



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

Altadena Community Center, 730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 PM

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Altadena/Pasadena Boy Scott Troop 40
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Judy Matthews

- (15) Present: Nestor De La Torre, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Victoria Knapp, Jennifer Lee, Billy Malone, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Justin Robertson, Gloria Sanyika, Patricia Sutherlen, Sylvia Vega, John E. White, Dr. Reginald Wilkins and Dorothy Wong
- (1) Excused: Dr. Sandra Thomas
- (0) Absent/Unexcused

- 1.3. Approve September 19, 2017 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair Patricia Sutherlen requests to add Item 8.3 Census Tract 4611, and Councilmember Judy Matthews requests to add Item 7.5 41st Assembly Local Government-Advisory Committee and to accept agenda as amended.

Motion: Patricia Sutherlen
Second: John white
Aye: Unanimous
The motion carries.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1. Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme thanks the community for their attendance and expresses condolences to Councilmember Sandra Thomas and her family on the passing of her daughter, Felicia Wilson. A moment of silence is observed.
- 2.2. Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen reports that the Executive Committee met on September 12, 2017 to finalize the agenda, which is the order of business by which council will proceed. In order to make a public comment, the public may fully complete a comment card and submit to a council member seated at the end of the council table. Councilmember Sutherlen invites youth and community groups to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at monthly council meetings. Requests may be submitted to census tract representatives. In consideration of community and council suggestions, public comments have been advanced to the middle of September's agenda.
- 2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Judy Matthews

2.3.1. Approve August 15, 2017, proposed meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Judy Matthews
Second: Patricia Sutherlen
Aye: Unanimous



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Abstention: 1

The motion carries.

- 2.4. Treasurer _____ John E. White reports the balance is \$2,127.00, and the account is in good standing. Contributions are welcomed.
- 2.5. Corresponding Secretary _____ Nestor De la Torre provides a report and asks council members to ensure their contact information is correct. New council members may be reached via email. (Council members' email addresses are available on the Altadena Town Council website.) The website committee is optimizing the site and will propose plans to revamp the website within a month for review by the Executive Committee and approval by the entire body. A message on the website will reference the changes being made.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY

- 3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Phillip Cooper provides a report on behalf of Officer Mike Ulloa and invites the public to Altadena CHP Touch-a-Truck, Saturday, September 23, 2017, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Santa Anita Race Track, 285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA. The new radar trailer that was located on Allen Avenue, south of New York Drive, has been relocated to Altadena Drive and Crest Drive. July and August reports show a decrease in traffic collisions, from 27 in July to 17 in August. No DUIs were reported in August. The community is asked to be aware of Southern California Edison's construction and drive consciously. Drivers are encouraged to use windshield wipers and headlights when it is raining. CHP is considering radar trailer placements in the following areas: Altadena Drive, between Glenrose Avenue and Olive Avenue, and Fair Oaks Avenue and Woodbury Road. The radar trailer has a "stroke" feature to detect high speeds, but it does not have a camera for recording.
- 3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Lt. Carmichael Octave provides a report on crime status. There was a decrease in overall crime, from 53 in July to 47 in August, and petty and grand larceny, from 25 in July to 19 in August. No residential burglaries were reported in Census Tracts 4603.01, 4603.02 and 4610. In reply to an inquiry, Captain Stuckey will address semi trucks parking illegally overnight in front of Webster Elementary School on Washington Boulevard, between Altadena Drive and east of Pepper Drive, and she will consider regular parking enforcement check point Friday through Monday mornings.
- 3.3. County Fire _____ Maria Grycan, Community Services Liaison, LA County Fire Department, provides an overview of August activity and written stats to council. A written report is to be provided to Councilmember De La Torre for posting to ATC's website. In reply to an inquiry, Ms. Grycan indicates that incident reports may be modified subject to request. Anderson Mackey, (Acting) Assistant Fire



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Chief for Altadena, is introduced. It is stated that "Good Intent" calls are defined as being residents reporting public assist such as smoke coming from a backyard.

