



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2017

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02 PM

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ JROTC, Blair High School  
Introduction, Victoria Knapp
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Judy Matthews
  - (16) Present: Nestor De La Torre, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Victoria Knapp, Jennifer Lee, Billy Malone, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Justin Robertson, Gloria Sanyika, Patricia Sutherlen, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Sylvia Vega, John White, Dr. Reginald Wilkins and Dorothy Wong
  - (0) Excused
  - (0) Absent/Unexcused
- 1.3. Approve December 19, 2017 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen  
The meeting agenda is accepted as presented.  
  
Motion: Patricia Sutherlen  
Second: Dr. Sandra Thomas  
Aye: Unanimous  
Abstention: None  
The motion carries.

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1. Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme acknowledges the community and council for their attendance and wishes everyone a safe holiday season. Members of the community are invited to join the holiday celebration immediately following the council meeting. Chair Ezieme states that council is providing a forum to interact with the community and present progressive ideas and community engagement opportunities. Chair Ezieme recognizes the challenges with accessing the website and states that problems are being addressed. Councilmember De La Torre is acknowledged for his due diligence in working to improve the website. Altadena Elementary School's mixer is January 21, 2018 at 4:30 PM for residents within the boundary of the school. The Education Committee Town Hall is January 30, 2018, 7:00 PM at Altadena Community Center and is open to the community. Wilson Middle School's free Annual Holiday Show is December 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM, 300 Madre Street, Pasadena. Chair Ezieme introduces participants from Pasadena Rosebud Academy Charter School and Saint Mark's Episcopal School who are performing for the holiday celebration following the council meeting.

In the interest of time, Chair Ezieme reports on agenda item 5.1, Get Healthy Altadena 2018, on behalf of Mr. Jim Morris. ATC and Men Educating Men on Health, in conjunction with Congresswoman Judy Chu and other sponsors, are providing free healthcare screenings on Saturday, February 24, 2018, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, at Altadena Senior Center, 560 East Mariposa Street, Altadena. Refreshments will be



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served. Members of the community are encouraged to pre-register using the information on the provided flyers. Flyers are available at Altadena Community Center, Altadena Library and Altadena Senior Center or online at the Altadena Town Council website.

- 2.2. Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen reports that the Executive Committee (EC) met on December 12, 2017 to finalize the agenda. In order to make a public comment, the public may fully complete a comment card and submit to council member seated at the end of the council table.

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

2.3.1. Approve November 21, 2017 proposed meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Judy Matthews

Second: Gloria Sanyika

Aye: Unanimous

Abstention: None

The motion carries.

- 2.4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ John E. White reports that the balance is \$2,226.00 and the account is in good standing. The community is asked to consider contributing to the account.

- 2.5. Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Nestor De La Torre reports that a holiday card from Marshall Fundamental School staff and newsletters from United Teachers Pasadena and Day One a community-based nonprofit organization, were received. The website committee continues updating the site and working on issues. Approved minutes will be posted once issues have been resolved. Inquiries pertaining to the website and/or the posting of meeting minutes should be directed to Councilmember De La Torre at ([nestor.delatorre@altadenatowncouncil.org](mailto:nestor.delatorre@altadenatowncouncil.org)).

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY

- 3.1. California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Mike Ulloa provides monthly stats: 26 traffic citations issued, 22 traffic collisions involving property damage only, and 13 traffic collisions with injuries. In the previous month, 1 fatality was reported. Officer Bejar has identified families to surprise for the holidays. More information on holiday family surprise visits is available by following on Twitter, CHPaltadena. In response to council's inquiry on car crashes into homes on Lincoln Avenue, a report will be provided at January's meeting.

