



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2016

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember, Justin Robertson.
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Judy Matthews.
  - (13) Present: Anne Chomyn, Nester DelaTorre, Okorie Ezieme, Damon Hobdy, Jennifer Lee, Billy Malone, Judy Matthews, Brent Musson, Justin Robertson, Gloria Sanyika, Patricia Sutherlen, Sylvia Vega and John E. White
  - (3) Excused: Dean Cooper, Anne Lansing, Diane Marcussen
  - (0) Absent/Unexcused: None
- 1.3 Approve December 20, 2016 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_ At the request of Councilmember John White, Chair Ezieme adds Item No. 7.2 Census Tract Report 4601 and to Item No. 4.1, Chair adds name of Elizabeth Richard Campo, Senior Vice President at Pasadena Humane Society in place of TBD. Chair moves for approval of Agenda as amended.

Motion: Damon Hobdy  
Seconded: Brent Musson  
Aye: Unanimous

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme addresses yard sale ordinance for Altadena. Los Angeles County has designated the last two weekends of each month between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM for yard sales; not allowed Mondays through Fridays. For more information, residents are referred to the Altadena website, Nextdoor Neighbor, or [planning.lacounty.gov/yard](http://planning.lacounty.gov/yard).

ALDI Community Hiring Event – The hiring event is Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Altadena Community Center. ATC is facilitating and supporting the hiring event. Applications will be accepted at the event. Several full-time positions will be offered.

ATC Website – The website is currently being managed by Councilmember Billy Malone. The Executive Committee met with an IT company last week. ATC previously received assistance with website improvements from a Pasadena City College student, but efforts did not achieve goals. An IT resident of Altadena, who has provided assistance with ATC website issues, was contacted in order to be given the opportunity, along with others, to present and identify costs associated with the website upgrade and improvements. Emphasis will be placed on community outreach and volunteer service. Councilmember Gloria Sanyika requests consideration be given to interns.

Bylaws – The Executive Committee recommends all council members thoroughly review Bylaws and submit information to the Executive Committee for further review by mid February. Council must include proposed specific changes and why.

Councilmembers who are active in the community and attended the grand opening of the John Marshall School Sports' Complex and Rain Barrel Event are acknowledged.



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Chair delivers a special presentation to councilmember Damon Hobdy's mother, Mrs Gwen Hobdy, on behalf of ATC and the community for providing light refreshments regularly at monthly ATC meetings. Mrs. Rockwell and Mr. Gold are acknowledged for their regular attendance.

Vice Chair shares his appreciation of the expression of kindness to his mother.

- 2.2 Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Damon Hobdy reports that the December 20, 2016 Agenda was set by the Executive Committee on December 13, 2016. The Executive Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Residents who would like to be placed on the Agenda are to contact an Executive Committee member, Judy Matthews, Billy Malone, Damon Hobdy, Patricia Sutherlen, or Okorie Ezieme, by 5:00 PM, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. If there are public comments, please fill out public comment cards to make a comment at the end of the meeting.

Councilmembers to provide updated contact information to Patricia Sutherlen.

- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Matthews.

- 2.3.1. Approve November 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes as amended with correction proposed by Chairman Okorie Ezieme.

Motion: Damon Hobdy  
Seconded: Patricia Sutherlen  
Aye: (10)  
Abstention: (3)

- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen reports current balance of \$2,125.84 and reminds community that ATC receives no funding and all donations are accepted.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that councilmembers may submit updated bios and pictures for website and acknowledges Councilmember John White for arranging name tags for council members.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Mike Ulloa provides October and November stats. Chips for Kids Program cutoff was December 18, 2016. The overall success of the donation of 3,000 toys is reported. Officer Ulloa also announces the retirement of Captain Stroll and passing of Assembly Bill 1785, Use of Wireless Electronic Devices. Effective January 1, 2017, all drivers in California are required to keep a cell phone out of their hands while operating a motor vehicle. Information on the Use of Wireless Electronic Devices will be placed on ATC website.
- 3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Stuckey acknowledges ATC. Lt. Carmichael Octave provides Crime and Larceny Reports and tips to prevent vehicle burglary. The overall success of the food drive is reported. More than 150 families were fed for the holiday season, and the toy drive was able to accommodate over 150 applications for toys.



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3.3 CERT \_\_\_\_\_ No report.

3.4 County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Chair, Ezeime announces that Stephanie English, LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief, has accepted a position with Kathryn Berger, Supervisor Fifth District, and is no longer presenting the monthly reports.