- 3.4. CERT _____ No report.
- 3.5. Map Your Neighborhood _____ Karen Gibson provides a report on the importance of being prepared for a disaster and outreach to the local faith community. The "21 Weeks to Prepare" flyer is presented for posting on the website and for council to share with constituents. Ms. Gibson shares that a gallon of water per day is needed for each person and pet in case of a disaster. It is stated that the Quick Response "QR" Code medical ID bracelet for emergencies, presented by Millicent Wilson, MD, is being considered at MYN's next team meeting. The QR Code allows the user to manage and store his or her medical information. Future plans for a MYN Picnic and Facebook page. MYN training is Sunday, November 12, 2017, 4:00 PM at Metropolitan Baptist Church. (For reservations, email mynrsvp@gmail.com.)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. "Granny" Shakur expresses concerns regarding oversized vehicle parking on Lincoln and Altadena Dr. and Mountain View, causing visibility problems for motorists and pedestrians, and parking on Mariposa Street in front of the Mariposa Library, causing difficulties for persons with disabilities when exiting and entering vehicles. Parking assessment requested to address head-in parking. Councilmember Marcussen will speak with resident, Ms. Shakur will address parking concerns with Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

Steve Larsen introduces Alta-Pasadena Indivisible, a group that seeks to protect values neighbors and family, local interests, including but not limited to gentrification, human rights and racial justice. He expresses interest in sharing his views before council in the future.

Kevin Simpson of Census Tract 4613 expresses concern regarding the removal of Pinecrest Gate after 35 years.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1. Altadena Library - Accomplishments of the District during the past year - Mindy Kittay reports on the new integrated library system and open source catalog, Koha, and upcoming events, including Taste of Dena on Saturday, September 23, 2017, 7:00 PM-9:30 PM, and Second Saturday Block Party on November 11, 2017, 1:00 PM-6:00 PM. Community Conversations resulted in educational partnerships/programs with Community Economic Development Liaison at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, County of Los Angeles, and others. On December 16, 2017, the department will present two free workshops at Altadena Library: (1) Permits and



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Licensing Requirements in County of LA and (2) Importance and Elements of a Business Plan and Understanding Finances; and learning about free resources available.

A video highlighting the District's accomplishments during the past year is shown. Council requests consideration is given to present programs and events, including upgrades at the Bob Lucas Library. In reply, Mindy Kittay explains that a Children's Story Time program was added and Interior and exterior upgrades are on the agenda for 2017, including gardening at Bob Lucas Library. Those interested in joining a library expansion committee or further discussing library expansion are encouraged to contact Ms. Kittay. Council is invited to attend the library's board meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 PM. For more information on programs and events, visit www.altadenalibrary.org.

- 5.2. Homeless Information in the San Gabriel Valley _____ Kenon Joseph, Regional Coordinator, LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), provides an overview of the January 2017 Homeless Count for SPA 3 San Gabriel Valley. Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 8:00 PM is the next homeless count for Spa 3, which includes Altadena. For more information on the 2017 results for SPA 3, and Altadena specifically, visit <https://www.lahsa.org/homeless-count>. Questions regarding the presentation may be directed to Daniella Alcedo at dalcedo@lahsa.org or (213) 225-8462.

Jamahl Butler, Deputy District Ranger, Los Angeles Ranger District, serving the National Forest areas adjacent to Altadena, Pasadena, La Canada and Sunland-Tujunga, reports that the US Forestry is not set-up to address the homeless. The US Forestry has partnerships with Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office, LAHSA, and Sheriff's Department to help resolve homeless encampment issues in the forest. The homeless are migrating into campgrounds in the National Forest at sites near JPL and foothill cities. The forestry orders with stay limits have been reenacted to encourage campers to move. Homeless encampments in Gould Mesa have decreased from 14 tents to 8. In reply to inquiries, council is instructed to contact the recreation officer at the district office for site availability and group campgrounds, and council is encouraged to keep "open fires" in public campgrounds as a priority for discussion. (For information on site availability and group campgrounds, contact Recreation Officer Dennis Merkel at (818) 899-1900.)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen, Chair, states that there were no items calendared for September's LUC meeting. It is stated that the Altadena Marketplace item before the Regional Planning Commission on September 20, 2017 has been postponed to October 25, 2017.
- 6.2. Filming Committee _____ Anne Chomyn, Chair, reports that the filming committee is developing a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document on location filming in Altadena. The community is invited to attend meetings. To express interest or learn more, email committee at



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altadenafilmingcommittee@gmail.com or committee member Patricia Sutherlen at (Patricia.Sutherlen@altadenatowncouncil.org).