- 3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Carmichael Octave provides a report on crime stats and an increase in overall crime from 37 to 48 in the past month due possibly to an increase in larcenies. Holiday safety tips are provided. In response to council's inquiry, it is stated that the sheriff's station is aware of semi trucks still being





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parked in front of Webster Elementary School on Washington Boulevard between Altadena Dr. and Pepper Drive. The public is urged to contact the Altadena Sheriff's Station immediately to report hypodermic needles/paraphernalia found in the area, and the sheriff will recover and increase patrol on a regular basis. A safe surrender box is located at the sheriff's station for hypodermic needles and syringes, although residents are not encouraged to pickup these items.

- 3.3. County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Grycan, Community Services Liaison, LA County Fire Department, provides a report for November. LA County Fire Department participated in Career Day at Franklin Elementary. At the request of council, Maria Grycan has modified reporting to include dates and locations of traffic collisions and specific cross streets and/or intersections. Holiday safety tips are provided.
- 3.4. CERT \_\_\_\_\_ No report.
- 3.5. Map Your Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Eric Vander Velde announces new Facebook page under Altadena Map Your Neighborhood or [www.facebook.com/ALTMYN](http://www.facebook.com/ALTMYN). The community is encouraged to consider MYN for 2018. (For reservations, email [mynrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:mynrsvp@gmail.com).)

#### 4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Altadena resident seeks more information regarding MYN. Eric Vander Velde will respond to resident.

[Chair Ezieme acknowledges the presence of business owner Mr. Jamie Alvarez of Baja Cali Fish & Tacos (2487 E. Washington Blvd.) for his voluntary donation to the holiday Celebration.]

#### 5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 5.1. Get Healthy Altadena \_\_\_\_\_ See 2.1. Officer Report- Chairman.

#### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Diane Marcussen reports on the LUC meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The two items presented were the Grocery Outlet's application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to sell alcohol at 2270 North Lake Avenue (vacant Ralphs building) and a review of the proposal for 638 West Mariposa, the subdivision of one lot into four. No actions were taken at the meeting. The proposal for 638 West Mariposa is positioned for a vote on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, LUC agenda.

[Chair Ezieme acknowledges resident Monica Hubbard for bringing Tangerines for the celebration.]



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### 7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 7.1. Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Mindy Kittay, Director, provides a report highlighting the current newsletter and Altadena Library District Annual Report, July 2016-June 2017. The library will be closed December 22-25, 2017. (For more information or to view report, visit [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org).)
- 7.2. Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Billy Malone provides a report and announces the award ceremony on Friday, February 9, 2018. The ceremony will include the swearing in of new board of directors, announcement of possible scholarships, and recognition of Citizen and Business of the Year. Councilmember Malone highlights the increase in new member enrollment, shares 2017 achievements and announces new website in January 2018. The community is encouraged to join the Altadena Chamber of Commerce. For monthly updates, sign up for the Altadena Chamber of Commerce newsletter at ([www.altadenachambercommerce.org](http://www.altadenachambercommerce.org)).
- 7.3. Collaborate PASadena \_\_\_\_\_ No report.
- 7.4. LA County Department of Parks & Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ No report.
- 7.5. 41st Assembly District Local Government-Advisory Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Judy Matthews encourages the community and council to make it their New Year's resolution to commit to participate in the Altadena Homeless Count, January 23, 2018, 8:00-11:00 PM. Loma Alta Park is the deployment site. To sign up for the Altadena Homeless Count, visit [www.theycountwillyou.org](http://www.theycountwillyou.org). Volunteers who have a team of four should contact Councilmember Dorothy Wong at [dorothy.wong@altadenatowncouncil.org](mailto:dorothy.wong@altadenatowncouncil.org).

[Green Circle representatives, Michiko Lynch and Susan Campisi, are introduced and state that the purpose of supporting green groups is to build community by sharing to reduce or eliminate single use plastic.]

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS \_\_\_\_\_ No reports.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT 7:53 PM

Motion: Nestor De La Torre  
Second: Dr. Sandra Thomas  
Aye: Unanimous  
The motion carries.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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

Judy A. Matthews, Recording Secretary/Councilmember 4603.01