting agendas in running succession for public access.

2.5 Chairwoman----- Dr. Sandra Thomas

(A.) The (winning) Altadena Flag image was presented to the public. (B.) The President of the Crescenta Valley Town Council was present at our meeting. (C.) The package from the Arroyo Pacific Academy will be in the Community Center by tomorrow according to Phillip Clarke in an email message to the secretary. (D.) The Hearing for the CUP for the Arroyo Pacific Academy will more than likely be in March of 2012. (E.) There is a vacancy on 4603.01 Census Tract due to the written resignation of Gene Stevenson for family and personal reasons. Applicants are urged to contact Councilman Doug Colliflower if interested in filling the seat.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

3.1. California Highway Patrol-----COPS Officer Kevin Denmon #13504: Holiday traffic and extra enforcement will be out in force for the holidays.

Citations are up, no fatalities in the past month, and most stats are down this year compared to last year. Rose Bowl Traffic report and road closings will be sent to Sec. Middleton in order to post on the TC website. CHP will provide us with a report that we can post to our website. (Officer Denmon agreed to follow up on the report with Sec. Middleton so we can post prior to the Rose Bowl Event.) CHP is also having a toy drive. Drop off any unwrapped toy at their office of at Walgreens prior to Thursday.

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Lieutenant Duane Allen reported on behalf of our Captain McLean. 2 CERT TRAINING Classes in January 2012: See the Altadena Sheriff for the actual dates or email Carolyn Seitz for details regarding the meetings.

4. Community Recognition Award

4.1: Census Tract 4603.02 to award recipient Baja Ranch Super Market. The store managers were present to accept the award: Enriqueta Sulub and Sonia Bolanos.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

5.1. Carol W. Quan – Los Angeles County Assessor regarding Tax Relief from Wind Storm Damage.

5.2. Thor Schmidt, General Manager of Athens Services and Luis Sanchez, Area Supervisor: Athens thanks the community for their patience with the clean up. They put more trucks in operation to assist in the clean up and more supervisors in the field. They will pick up more green waste as long as it is bundled at the curb. Call for extra trash trucks or guys to pick up the trash when it is excessive, otherwise what if properly placed at the curb will be picked up. In addition Public Works pick up the large tree branches and debris that may require a chainsaw. Owners not to place loose leaves and trash on the curb expecting Athens to pick it up if not properly bundled.

Public works report (213) 974-5555.

5.3 David Ford– S. C. Edison, Regarding Power outage from Wind Storm, Policies and procedures...

Edison Representatives present were: Dave Ford, Walt Johnson, Gary Shockley and Ben Wong.

Public Safety was one of their main concerns in terms of knowing what power lines were down before they turned back on the power, according to Walt Johnson who personally made that decision. Edison freely admits that this was a major learning curve and will put in place things they learned from this very rare occurrence of excessive high winds. Edison took all comments from the council and the public graciously and promised to do whatever they can to make things better for the customers in the future.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1: WAPAC Report by Brent Musson: 26-minute meeting. Significant work is being done on the Lincoln and Figueroa Corner. We need an official request as to what is going on for the work on that property. Councilman Musson agreed to look further into the matter.

6.2: Land Use Committee: Chair Mark Goldschmidt's Report on the December 6th, 2011 LUC meeting. 495 Alameda Street approved his CUP. A motion was put forth that the Town Council write a letter approving the permit to the proper governing agency. Move that we accept the recommendations of the Land Use committee to approve the cup on the property located at 495 Alameda Street.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (No Reports except for agenda item #7.3.)

7.1: Chamber of Commerce-----Doug Colliflower

7.2: Altadena Library-----Barbra Pearson

7.3: L.A. County Parks Dept----- Meliza Hernandez reported on Jobs available for students. She will supply the information to our website chair and secretary for posting.

7.4: Sheriff's Support Group-----Jamie Bissner

7.5: Altadena Rotary-----Tony Hill

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS:

4601: no report

4602: no report

4603.01: no report

4603.02: no report

4610: no report

4611: no report

4612: no report

4613: no report

9. OLD BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10.1. Ken Roberts will put forth a motion for a letter issuing the beer and wine license for property located at Fair Oaks and Ventura, the Baja Ranch Market? This item was taken off the agenda because the CUP was approved this morning. No action was required of the Council.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: (None)

12. ADJOURNMENT at 9:05 pm