ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016
Altadena Community Center, 730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:01 p.m.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance ____________________________ Councilmember Judy Matthews.

1.2. Roll Call ________________________________ Damon L. Hobdy Recording Secretary.

1.2.1. (15) Present: John White, Sylvia Vega, Patricia Sutherlen, Anne Chomyn, Brent Musson, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Anne Lansing, Justin Robertson, Nestor De La Torre, Damon L. Hobdy, Okorie Ezieme, Jennifer Lee, Billy Malone, Dean Cooper
(1) Excused: Gloria Sanyika
(0) Absent/Unexcused:

1.3 Approve October 18, 2016, Meeting Agenda. Chair Okorie Ezieme asks the Council for a Motion to approve the Agenda. Motion by Councilmember Musson; seconded by Councilmember Lansing; Unanimous.

2. OFFICERS’ REPORTS

2.1 Chairman ____________________________ Okorie Ezieme indicates that our Vice Chair Diane Marcussen will be stepping down as Vice Chair for personal reasons. Vice Chair Marcussen is thanked for her service. Chair Ezieme then indicates that Councilmember Musson is appointed as the Chair of the Slate committee to nominate a new Vice Chair. The committee will be comprised of Councilmember Musson as Chair, and Councilmembers Sylvia Vega and Jennifer Lee.

2.2 Vice Chairman ____________________________ Diane Marcussen reports that the agenda was set by the Executive Committee and if someone wants to make a public comment, please fill out a comment card and provide to a Councilmember. The CSD Regional Planning hearing is scheduled for October 26, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at 320 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012-Room 150. However, Remote Testimony on the issue will take place at Eaton Canyon Nature Center 1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena CA 91107, on the same date and at the same time.

2.3 Recording Secretary ____________________________ Damon L. Hobdy.

2.3.1 Approve September 20, 2016, Meeting Minutes as amended with corrections proposed by Councilmembers Chomyn and Robertson. Motion by Councilmember Hobdy; Councilmember Matthews seconded; Unanimous.

2.4 Treasurer ____________________________ Patricia Sutherlen reports concerning the current balance in the ATC account as of September 2016. Since the ATC runs strictly on donations, the community is encouraged to contribute.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary ________________ Billy Malone indicates that Councilmembers can be contacted through their e-mail on the ATC website. Councilmembers are also asked to review their profiles to make sure that all information is correct.
3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS
   3.1 California Highway Patrol Officer ____________ Officer Mike Ulloa.
   3.2 Altadena Sheriff’s Station ____________ Lt. Carmichael Octave.
   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 PUSD Facilities Update ____________ Nelson Cayabyab, Chief Facilities Officer for the PUSD. Mr. Cayabyab provides an overview regarding Altadena Schools and what has been going on in terms of the educational programs for Altadena students.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   5.1 Land Use Committee ____________ Diane Marcussen reports as indicated below in 5.1.1.

   5.1.1 162 Las Flores-Update- ____________ Diane Marcussen indicates that the LUC voted to send a letter to Regional Planning explaining the due diligence done on the project. That letter did not say that it was an Official Recommendation from the Land Use Committee at this point in time.

   5.1.2 Action item-LA Vina Project-CUP 2007-2014-Plan to change the land use category of the project site and a conditional use permit to amend applicable conditions-Matthews/Hobdy. Applicant provides a statement.

   5.1.2.1 Public Comment.
   Marietta Kruells ask to postpone the vote on the project.
   Michelle Zack also asks the Council to postpone the vote on the project.
   David Volk indicates that he is in favor of the project.
   Chet Crane indicates that he is in favor of the project.
   H. Shakur indicates that she is against the project.
   David Miraglia indicates that he is in favor of the project.
   J.P. Sarni indicates that he is in favor of the project.
   Rick Ursitti indicates that he is in favor of the project.
   Linda World also asks the Council to postpone the vote on the project.
   Georgia Gasson indicates that she is in favor of the project.

   5.1.2.2 Motion by Councilmember Judy Matthews to send a letter to regional planning recommending the approval of the project with conditions as attached hereto as Exhibit A; seconded by Councilmember Hobdy; discussion held; Substitute or Amended Motion by Councilmember Musson concerning the specific condition of contribution by the developer as follows: The Developer agrees to make a contribution to the Altadena community in an amount not to be less than $35,000.00 for the specific purpose to be used for N.W. Altadena – in particular the Lincoln Corridor – before the issuance of a building permit; seconded by
Councilmember Nestor De La Torre; (6) in favor, (8) against; Amended Motion does not carry; Motion by Councilmember Diane Marcussen (entire Motion attached as Exhibit B) to send the matter back to the Land Use Committee. That Motion is amended by suggestion of Councilmember Anne Chomyn to input the words “such as” in the last paragraph regarding what the monies should be used for; seconded by Councilmember Patricia Sutherlen; 9 in favor, 3 against, 2 abstentions (Councilmembers De La Torre and Musson). Motion carries.

