



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilmember Sylvia Vega.
1.2. Roll Call _____ Councilmember Patricia Sutherlen for Damon
L. Hobdy recording secretary.

- 1.2.1. (11) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Justin Robertson, Sylvia Vega, Anne Chomyn, Anne Lansing.
(5) Excused: Brent Musson, Okorie Ezieme, Damon Hobdy, Dean Cooper, Jennifer Lee.
(0) Absent/Unexcused: None

- 1.3. Approve October 20, 2015 Meeting Agenda__Chair Diane Marcussen indicated that there are a few changes. Lt. Marquez will be doing the report for the Sheriff's Station. Mindy Kattay will be providing the report for the Altadena Library. Finally, there will be no report for County Fire by Stephanie English. Additionally, a Census Tract report will be added for 4603.01 and 4603.02. With those changes to the agenda. Motion to Approve the Agenda as amended by Sylvia Vega; Seconded by Patricia Sutherlen; unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports and welcomes Judy Matthews back. Additionally, Chair Marcussen indicates that the County had a proposition on the ballot to designate funds for parks throughout the County. That proposition was voted down. Now, there is an effort underway throughout the County to get feedback from the community with respect to designating funds for park improvement.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Chair Marcussen reports for Okorie Ezieme, and indicates that the agenda that is set before the community was approved by the Executive Committee when the Executive Committee met. If a community member wants to make a comment concerning any matter, please fill out a comment card and you will be able to comment at the end of the meeting.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Chair Marcussen reports for Damon Hobdy concerning the September 15, 2015, meeting minutes. Those minutes will be complete and put up on the ATC website as soon as possible.
- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Patricia Sutherlen reports that the October 20, 2015, report will be made at the next ATC meeting.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone reports and asks community members to make sure they sign in once entering the Community Center for the ATC meeting so that we can verify that the Community Center is actually being utilized for the meetings.



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3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Mike reports concerning the Best Fest and indicated that it was a successful event. Officer Mike also indicates that there were complaints received concerning the road closure on Mariposa. The CHP tried to accommodate everyone and Best Fest. Traffic collisions in Altadena for September 2015 were 20. Of those, 15 were property damage, only 5 with injury and 1 was DUI related. Year to date in Altadena there were 184 traffic collisions for 2015. Citations issued were slightly down at 34, and there were a total of 2 DUI arrests.

3.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Marquez reports that there was a 18.1% drop in crime (year to date in Altadena) for 2015 – which means there are 87 fewer crimes in Altadena from last year 2014. The 5 year reduction in Altadena in the crime rate is at 50.1% which is 402 fewer crimes from 5 years ago. Lt Marquez indicates that with Halloween approaching additional resources will be deployed by the Altadena Sheriff's Station.

3.2.1 _____ Captain Reed indicates that he was transferred to the Sheriff's Information Bureau. Captain Reed thanks the community, Council, Supervisor Antonovich's Office and Assemblymember Holden for the time he spent as Captain. Captain Reed also introduced Captain Stuckey. Captain Stuckey indicates that she looks forward to working with the community of Altadena.

3.3 _____ CERT Karen Gibson reports concerning CERT which stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Karen Gibson also indicates that CERT was present at 4 or 5 block parties. MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD has been complete in 5 or 6 areas and CERT had a presence at BEST FEST in October 2015. Also, CERT has two (2) new volunteers and asks the community to also volunteer.

3.4 _____ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief no report.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 _____ Councilmember Judy Matthews introduces Assemblymember Chris Holden who provided a Capital update for the 41st Assembly District. Councilmember Matthews describes Assemblymember Holden's accomplishments and positions held in Public Service.

4.1.1 _____ Assemblymember Holden (California State Assembly, 41st District) provides an update of matters accomplished in the last legislative session focusing on budget, economy, education, key legislation, drought challenges, and transportation. 14 Bills have been carried by Assemblymember Holden, passed through the Legislature and reached the governor's desk. Assemblymember Holden thanks Councilmember Matthews for her help and attending a key meeting.



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5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Committee _____ Chair Diane Marcussen reports that the LUC met and was presented with the CUP 201300077 relating to the property located at 1431 E. Mendocino to retroactively allow reduction of side yard setback from ten to five feet and one-half feet, to accommodate an existing attached garage, converted from a carport. The vote of the LUC was to recommend approval to the ATC.

