



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilmember Anne Lansing.
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2.1. (14) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Patricia Sutherlen, Jennifer Lee, Dean Cooper, Gloria Sanyika, Anne Chomyn, Brent Musson, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Anne Lansing, Justin Robertson, Damon L. Hobdy.
(2) Excused: Michelle Martinez, Sylvia Vega
(0) Absent/Unexcused: None
- 1.3. Approve February 16, 2016, Meeting Agenda__ Councilmember Ezieme suggests the following changes: (a) add Item No. 2.1.1 Election Rules Document Vote, (b) Item No. 3.1 under California Highway Patrol Officer Bejar will be giving the report, (c) Item No. 3.4 County Fire will be eliminated from the Agenda, (d) Item No. 6.1 Altadena Public Library Roy Ryan (Public Services Director) will be giving the report instead of Mindy Kattay, (e) Item No. 6.4 Altadena Best Fest will be eliminated from the Agenda; Motion by Councilmember Ezieme to approve the agenda as amended – seconded by Councilmember Matthews; unanimous with exception that Councilmember Dean Cooper abstains.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports regarding an update on the 2016 Town Council Elections which are held at the beginning of June. Brent Musson will be the Election Chair who will put together an Election Committee.
 - 2.1.1 _____ Chair Diane Marcussen indicates the need of the Council to vote on Election Rules. There was one change proposed but the rules distributed to the Council encompasses such change. Councilmember Ezieme moves that the Election Rules be approved – seconded by Councilmember Sutherlen; unanimous with exception that Councilmember Musson abstains. Chair Marcussen then announces that the 2016 Election dates are as follows: Applications for Candidates will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., on May 13, 2016. Candidates will be invited to make statements at the ATC meeting on May 17, 2016. Early Voting date will be Tuesday, June 7, 2016, and the General Elections will be held on June 11, 2016, and such results will be certified at the ATC meeting on June 21, 2016.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme reports that the Executive Committee met and the Agenda before the community was set as the order of business. If a community member wants to speak on any item on the Agenda or other matters during General Public Comment, please fill out a comment card and provide to a Councilmember. Also, if anyone desires to get on the ATC agenda, such request must be submitted to the Council no later than 5:00 p.m., on the second Monday of each month.



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- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobby reports and requests that the Councilmembers provide him with an e-mail concerning language to include in the Minutes for any extensive presentation given during the ATC meeting. Additionally, Councilmember Hobby moves to approve the January 19, 2016, Meeting Minutes with the following changes: Councilmembers Robertson and Sutherlen indicated a change that needed to be made on Item 7.4 replacing the name of Councilmember Patricia Sutherlen with Councilmember Jennifer Lee, Item No. 7 heading which indicates "General Public Comment" was changed to "Census Tract Reports", Councilmember Judy Matthews requested changes to her report given under Community Reports for the 41st Assembly-Local Government Advisory Committee. The verbatim language presented to the community was included. Lastly, Councilmember Sanyika indicated that Item No. 7.2 for Census Tract 4603.02 needed to be changed to reflect that the Second Annual Meet and Greet time was from 1:00 p.m., to 4:00 p.m. Motion to Approve as amended; seconded Judy Matthews – Unanimous with exception that Dean Cooper abstains.
- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Patricia Sutherlen reports that there are no changes to the Treasurer report provided to the community in January 2016.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone reports and asks the community to please volunteer for the Elections (such as, volunteers for the polling stations).

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Bejar (Public Information Officer) reports for January 2016. There were 10 traffic collisions (8 were property damage only, 3 of those 8 were hit and run and out of the 10 there were 2 with injuries). 22 citations were issued, 7 verbal warnings and 4 misdemeanor investigations occurred during the month of January 2016. Officer Bejar also reports that CHIPS FOR KIDS did really well this year and Officer Bejar thanks the ATC for its contribution. Over 3,500 toys were collected. April is national distracted month. The community is encouraged not to text and drive or talk on the cell. Officer Bejar discusses the Explorer program which is for individuals from the ages of 15-21. It helps individuals learn the ropes - those who may want to be in law enforcement in the future. Also, the Senior Volunteer Program – which is comprised of other individuals who are 55 years of age or older who want to volunteer. These persons assist the Officers with public events, installing radar trailers, etc.
- 3.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Vicki Stuckey reports that Lt. Phil Marquez has accepted a position at Walnut/Diamond Bar Station. The new Detective Bureau Lt. will be Yolanda Clay. Det. Clay is welcomed. Captain Stuckey then provides the crime statistics: (a) overall robberies are down 25%, (b) overall aggravated assaults are down 33%, (c) overall burglaries are up about 16%, (d) overall larceny's are up 69% (e) and overall grand theft autos are up 74%. Regarding the burglaries – this time last year there were 18 and now its 21. Larceny thefts – this time last year we had 17 and now we have 39 (5 of which were from Wal-Mart, and 4 were package thefts). Citizens are encouraged to have things delivered to their home when they are present or have their packages delivered to their job. Package thefts are on the rise. Also, this time last year 4 vehicles were stolen and now we have 7. The community is encouraged to take their valuable belongings out of their cars when they leave their car.



