



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Brent Musson.

1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Damon Hobdy, on behalf of  
Recording Secretary Judy Matthews.

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

- 1.3 Approve January 17, 2017 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Anne Chomyn requests parliamentary inquiry as to why her request for "New Business" was not added to the January 17, 2017 Agenda. Chair Ezieme acknowledges that Councilmember Anne Chomyn may respond to the agenda once it is presented by vice chair.

Councilmember Damon Hobdy indicates the Executive Committee (EC) meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and members are Damon Hobdy, Okorie Ezieme, Billy Malone, Patricia Sutherlen and Judy Matthews. The January 17, 2017 Agenda was set by the EC at the committee meeting and presented to the community at tonight's meeting. Damon Hobdy indicates that items set forth on the Agenda were properly presented. Councilmember Hobdy motions that the January 17, 2017 Agenda presented to the community be approved; seconded by Brent Musson.

A discussion regarding "New Business" on the Agenda is held. Chair states that the information or item for discussion was not presented to the EC; therefore, the committee responded as such.

Further discussion continues, and Chair reiterates why "New Business" was not placed on the Agenda.

Motion: Anne Chomyn to appeal a decision of the EC not to place "New Business" on the January 17, 2017 Agenda.

Second: John White

Aye: 9, votes to accept January 17, 2017 Agenda as presented by the EC.

Nay: 4, votes to place an opened-ended category for "New Business" on January 17, 2017 Agenda.

Appeal fails. Motion did not carry.



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Agenda before council. Councilmember Anne Chomyn requests "Reading Partners" be added to the Agenda. Chair Ezieme adds Item No. 7.2 Census Tract Report 4601, "Reading Partners;" and name of Councilmember Anne Lansing reporting on behalf of Judy Matthews under Item No. 6.5, 41st Assembly Local Government Advisory Committee. Chair moves for approval of Agenda as amended.

Aye: (12)  
Nay: (1)  
Abstention: (0)  
Motion carried.

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme reports that the ALDI Community Hiring event was a success. More than 300 people submitted applications.

Altadena Ralphs Grocery Store Closure – Okorie Ezieme announces the closure of Altadena Ralph Store at the end of January 2017. Chair reads joint statement from Altadena Chamber of Commerce & Civic Association ("Chamber") and Altadena Town Council. The ATC and Chamber of Commerce have reached out to parties involved in the decisions. Ed Myers, Chair Altadena Standard District Committee, has been in contact with both the property owners and Ralphs local headquarters. At this time, the following information has been provided: 1) Reconfirmation January 2017 store closure; 2) Subleasing property to another tenant; 3) Tenant's name unknown until contract is signed; and 4) Property will be occupied by someone in the retail industry. The ATC and Chamber have not had any input with respect to choice of tenant. Further information will be provided when received.

Councilmember Gloria Sanyika inquires whether future agendas will include an area for "New Business." Chair will address off record in order to move forward with agenda.

- 2.2 Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Damon Hobdy reports that the Executive Committee meets the 2nd 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, 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.

- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Damon Hobdy, on behalf of  
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- 2.3.1. Approve December 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes submitted to council and prepared by Judy Matthews as amended with corrections proposed by Councilmember Justin Robertson. Motion by Councilmember Damon Hobdy; seconded by Diane Marcussen; unanimous with the exception of two abstentions.

- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen presents 2016 Annual Financial Report which is attached as Exhibit "A" to the meeting minutes.

- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone encourages community to sign up for the Altadena Homeless Count at [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org) or [theycountwillyou.org](http://theycountwillyou.org). The count is Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Twenty-one volunteers have registered for Altadena, but forty-eight are needed. Councilmember Billy Malone invites community to attend the Power Breakfast with Kathryn Barger, LA County Supervisor Fifth District, Thursday, February 9, 2017, 8 AM – 9:30 AM, hosted by Altadena Chamber of Commerce. Event will be held at the Altadena Town & Country Club. The cost is FREE for chamber members and \$8 per person for non members. For more information call 626-794-3988 or email office at [office@altadenachamber.org](mailto:office@altadenachamber.org).

Chair Ezieme to make the letter from Kathryn Barger, Supervisor Fifth District, available to councilmembers.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Mike Ulloa provides a report and addresses the December 2016 stats. Officer Ulloa also announces the new Acting Commander, Lieutient Chuck Geletko, for the Altadena CHP station. Two radar trailers to be placed in the community after rain season. Officer Ulloa will follow up with council inquiries.

- 3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Vicki Stuckey acknowledges ATC and the community for the donations received which helped purchase food items and toys for 300 families in Altadena, and she provides a brief report on recent crimes in area. It is further reported that All Saints Church is partnering with Altadena Sheriff Station for Gun Buy-Back Program. Additional information will be provided. Lt. Carmichael Octave provides Crime Report and tips to prevent vehicle burglary.

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

- 3.4 County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Robert "Bob" Haskell, Battalion Chief, provides a report and states that he or Assistant Chief Gregory Hisel will report on behalf of the department until there is a replacement for Stephanie English.



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4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION \_\_\_\_\_ No presentation.

### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen provides a report. The two items presented at the January 10, 2017 ATC Land Use Meeting are possible action items on the February 7, 2017 Land Use Agenda. The items are Altadena Market Place, CUP to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages; and AT&T CUP request for installation of 47 "small cels" throughout Altadena that will be attached to utility poles or street lights in the public right of way. Census Tract representatives are contacting residents near the proposed cell tower locations. The location map is available and for additional information residents are asked to contact their census tract representative. An additional action item is Mota's Mexican Restaurant, CUP to sell alcohol.

The ATC Land Use Committee has formed a sub-committee to look at possible conditions for La Vina II and discussion efforts have begun. The committee members are Diane Marcussen, Damon Hobdy, Judy Matthews, Justin Robertson, Anne Lansing, Marietta Knuel and Michele Zack. For questions and/or concerns, feel free to contact any of the committee members.

5.2 Altadena Filming Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Chomyn provides a report. The Fall/Winter issue of the Altadena Heritage Newsletter includes an article that focuses on Filming in Altadena written by Councilmember Anne Chomyn. A meeting with Film Pros from Altadena was held. Councilmember Chomyn gives a meeting overview noting that location managers and producers are interested in parking restrictions on filming permits being enforced and that there is more help from law enforcement. It is further reported that the same homes are often used for film shoots. The community is reminded of the Town Hall 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. An overview on trend circulation, increase in usage of computers and update on the first phase renovation in spring 2017 is presented. SAVE THE DATE: June 10, 2017 Grand Reopening Celebration. (For more information on library events, visit [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org).)

6.2 LA County Department of Parks and Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ No report.

6.3 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone provides a report. SAVE THE DATES: Annual Installation Dinner and Recognition for Citizen and Business of the Year, Friday, February 3, 2017, 6:30 PM. Citizen of the Year is Mr. Elliott Gold, and Business of the Year is Open Studios. Power Breakfast Meet and Greet with Kathryn Barger, LA Supervisor





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Fifth District, Thursday, February 9, 2017, 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Events will be held at the Altadena Town & Country Club. (For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.altadenachamber.org](http://www.altadenachamber.org).)

6.4 Collaborate PASadena \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Sanyika provides a report.  
Overview of Collaborate PASadena December 21, 2016 meeting is presented.

6.5 41st Assembly-Local Government Advisory Committee \_\_\_ Anne Lansing reports on behalf of Judy Matthews. Councilmember Anne Lansing reiterates the importance of the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, Tuesday, January 24, 2017. (For more information and to sign up, visit: [theycountwillyou.org](http://theycountwillyou.org).)

### 7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

7.1 4603.01 – Damon Hobdy/Judy Matthews - Councilmember Damon Hobdy provides a report. Fall 2017, public notice of road maintenance provided to residents in the area of Altadena Dr. and Olive Ave. and Altadena Dr. and Lincoln Ave. for the purpose of street sweeping. NO PARKING SIGNS will be placed in said areas on the south side of the street Wednesdays, 7 AM–11 AM and on the north side, Thursdays, 7 AM-11 AM. It is further reported that Officer Octave of Altadena Sheriff Station is aware and addressing concerns of the DANK City Marijuana Dispensary located at 3021 Lincoln Avenue.

7.2 4601 \_\_\_ Anne Chomyn/John White. Councilmember Anne Chomyn provides a report. Councilmember Anne Chomyn addresses the Collaborate PASadena tutoring program at Jackson Elementary School located in Census Tract 4610. Councilmember Anne Chomyn is a participant in the program, finds it effective and encourages council and the community to volunteer in the Reading Partner Program for 3rd graders at Jackson Elementary. The flyer for program information is available for the public.

Chair Ezieme announces Patricia Sutherlen as the 2017 ATC Election Chair. ATC pre-election, June 6, 2017 and general election June 10, 2017.

### 8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Goldfield expresses concern in the manner Anne Chomyn was addressed during council discussion with Councilmember Brent Musson.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT 8:58 PM.

Councilmember Diane Marcussen moves/Councilmember Damon Hobdy seconded-unanimous.

MINUTES RECORDED BY DAMON HOB DY.

PREPARED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

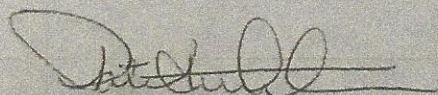
Judy A. Matthews  
Councilmember 4603.01  
Recording Secretary



Altadena Town Council  
Financial Statement  
2016

|                           |           |             |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Balance January 1, 2016   |           | \$1,764.65  |
| Receipts                  |           |             |
| Donations                 | \$463.00* |             |
| ATC Candidates            | 315.00    | \$ 778.00   |
| Expenses                  |           |             |
| Bank service charges      | \$ 39.00  |             |
| Web site maintenance      | 17.88     |             |
| Business cards            | 45.77     |             |
| Council member badges     | 244.16    | \$ 346.81   |
| Balance December 31, 2016 |           | \$2,195.84* |

\*includes donations of \$70 which was deposited on December 29 but does not appear on the year end statement (December 28)



Pat Sutherlen  
Treasurer