



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2012 Meeting Notes
7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center
730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dr. Sandra Thomas – 7:05

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance-Gretchen Seager

1.2 Roll Call – Secretary Middleton

1.3. Motion by Vice Chair to accept the agenda with changes and second by Jamie Bissner

Members Present: Gino Sund, Gretchen Seager, Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton, Doug Colliflower, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Tecumseh Shackelford, Brent Musson, Allan Wasserman, Amy Cienfuegos, Jamie Bissner, and Diane Marcussen.

Members Absent: Ruth Neilan-Edwards.

Excused Absences: [Judy Matthews](#), [Ken Roberts](#), [Lorie Judson](#)

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

2.1. Chair-----Dr. Sandra Thomas

- Altadena Visioning: Refer to report sent to Chair Thomas in a printed version sent by Mina Brown. The workshops are ongoing at the Loma Alta Park. See details on the Town Council website regarding time and place.
- The Flag was presented to the community on the table and on the stand in the community room. The program for the Flag Day Ceremony was read into the minutes.

2.2: Vice-Chair Okorie Ezieme – Reported on the agenda setting by the Executive Committee.

2.3: Recording Secretary Greg Middleton : The minutes were sent to the council and changes were made by Council Member Marcussen. A motion to approve was made by Gino Sund and second by the body. Approved 12-0-0

2.4: Corresponding Secretary Jamie Bissner: No correspondence due this month.

2.5: Treasurer Doug Colliflower. A print out of the bank balances were read into the record on camera with the appropriate balances. Motion to accept Treasurer Report by Jamie Bissner and second by the council. Approved. 12-0-0

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1: California Highway Patrol-----Officer Kevin Denmon: Reported on an event sponsored by the CHP. A traffic update was read into the camera recording for the record.

3.2: Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Captain John Benedict: made his first report to the community of Altadena at this meeting. Also he had his first meeting at the Coffee Gallery with the community this morning. There is also a new second in command to replace Roosevelt Johnson, Lt. Duane Allen is new second in command.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

4.1: Community Service Award – Census tract 4610 – Altadena Super King Market/Store 3.

4.2: Special Recognition for Service Rendered –Sheraton Pasadena Hotel Manager: Ray Serafin Pasadena Hilton Managers: General Manager Carl Sprayberry and Manager Laura Gray (5 minutes) I need to redo the certificates that were reversed in the names of the managers from the hotel. Reprint and send to the hotels at a later date.

4.3: Altadena Heritage/Al Evans – Farmers Market (10 minutes) Farmer's Market has selected a manager and the market will open may 7, from 3 to 7 pm with 30 vendors, consisting of farmers, small farmers, urban farmers, packaged food and other cooked foods. Altadena has become an epicenter for urban market and urban farming. There is an agricultural permit Altadenans can get in order to raise produce and distribute to them market.

4.4: The Episcopal Home Communities (Monte Cedro Update) - Martha Tamburrano (5 minutes) The project has changed its name from Monte Cedro and now has affordable homes as well. They have a CUP to operate and build but they had to reconfigure the project. It was originally 278 homes and now it will be reduced to 186 independent living units and 20 assisted living units. With the project scaled back tremendously it makes it easier to make the pre-sales and move toward construction. They are taking deposits now and already have reservation #70 in place. Possibly the summer of 2013 will start the building process and open by the summer of 2015.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 min each)

5.1: Election Committee – Eric Pierce. See printout for election rules that will be posted on the website as well as the patch and the blog. A motion was called to accept the Election Rules as modified. Shackelford motioned to accept and it was seconded by Brent Musson and there was discussion regarding the specific changes that were made from last year. The Chair Pierce made us aware of the specific changes that were made to enhance the process and alleviate any concerns and problems from last year's election. The council accepted all the changes and a call for the question was made and all approved the election rules to start the election process.

5.2: Land Use Committee: Mark Goldschmidt

5.3: Traffic Committee Vice-Chair Ezieme who is Chair of this committee. Issues of concern are regarding sidewalks, parking near the top of Lake Avenue disturbing nearby

neighbors, and signage around town that is covered with foliage. The traffic committee will be looking into these matters.

5.4: Altadena Beautification Committee-Michelle Zack met with the county on the Woodbury improvement project along the center aisle. The project will have many new trees included in the project with tree planting that we can make our input regarding. There is also a project for a new sign for Altadena that we have a photo to show for consideration.

5.5: Emergency and Preparedness Committee – Councilman Shackelford and Carolyn Seitz. Report by Carolyn on the importance of emergency preparedness: One of the things that is making a big difference in the community looking out for its neighbors. Neighbors calling to report suspicious activities are making a big impact upon crime. The first responders are usually the neighbors in your neighborhoods. The CERT management team is growing and uniting in Altadena and if you need a help finding a CERT school contact Carolyn Seitz.

5.6: Education Committee – Amy Cienfuegos/Monica Hubbard (5 minutes). This committee is very active and soliciting new members of the committee from each census tract. They have an application for membership for those who are interested in joining this committee. There are long-term and short term goals for this committee. They would like to connect with each school and all facets of the community are heard in reference to public education. Suggest that we create a separate page that the committee can use to keep the community inform about the committee’s findings.

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 minutes each)

6.1: Chamber of Commerce-----Doug Colliflower

6.2: Altadena Library: Polly from the Altadena Library announced a co worker from the Bob Lucas branch that is reopening on April 29th from 1 until 3 pm on a Sunday evening.

6.3: L.A. County Parks Dept-----Meliza Hernandez

6.4: Sheriff’s Support Group: Jamie Bissner welcomed the new captain and looking for new members. They also have a new summer concert series in planning. There are 12 concerts planned for this summer and the schedule is forthcoming.

6.5: Altadena Rotary-----Tony Hill

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS: (2 minutes each). 4602: Report on the CUP for the Arroyo Pacific Academy which was denied and the developers have until April 21st to appeal the finding. We will keep the community informed on the appeal process. 4610 reported on a new tenant in the Lincoln Crossing structure. The vacant properties in that structure are now to be sold once a committee has been selected.

8. OLD BUSINESS: Altadena Flag Celebration Day-April 21, 2012 at Community Center

9. NEW BUSINESS: Starting tomorrow about starting a Jazz bank meeting at Loma Alta Park tomorrow 4/18/2012

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

11. ADJOURNMENT