



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2014

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California
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1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilman Brent Musson
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy
- 1.2.1. _____ (11) Present: Billy Malone, Amy Cienfuegos, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Jamie Bissner, Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Jennifer Lee, Damon L. Hobdy, Ron Adams
- (3) Excused: G. Seager, Sylvia Vega, Okorie Ezieme
- (0) Absent/Unexcused: None
- 1.3. Approve August 19, 2014 Meeting Agenda__B. Musson moves/J. Bissner seconded- unanimous

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports that in the interest of time (as a result of the agenda matters) the report will be given during the Vice Chairman's report.
 - 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme (Chairman Diane Marcussen reporting for Councilman Ezieme) reports that the Executive Committee met and set the agenda which was distributed for the August 19, 2014, ATC Meeting.
 - 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy
 - 2.3.1 Approve July 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes__D. Hobdy moves, A. Cienfuegos seconded (unanimous with exception that J. Bissner abstains). However, such minutes are amended to reflect the addition of Councilman Ron Adams name which was unintentionally omitted from the July 15, 2014, Minutes as unexcused (D. Hobdy moves, A. Cienfuegos seconded the amendment)
 - 2.4 Treasurer _____ Amy Cienfuegos
 - 2.4.1 Motion To Accept/Approve the Bank Reconciliation for July 2014 (B. Musson moves, D. Hobdy seconded, unanimous)
 - 2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone reports that he is in contact with the previous Corresponding Secretary Richard Moon, and they are discussing expanding the e-mail accounts to accommodate further memory.
- Also, Billy Malone announces that Congresswoman Judy Chu is holding a Job Hunter's Boot Camp on Friday, August 29, 2014, from 10:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., at the Metropolitan Baptist



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Church located Altadena.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports that for the Month of July 2014, there were 66 citations, 22 collisions (12 of such were property damage, 8 injury and 2 DUI related). Year to date for 2014, are 703 collisions compared to 525 in July 2013. Also, the Department now has 16 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors equipped with state of the art computer equipment. Finally, with schools back in session motorists need to be careful of pedestrians and kids/students at drop off and pick up times at local schools.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Christopher Reed reports that the Altadena Sheriff's Station is changing the way they deploy officers during the overnight, swing and day shift – there will be 5 cars during the overnight shift instead of 3 to increase visibility, on the swing shift there will be 6 or more cars rather than 4, and on the day shift a fourth car will be added during the day. Additionally, Lt. Brian Fitch who served as the Detective Lieutenant for the Altadena Sheriff's Station was transferred to Century Regional Detention Center (Women's Jail). Lt. Richard Sheer will be taking over Lt. Fitch's duties. Lt. Sheer is from industry station and has been on the Department over 25 years.

Lt. Richard Sheer reports that a new chart has been made that breaks down crime according to the census tracts in Altadena. 125 arrests were made for July 2014, of which 35 were felonies and 95 were misdemeanors. Also, Burglaries are down 35%.

3.2.1 _____ Cert Karen Gibson reports that the
next training session for Cert will be on September 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the
Community Center. Topic will be, "How to Get Your Home Ready."

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Community Standards Distr. Comm. _____ Committee Chair, Ed Meyers (no report).

4.2 Election Committee Chair _____ Amy Cienfuegos reports that there
are two census tract elections to vote on. One candidate is running for 4601 (John White
who needs a 2/3 vote to be elected under ATC By-Laws) and two candidates for 4611 (Patricia
Sutherlen and Justin Robertson) – the winner needs a majority vote under ATC By-
Laws.

4.2.1 Vote On Candidates for Open Council
only Positions _____ John White received 8 votes and



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4611 needed 6 votes; thus, John White is elected as councilmember for 4601, and for
Patricia Sutherlen received 6 votes and Justin Robertson received 2 votes (one
councilmember abstained); thus, Patricia Sutherlen is elected as councilmember
for 4611.

4.2.2 Swearing In Of New Councilmembers _____ John White and Patricia Sutherlen
are sworn
in by Chair Marcussen and seated as councilmembers for tracts 4601 and 4611,
respectively.

5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Tina Wallin (reporting for Pauline
Dutton)
reports that the children's summer reading program had over 1600 children attending
and
the very first adult reading program was a success with substantial attendance.

5.2 LA County Department of Parks & Rec. _____ Meliza Hernandez Dist. Manager
reports that
final concert for summer will be September 6, 2014, at 7 p.m. at Farnsworth Park.
Flag
football sign up is now ages 3-5 at all parks. After school club at Loma Alta Park,
Monday
through Friday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., for \$30.00 per week. Also, the Parks After Dark
Program
was a success. Altadena Sheriff's Station worked in conjunction with the park to
ensure
safety and success of the program.

5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports that the first
sidewalk
sale in the North Lake District was a success. The goal is to expand this sale east
and west
as well. John Muir has been voted in as an honorary member of the Chamber of
Commerce.
The next Power breakfast will be September 16, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with
the
location to be announced.

5.4 Foothill Municipal Water District _____ Gary Bryant (Director for Div. 1 of the
Foothill
Water District) introduces himself and General Manager Nina Jazmadarian. Foothill
is the
importer of water. They take the water from Metropolitan Water District and bring
it up to
the service area with La Canada and La Crescenta. 98% of the State is in severe



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which is impacting imported water supplies from northern California and impacts supplies as ground water levels diminish. In January and April 2014, Governor declared a drought. In July 2014, the State Water Board fast tracked the conservation regulations mandated to all water agencies in the State to declare no more than 3 days per week in irrigation with conditions.

6. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 Hobdy/Matthews. Judy Matthews reports that Census Tract 4603.01 will have its Second Annual Meet and Greet on September 20, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. One speaker confirmed is Leslie Luke Deputy Director of Office of Emergency Management Los Angeles County. Once the flyer goes out the names of all speakers will appear and will identify questions that are concerns for the census tract. Also, there is an installation of two shared the road signs on Casitas Avenue (N/S to Ventura) to ensure pedestrian safety, and a white edge lane with also be done on Casitas to be implemented within the next four (4) months.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Taylor speaks concerning a group home that moved in at 2980 Santa Anita Avenue. Mr. Taylor is concerned that this group home came into the community without notification.

Susan Schwartz speaks concerning the Alliance to Save Our Altadena Libraries (Measure A).

Suzi Martin speaks concerning the Adult Literacy Program for Library District. September is the 30th Anniversary of the California Library Literacy Ceremony.

Ben Wong (Regional Manager Southern California Edison) speaks concerning the Quarterly Construction Update regarding renewable energy (Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP)).

8. ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 p.m.

B. Musson moves/R. Adams seconded.