



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

MARCH 2012 MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center
730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance-----Councilman Tecumseh Shackelford

1.2 Roll Call – Secretary Middleton

Members present: Gino Sund, Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton, Doug Colliflower, Tecumseh Shackelford, Brent Musson, Sandra Thomas, Ken Roberts, Amy Cienfuegos, Lorie Judson, Allan Wasserman, and Diane Marcussen.

Members with excused absence: Gretchen Seager and, Jamie Bissner:-

Members absent: Ruth Edwards

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

2.1 Recording Secretary - Greg Middleton presented meeting notes from February 21st meeting for approval into minutes. Motion to approve and seconded.

2.2 Corresponding Secretary - Jamie Bissner excused absence:- but a letter was sent to the county regarding the denial of the CUP request for the Arroyo Pacific Academy on behalf of the council signed by the Chair

2.3 Treasurer - Doug Colliflower reported on the account balance and deposits made.

2.4 Vice Chairman - Okorie Ezieme reported only on the setting of the Meeting agenda that was approved.

2.5 Chairman Sandra Thomas: Chair's report: report on the flag and Flag Day. A day is set for 4/21 at community center from 1-3pm with Supervisor Antonovich to present the flag to those who purchased. Guest for the event are Adam Schiff, Carol Liu, Anthony Portantino and others.

An agenda for Flag Day is in process of being set. A copy will be sent to members for attendance if desired. Special thanks to Amy for running the Education committee along with Monica Hubbard and others who planned the joint meeting for the board and council members that was held on March 3rd. The meeting was a great success and well attended. Thanks to the NAACP for providing the food for the joint meeting.

The Chair also made mention of the retirement party for Captain McLean that is set for April 13th at the Masonic Temple and council members are asked to attend in force. Checks to be made to Captain Steven McLean Retirement Fund and given to Carolyn Seitz or Lt. Johnson.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1: California Highway Patrol: Officer Kevin Denmon was not present but sent a sub to give the CHP report Officer Jose reported on traffic activities: He also urged everyone about registration, seat belts, and announced an event for Monday the March 26th when they are hosting a teen-driving event. Go to the CHP website for additional information.

3.2: Altadena Sheriff's Station: Lieutenant Roosevelt Johnson

Presented crime stats report for the record. Thanks to the community members for reporting crimes and calling the sheriffs office about a burglary in progress on Casitas: This lead to an arrest. There were a total of 126 crimes reported during the month of February for multiple reasons.

Checks for the Captain's retirement party made to Steve McLean Retirement Fund for \$25.00

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

4.1. L.A. County Parks and Rec. Dept./Proposed Farmer's Market by Al Evans: They are still negotiating with the vendors for the market with the selected market manager. The Market may be starting within a couple if the negotiations go well. They are still trying to hash out all the final details and necessary permits by all the appropriate county agencies for the various types of vendors. The proposed site is still Loma Alta Park near the Community Gardens on the lower half of the park. The vendors are not all set at this point. There will be an aggressive marketing plan to introduce the market to the community. The Council will be kept in the loop.

4.2. Altadena Community Standards Presentation by Mina Brown: A report will be forthcoming: The first community meeting is set for April 4th (in a couple of weeks) and they would like to get the community involved in the process of creating the vision for Altadena, regarding the community standards that we the community will ultimately accept. This process will shape how Altadena looks, operates and takes shape in the future. The public is invited to participate in this process and the consultant firm will paint the vision to the county: First meeting at 4/4/12 at Loma Alta Park from 7-9 pm. They have had meetings with the Chamber, Land Use and Heritage regarding making input into this visioning process. There will be 3 workshops to gather community input on 3 consecutive Wednesdays starting on 4/4/12 and continuing each week. There was a suggestion by member Sund to spread the location of the meetings to various locations around the community so they may gather larger input for the entire community.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1: Land Use: Mark Goldschmidt. The committee met on March 6 to speak with Mina Brown about this vision and how they may participate with the vision. Anthony Chung is no longer the secretary and John Klose has agreed to step in his place. Land Use suggested several set back rule changes and other provisions for permitted improvements to one's home. (See Mark regarding his written report to be submitted into our minutes.) The issue of fences and hedges was brought up in their meeting. He encouraged all members to spread the word to everyone in their census tracts about the importance of this process.

5.2. Altadena Flag update was given earlier in the Chair's report.

5.3: ATC's PUSD Redistricting Task Force - Bernardean Broadus: A flyer was distributed to the council regarding an update of the demographic plan for redistricting along with a map indicating Proposed Concensus Plan. This is their final report to the Council, but they volunteered to stay connected with the progress and keep us abreast of what is happening with the redistricting plan and what happens next. They have proposed a timeline as to how they think it is best to get the information to the community regarding this process. On the map 1 is A, 2 is B and so on. On the map both 1 and 2 represents Altadena.

The election of the reps for redistricting staggers so there is never a complete new group.

5.3. Education Committee: Monica Hubbard reported as follows:

On behalf of the Joint Meeting on 03/03/12 there was a great turnout for the meeting with major officers from the board that answered several questions that were very important regarding what is happening in our community. It was a wonderful outpouring of information and observations from the board and the community as well. There was a real sense of partnership between the community and the presenters. People wanted information and the board was happy to share and answer concerns. One concern was finding a better to outreach to the Latino community. One issue that was not addressed was the group home situation and the high population of students that live in group homes. This segment of the population seems to be overlooked, according to an observation by Ms. Hubbard.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee gave a report about the CERT event held at the Burbank airport where our local CERT members participated in a simulated plane crash. See the facebook page for CERT in Altadena to see photos on this event.

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1: Chamber of Commerce: Doug Colliflower – no report.

6.2: Altadena Library: Barbará Pearson – no report.

6.3: L.A. County Parks Dept: Meliza Hernandez: There will be a spring camp at all the local park facilities. Sign up is going on right now. Loma Alta Park fills up very quickly so parents are encouraged to sign up now. There will be Easter egg hunts at the local parks.

The parks website is the place to find out about all the activities going on in the local parks.

6.4: Sheriff's Support Group: Bill Westphal – no report.

6.5: Altadena Rotary: Tony Hill: There is a brochure that will be available to us that speaks of the activities that Rotary participates within the community. They are currently trying to grow the membership of the organization. Community members are encouraged to look into joining the Rotary

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS:

4610: 2609 Lincoln, the Church has a non-religious event for a presentation to young men regarding how to deal with Law Enforcement at 6:30 pm on March 24th.

4603.01: The unfinished building at the corner of Lincoln and Altadena Drive has a for sale sign on it so it may be sold soon.

4602: The hearing on the Arroyo Pacific Academy CUP will be held at 320 W. Temple Street, downtown LA on April 4th. The community is urged to attend and make their voice heard regarding this issue.

8. OLD BUSINESS: Flag Update

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 New Council Person in 4603.01 – Judy Matthews

Council voted on Judy Matthews as replacement for the position.

The council voted unanimously to accept her for the position. Finally we have a second rep for the seat in this census tract.

The vote was yes by a count of 12-0-0 with all members present. The chair was not allowed to vote.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:55 pm