- 6.3. Education Committee _____ Councilmember Jennifer Lee reports on the success of the well-attended town hall meeting held on August 26, 2017. Monthly meetings will be held to engage the community in discussions on daycare centers and what Altadena public schools have to offer. The next town hall meeting will be held in January 2018. For additional information and to submit suggestions or comments, email Jennifer.lee@altadenatowncouncil.org.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 7.1. LA County Department of Parks and Recreation _____ Meliza Hernandez, District Manager, provides a report on Altadena parks and highlights back-to-school full-season regular programs: girls lacrosse, cheerleading, youth soccer, and adult basketball tournament. For more information on programs, including the after school club program offered at Farnsworth Park, and an e-brochure listing all programs, please visit parks.lacounty.gov or call (626) 398-5451.
- 7.2. Chamber of Commerce _____ Councilmember Billy Malone provides a report and informs the community of the success of the mixer networking event and power breakfast. The businesses that will be visited during the Business Walk with State Senator Anthony Portantino on Saturday, September 23, 2017, have not been identified. Councilmember Malone encourages the community to attend the meet and greet on September 23, 2017, 2:30 PM-3:00 PM, at Hoopla, (2591 Fair Oaks Avenue). Senator Portantino will be available for photos. The Chamber's October movies at Farnsworth Park are in partnership with LA County Parks and Altadena Farmers Market. Councilmember Malone has partnered with Councilmember Veronica Jones, Census Tract 4611, to get west side businesses engaged with the Chamber. (For more information, visit www.altadenachamber.org.)
- 7.3. Collaborate PASadena _____ Councilmember Gloria Sanyika provides a report and presents an overview of the August 23, 2017 meeting. The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) is operating on a budget deficit and must change the way in which business is done. Some positions have been cut to assist in closing the gap. (For more information, email gloria.sanyika@altadenatowncouncil.org.)
- 7.4. Southern California Edison _____ David Ford, Government Affairs Manager, provides an update on the results of the community meeting regarding the Allen Substation Project. The meeting was held on Thursday, August 30, 2017, at Altadena Community Center. Mr. Ford states that practices have been put in place to improve communication and recognize the importance of trees in Altadena. Southern California Edison (SCE) is approaching redesigning the way in which infrastructure



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upgrades are conducted. SCE vegetation manager and Jim Daly, Supervisor, Department of Public Works, Road Maintenance Division, are meeting with residents of Altadena to address their trees and are not moving forward without approval. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by November 2017, and updates will be provided to council and posted on the ATC website. In reply to an inquiry made by council, Mr. Ford states that modification of tree topping is minimal. Protocol and procedures for cutting will be addressed with the SCE Vegetation Department, and the information will be provided to Councilmember Sutherlen along with the sign-up asking residents how they prefer to be notified prior to scheduling outage. For more information, contact David Ford at (818) 585-9149 or David.a.ford@sce.com.

- 7.5. 41st Assembly Local Government-Advisory Committee ____ Councilmember Judy Matthews reports that Assemblymember Holden's Transit Pass Program Legislation cleared the legislature and is headed to the governor's desk. The proposed transit pass pilot program provides free or reduced cost transit passes for low-income K-12 and college students. The Status of Latinos in Higher Education Forum is Thursday, September 21, 2017, 5:30-7:30 PM, Pasadena City College. For more information, contact Faith Lee, Field Representative at (626) 351-1917.

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

- 8.1. 4603.01 _____ No report.
8.2. 4603.02 _____ No report.

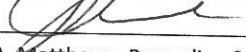
8.3. 4611 Councilmember Patricia Sutherlen reports that Christmas Tree Lane "Lights Up" has began and is every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM until all trees are finished on Christmas Tree Lane. Signage for "Lights Up" is posted between Altadena Drive and Mariposa Street. Volunteers are welcome. (For more information, email christmastreelaneassociation@gmail.com or call (626) 403-1123.)

Chair Ezieme reminds council that on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 6:00 PM, the Pasadena Unified School District State of the Schools Address will be presented (at 1505 N. Marengo Avenue); and at 7:00 PM, ATC Executive Committee will be presenting before ACONA at the Altadena Library. Chair Ezieme will be attending both meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT 9:26 PM

Motion: Sylvia Vega
Second: Patricia Sutherlen
Aye: Unanimous
The motion carries.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

By:  10/19/17
Judy A. Matthews, Recording Secretary/Councilmember 4603.01