5.1.1 CUP 201300077 _____ Councilmembers John White and Anne Chomyn. Councilmember John White indicated that there is a letter of support for the CUP from the immediate neighbor of the property. In the case of the CUP 201300077 for the property located at 1431 E. Mendocino to allow reduction of a side yard setback. Councilmember White makes a motion to recommend that the ATC send a recommendation down to regional planning for approval; seconded by Anne Chomyn; unanimous.

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Mindy Kattay, Library District Director reports that the second Saturday series was started in October. It was a wonderful event. Friends of the Library made an annual donation to the Library in the amount of \$40,000.00. Please get the Library newsletter which describes the wonderful upcoming events. The Library made a major change – nothing is rented. For example, movies are free.

6.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. _____ Jason Houser (new park Supervisor for Farnsworth Park) reporting for Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager for L.A. Parks and Recreation in the Altadena area) indicates that at Loma Alta Park from 4-7 on October 30, 2015, and at Charles White Park from 4-7 on October 30, 2015, there will be costumes and treats for the kids. Also, Farnsworth Park will be opened on Halloween, October 31, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with Halloween activities for the kids. Supervisor Antonovich will be sponsoring a Winter Wonderland for Loma Alta Park that will be held on Saturday December 19, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be 3 snow slides, jumpers and other fun things. Lastly, the Farmer's Market is on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. but when the day light savings time change occurs, the time will be from 3-7 on Wednesday after the time change.

6.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports that on December 5, 2015, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be the North Pole on Lake event for local merchants. This will be in conjunction with Open Studios, where you can actually go around to the Studios with the local artist.

6.4 Altadena Best Fest _____ Diana Phillippi reports that the Best Fest was held on Saturday October 3, 2015. 90 vendors participated. There were 20 sponsors for the event, and approximately 1,000 to 1,200 people visited the event. Gifts were left for residents that were affected because of the street closures. Next years event will be on Saturday, October 1, 2016.



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6.5 Domestic Violence Drive _____ Councilmember Anne Chomyn reports and reminds the community concerning Congresswoman Judy Chiu's Domestic Violence awareness donation drive that is going on in the month of October. The Congresswoman and her partners are asking for donations of clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and children's school supplies. There is a collection box in the lobby of the Community Center which is opened Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 Judy Matthews/Damon Hobdy. Councilmember Judy Matthews thanks the community, council and representatives for their encouragement, cards, flowers and get well wishes. Councilmember Matthews also thanks Elliot Gold and his wife for their well wishes and support. The Annual Meet and Greet will be held on November 7, 2015, at Loma Alta Park from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There are a total of 8 presenters confirmed as of this date. The issues addressed will be from the responses of surveys sent out but all community members are welcomed not just from 4603.01.

4603.02 Gloria Sanyika/Dean Cooper. Councilmember Sanyika indicates that 4603.02 has scheduled a rain water harvesting and rain barrel sale on December 12, 2015, at Loma Alta Park from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This event is put on to encourage local residents to be more proactive concerning the drought and to address drought concerns. There will be a 1 hour class on rain water harvesting, how to install a rain barrel, etc. When a resident purchases a rain barrel for \$85.00 you will get a \$75.00 rebate.

4613 Diane Marcussen/Sylvia Vega. Chair Marcussen encourages everyone to check with their water companies concerning when watering can take place after daylight savings time occurs.

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristin Petherbridge who is a resident of 4602 comments concerning the cell towers and encourages residents to voice their opinions at the Land Use Committee and at other public meetings.

Lana Johnson is a resident of Altadena and voices her opposition to the cell tower proposals.

Laura Wasielewski is a homeowner in Altadena and voices her opposition to the proposed cell towers.

Ann Osterburg is a resident of Altadena and indicated her concerns regarding noisy barking dogs in Altadena.

Louis Alton who is a resident of Altadena indicates that he is applying for a CUP and that he has contacted Councilmember Malone with respect to the matter.

9 ADJOURNMENT: 8:24 p.m.

John White moves/Sylvia Vega seconded-unanimous.