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3.3 _____ CERT no report.

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

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 Foothill Municipal Water District _____ Nina Jazmadarian - General Manager –Foothill
Municipal Water District – provides imported water to retail agencies in Altadena, La Canada
and La Crescenta.

4.1.1 _____ Ms. Jazmadarian presents information on the
upcoming outside watering restrictions. Customers are being asked to refrain from
irrigating lawns from February 23 to March 10, because of limited imported water
availability due to replacement of portions of pipelines. This shut down is only for the
water companies of La Flores, Rubio Canyon, and Lincoln Avenue. Construction work will
be occurring at the intersection of Glenrose Avenue and Figueroa Drive and intersection
of Glen Avenue and West Calaveras Street from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Foothill is asking
residents to try and avoid those areas. Press releases and signage will come down
to inform the community that the water stoppage is over.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Committee _____ Chair Diane Marcussen reports that the Land
Use Committee did not meet in February 2016, so there is no report.

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Roy Ryan reports for Mindy Kattay (passes out the
annual report for the Library which provides Library statistics, improvements to the building,
new programs, etc). This information is available on the Library's website.

6.2 LA County Department of Parks & Rec. ____ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager – LA County
Dept. of Parks and Rec) reports that there was a park needs assessment in January of
2016 – over 60 people attended and the meeting was successful. Building a teen center was
discussed and creating a hub where all the trails can meet was also discussed. Hopefully, a
bond measure will be introduced on the next ballot to permit funding. Loma Alta has Black
History month in February. The Black History parade will take place on February 20, 2016, at
10:00 a.m., starting at Charles White Park and ending at Jackie Robinson Park. On Friday Jan
26, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. a celebration will be held for Black History Month. Girls
ages from 8 to 14 can participate in Lacrosse for free. Sign up for T-ball at Loma Alta.
Ballroom dancing will be on Monday February 22, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It's a
free event to participate in.

6.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports that the Annual Awards
Ceremony held at the Country Club was a wonderful event where the Citizen and Business of
the Year were awarded. 120 persons attended. There was great representation – from



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Altadena Sheriff's Dept, Councilmembers from the ATC, members of the Historic Society, Supervisor Antonovich attended, and Congresswoman Judy Chu attended. It was a wonderful and successful community event.

6.4 Altadena Best Best _____ Diana Phillippi no report.

6.5 41st Assembly-Local Govern. Advisory Comm. Judy Matthews reports to the community that Small Business Owners from the 41st Assembly District. Chris Holden will be honoring them. The nomination deadline is February 18, 2016. For any questions, please contact Matthew Lions at 909-624-7876. Also, the 41st District Open House will be on March 3, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Office there will be a discussion of legislative and community issues and the announcement of the districts 9 women of distinction. One of women to be honored will be Ruth Hopkins who is the Publishers of the Pasadena Journal. RSVP by February 26, 2016, by calling 626-351-1917.

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

7.1 4603.01 Damon Hobdy/Judy Matthews. _____ Councilmember Matthews reports that some residents participated in a Homeless Count. The Count (of how many homeless people there are at a certain period of time) is necessary because it helps with planning and allocation of homeless funding and is required in order to receive certain Federal Funding. Some community members wanted to participate but did not want to walk. As a result, there was a phone bank so that these persons could participate.

Councilmember Hobdy reports concerning his efforts to have Public Works look into putting a crosswalk at the corner of Altadena Drive and Olive. Counters have been placed on the street to count the number of cars to determine feasibility for the cross-walk.

7.2 4603.02 Gloria Sanyika/Dean Cooper. G. Sanyika reports concerning the Second Annual Meet and Greet of 4603.02 at Hillside Tabernacle Church. Councilmember Sanyika thanks County representatives for coming out and presenting. 8 presenters were on the panel. It was a wonderful information sharing day. Councilmember Sanyika encourages residents to come for the next meeting. Also, Councilmember Sanyika indicates that she worked with the Library to implement an activity for Black History Month that is on the Library agenda. On Feb 13, 2016, there was an African American Drum and Dance circle. The speaker provided an overview of Nigerian Culture through folklore, song and story telling which was well received.

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 8:31 p.m.

Councilmember Hobdy moves/Councilmember Ezieme seconded-unanimous.