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 Pasadena Humane Society \_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Richard Campo, Senior Vice President, Pasadena Humane Society, announces effective December 1, 2016 a partnership with Altadena for all animal control needs, including pick-up of deceased animals (domestic and wild life), loose dogs, and feral cats. Spay & Neuter Services in Pasadena (SNiP) Program is offered to all service areas at a reduced price and sometimes may be fully subsidized. Pit Bulls, Chihuahuas and feral cats are spayed and neutered at no cost to owner. LA County requires animals/dog to be spayed and neutered. The Trap-Neuter-Return Program is available in an effort to reduce the number of feral cats. Other services such as the Wellness Clinic are available to keep owners within compliance with county ordinance. For more information on volunteer opportunities, multiple full-time positions available, and other services offered, visit [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org) or call (626) 792-7151 ext. 108 or 102.

#### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen. No report.

5.2 Altadena Filming Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Chomyn provides a report. Committee has submitted material to be posted on ATC website within a week. There is a meeting scheduled with Film Pros from Altadena during the week of December 26, 2016 and a Public Forum on Filming, Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 7:00 PM, at the Altadena Community Center. (For more information, contact Anne Chomyn at: [anne.chomyn@altadenatowncouncil.org](mailto:anne.chomyn@altadenatowncouncil.org) or [altadenafilmingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:altadenafilmingcommittee@gmail.com).)

#### 6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 Altadena Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Mindy Kattay, Director of Library provides a report and update on the first phase renovation closure in spring 2017. Two thousand seventeen marks the main library's fifty-year anniversary. Ms. Kattay introduces Brian Biery, Consultant on Community Conversations, who discusses the process of "conversations." For more information on Community Conversations, contact Brian Biery at [bbiery@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:bbiery@altadenalibrary.org) or Kylynn at the Altadena Library. (For more information on library events, visit [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org).)

6.2 LA County Department of Parks and Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Meliza Hernandez, Director Manager, LA County Dept of Parks and Recreation, provides a report. Winter Wonderland is Friday, December 30, 2016, 12:00 PM at Loma Alta Park. It is free to all and there is no age limit. (For more information on all activities, please visit: [parklacounty.gov](http://parklacounty.gov).)



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6.3 Chambers of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone provides a report. Save the Dates: Citizen and Business of the Year, Friday, February 3, 2017, 6:30 PM and Power Breakfast, Meet and Greet with Kathryn Barger, Supervisor Fifth District, Thursday, February 9, 2017, 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Events will be held at the Altadena Country Club. For more information visit ATC website.

6.4 Collaborate PASadena \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Sanyika provides a report. Collaborate PASadena now accepting applications for the part-time position for an Administrative Program Assistant to the newly hired director. For more information, contact Ms. Jaylene Moseley at [jaylene@flintridge.org](mailto:jaylene@flintridge.org).

6.5 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly-Local Government Advisory Committee \_\_\_Judy Matthews reiterates the importance of the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, Tuesday, January 24, 2017. For more information and to sign up, visit: [www.theycoutwillyou.org](http://www.theycoutwillyou.org)

Applications for the 2017-2018 Assembly Fellowship Program are due Monday, February 13, 2017. The online application is available at [www.csus.edu/calst/assembly](http://www.csus.edu/calst/assembly).

### 7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

7.1 4603.02 – Gloria Sanyika/Dean Cooper. Gloria Sanyika provides a reports. Purchasers of rain barrels must submit information to [waterwise.com](http://waterwise.com) or [socialwaterwise.com](http://socialwaterwise.com) within 60 days to receive rebate.

7.2 4601 \_\_\_ Anne Chomyn/John White. John White provides a report. The Department of Public Works (DPW) conducted a traffic study on Palm Street between Maiden Lane and Lake Avenue. The DPW assesses that speeding on Palm Street did not meet requirements for speed bumps. There is an ongoing study at the intersection of Maiden Lane and Palm Street for a stop sign for west bound traffic. Discussion continues concerning striping to Reduce east bound speed from Lake Ave to Palm Street. Council is investigating improvement on Mount Lowe Parkway.

### 8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

H. Shakor announces the Caucus location for the 41<sup>st</sup> District of California Democratic Party at Flintridge Retreat Center, Suite 117, January 7, 2017, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Ms. Shakor expresses concern that before a decision can be made on the LaVina Project, a report from the Lincoln Water Company is requested.

Brandon Hammerli inquires into possible use of vacant lot located around Mariposa Fire Station for a community garden.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT: 8:24 PM

Chair invites community to remain for refreshments. Chair calls for motion to adjourn; motion by Brent Musson; seconded by Patricia Sutherlen.

### APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Judy A. Matthews  
Councilmember 4603.01  
Recording Secretary