



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes

January 21, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Diane Marcussen

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Council Member Okorie Ezieme

1.2 Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary Brent Musson

**Attending** – Brent Musson, Ed Meyers, Okorie Ezieme, Billy Malone, Damon Hobdy, Ron Adams, Amy Cienfuegos, Richard Moon, Reggie Wilkins, Sylvia Vega, Diane Marcussen, Gretchen Seager

**Excused Absence** – Jamie Bissner, Judy Matthews, Sandra Thomas

**Unexcused Absence** – Bernardean Broadous – Councilmember Broadous sent an email on February 1, 2014 to inform the council that she was ill on January 21, 2014 and not able to attend the meeting.

1.3 Approve Today's Meeting Agenda - Gretchen Seager, Amy Cienfuegos second – unanimous vote – second vote to add 4601 to Census Tract Reports – motion by Ed Meyers second by Okorie Ezieme – unanimous vote

1.4 Approve December 2013 meeting minutes – Amy Cienfuegos motion, Ron Adams second – unanimous vote

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen

a) The county has begun planting trees to replace those that fell in the windstorm. They are expected to complete the first wave of those trees by the middle of February. Second wave of planting will then begin. If you have questions, please contact your ATC member.

b) Amy Cienfuegos has been appointed as the Election Committee Chair – She is looking for volunteers

2.2 Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme – Executive Committee met to set agenda

2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Brent Musson – no report

2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Amy Cienfuegos – financial report submitted

2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Moon

a) Public hearings will be held regarding County changes for the General Plan on February 26, 2014. Check the County website for details.

b) On 2/22/2014 the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs associate will hold the opening of the new San Gabriel Valley chapter at the El Monte City Community Center. All interested should attend.

c) All emails received through the website are being forwarded to the appropriate county department or ATC member

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Bejar

a) Officer Tom Miller is now the community officer for Altadena.

b) CHP provides child safety seat installation/inspection at their office on Wednesdays. Call to set up an appointment.

c) CHP provides Start Smart classes for new drivers. Contact Altadena CHP for details

d) Officer Bejar will work to get distracted driver stats for the next meeting

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Eric Lasko – Most crime is down but thefts from automobiles continues to be a problem. Please make sure that there is nothing at all visible in your car that might look like there is something to steal. The Altadena Station continues to make arrests and on 12/12/13 served 16 warrants that resulted in 25 indictments for drug trafficking. The task force that served those warrants has been funded and will continue to do their work. A new VIDA class begins on 2/12/2014.

3.3 CERT/Pet Disaster Safety \_\_\_\_\_ Hilary Cable – Motel 6 has the best pet friendly policies if you have to move to a hotel after a disaster. Have supplies set aside for your pets as well as for yourselves. Metal food bowls can become shovels, if necessary. Keep water packed sardines for your animals that can become food for you as well. They also are wet and can hydrate your pet to a certain extent.

### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Land Use – No Report



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**4.2 Community Standards District Committee** \_\_\_\_ Chairman Ed Meyers – After a year of work, the CSD committee will be meeting with Executive Committee in the next month to provide an update. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

### 5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 5.1 Altadena Public Library** \_\_\_\_\_ Roberta Lauderdale - **No Report**  
**5.2 L.A. County Department of Parks + Recreation** \_\_\_\_\_ Meliza Hernandez – David Howser  
**5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce** \_\_\_\_\_ Ed Meyers – Annual Awards dinner will recognize Mark Goldschmidt as citizen of the year and Altadena Farmers' Market as business of the year.

### 6. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

**4601 – Meyers** – Rubio Canyon trailhead has had nuisance behavior and he is working to see what might be able to be done to deter the kids that are causing a nuisance.

**4602 – Ezieme/Malone** – Last month there were complaints about a new group home opening in their census tract. There have been meetings between the neighbors and the group home administrators and they are working out their issues. The neighbors also realized the children were in need and came together to support them during the holidays. The neighbor's research found that there can be no less than 300 feet between group homes.

**4603.01 – Hobdy** – Complaints in Loma Alta park about untoward activities in the bathrooms and also reports of some shootings. He is working with the appropriate county authorities to work to reduce these problems. Councilmember Hobdy will be participating in the walkability study.

**4610 – Musson** – Update on sediment removal process. Councilmember Brent Musson is in constant contact with the County regarding this project and wants his census tract to know that he is making sure that they are well represented.

**4611 – Cienfuegos/Moon** – Webster's Fine Stationers is moving to Fair Oaks in census tract 4611.

**4613 – Marcussen/Vega** – There is no new information on the status of the new building on the corner of Altadena Dr and Washington Blvd.

### 7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

During a General Public Comment period, any person may address the Altadena Town Council concerning any item that is or is not listed on the agenda. The Altadena Town Council welcomes public participation and input. Council members may ask clarifying questions from speakers.

Speaker participants are asked to state their names and town/city of residence for the record; comments are limited to two [2] minutes, or such time limit declared by the Chairman in order to facilitate an orderly and timely meeting.

Sarah Gavit – Concern for the proposed SR-710 project

Elliot Gold – Group home information from 2011 is available on the ACONA website.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 p.m.