5.2 Altadena Filming Committee. ____________ Anne Chomyn provides a report.

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 Altadena Public Library ____________ Mindy Kattay (Director of Library). No report.

6.2 LA County Department of Parks & Rec. __ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager – LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec). No Report.

6.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce ________ Billy Malone provides a report.

6.4 Christmas Tree Lane Association ________ Tony Ward no report.

6.5 Collaborate PASadena _________________ Corresponding secretary Billy Malone reads the report by Gloria Sanyika.

6.6 41st Assembly-Local Govern. Advisory Comm-Judy Matthews provides a report.

6.7 Parks Assessment Update ____________ Anne Chomyn provides a report.

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

None.

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hobdy moves/Councilmember Matthews seconded; Unanimous.
EXHIBIT A

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN LA VINA

LINCOLN AVENUE WATER CONDITION
Developer will comply with all conditions set forth in the August 17, 2016, Will-Serve Letter for the proposed new development track, La Vina. A copy of is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NON-EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND REPAIRS
Repairs and construction should be conducted in a manner that is considerate to Members of LA Vina and the residents of Altadena. Towards that end, repairs and construction (other than that required on an emergency basis) shall be restricted to the following hours: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday: None.

SIDEWALK ON LINCOLN AVENUE
The community would like to see a public sidewalk installed on the unimproved east side of Lincoln Avenue and Altadena Drive from the north side of the bridge to Palm Street. The Developer shall request that the County work with the residents to design and install such sidewalks. Councilmembers Judy Matthews and Damon L. Hobdy will monitor the County's progress in this regard and assist the County in obtaining necessary signatures of residents or assist in other manners.

TRAFFIC SPEED ON LINCOLN AVENUE
The developer shall request CHP presence in the area to enforce speed limits on Lincoln Avenue from Altadena Drive to the La Vina gate. The developer shall request the County to install a flashing speed monitoring device or other apparatus/device to monitor speeding in the area.

MELLO-ROOS ASSESSMENT
It is the desire of the La Vina home owners association and CAI that future owners of the eighteen lots approved in the vesting tentative tract map are obligated to pay their fair share of the debt service associated with the La Vina Mello-Roos Community Facilities District (CFD) Number 7. As part of the approval process for the proposed development, we suggest modifying the area map of CFD Number 7 to include the new subdivision. (The approved school site is not included on the area map of CFD Number 7.)

EQUESTRIAN MITIGATION
The developer shall contact the County for the purposes of installing horse-crossing signs or crosswalks at the intersections of Palm Street and Lincoln Avenue and on the east side of Loma Alta Drive at Sunset Ridge. Councilmembers Judy Matthews and Damon L. Hobdy will monitor the progress of the installation of the horse-crossing signs/crosswalks.
SINGLE STORY HOMES

Residential development on proposed lots eight and nine of vesting tentative tract map 069504 shall be restricted by the county to single-story homes, as defined in the applicable county building code.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSTRUCTION

Prior to the commencement of construction, the Developer shall work with the County to provide nearby residents with information concerning construction related working hours, access routes, grading-water supply, and equestrian precautions.

LOCAL SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION

The Developer shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that contractors send invitations to existing local Altadena businesses and subcontractors inviting them to submit bids in an effort to ensure employment opportunities for Altadena residents/businesses.
Regarding the La Vina project, the request for a change of usage of acreage within the La Vina community, I move that: Regardless if intent of the designation for school usage was originally an obligation or an added amenity for the community, the building of a school on this property was a condition of the original project. If it is not to be built then there should be an action taken to provide compensation to the Altadena community outside of the La Vina development.

The Altadena Town Council is obligated to respond to new information received from the community, the applicant and the Regional Planning Department, however, it is not equipped to quantify what the compensation should be.

The project should be re-evaluated by the Land Use Committee working together with the appropriate county departments and the applicant to come to an agreeable solution, such as, parks, library, or school district so that teens and other young people of Altadena can benefit from the alternative solution.