

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

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1. CALI	L TO ORDER 7:09 PIVI	
1.1.	Pledge of Allegiance	Marge Nicols Neighbors Building a Better Altadena (NBBA) Introduction, Okorie Ezieme
1.2.	Roll Call	Recording Secretary, Judy Matthews
1.3.	agenda changes: 7.4 Safe Streets Comr	laVice Chair Patricia Sutherlen announces mittee, Anne Chomyn reports on behalf of rts 4601, 4610 and 4603.02 are added.
	Motion: Patricia Sutherlen Second: Diane Marcussen Aye: Unanimous Abstention: None The motion carries.	
2. OFFI	ICERS' REPORTS	
2.1.	Chairman Veronica Jones for her well-received cens	Okorie Ezieme acknowledges Councilmember us tract meeting, A Day of Dialogue.
2.2.	Committee met on Tuesday, April 10, 201 comment, the public may submit a fully comment the end of the council table. There are the the meeting: 1) General Public Comment,	Patricia Sutherlen states that the Executive 8, to finalize the agenda. In order to make a public ampleted comment card to council member seated at ree opportunities for general public comments during 2) 5.2 Devils Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal, and advidual property concerns should be addressed with eting.
2.3.	Recording Secretary	Judy Matthews
2.3.1	. Councilmember Matthews moves to app and supporting exhibits.	rove the proposed March 20, 2018 meeting minutes



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	Motion: Judy Matthews Second: Dr. Sandra Thomas Aye: Unanimous Abstention: One The motion carries.	
2.4.	Treasurer the account is in good standing. ATC is funded consider contributing to the account.	John E. White reports the balance is \$2,242 and by contributions, and the community is asked to
2.5.	Corresponding Secretary	_ Chair Ezieme reads the Corresponding Secretary orre. (For more information, contact Nestor De La cil.org.)
3. PUBL	IC SAFETY REPORTS	
3.1.	There were 25 traffic collisions involving proper Fifty-one traffic citations were issued, 1 DUI rethere were 29 traffic collisions involving proper related, 79 traffic citations issued and 1 indep council's inquiry, it is stated that officers periodincrease patrols where needed. Altadena High introduced and shares his commitment to the for the Senior Volunteers Program (ages 55 ar 15 to 21) are being accepted. Applications man Altadena. In response to council's inquiry, it is volunteer programs. Training will be conducted volunteers' ability. Commander Tai Vong may	endent DUI arrest-not associated. In response to odically petition for overall safety and funding to hway Patrol's new commander, Tai Vong, is community and programs offered. Applications and over) and the Explorer Volunteer Program (ages y be obtained at 2130 Windsor Avenue in a stated that experience is not required for
3.2.	of which 1 was domestic violence related. Five trends or patterns. Larceny vehicle burglary in grand theft auto from 6 to 8, and arson from Residential burglary decreased from 5 to 4, but from 14 to 10, and robbery weapons from 2 to 10.	e month of March, including 6 aggravated assaults e investigations are ongoing, and there are no increased from 3 to 6, shoplifting from 0 to 5, 0 to 1. Robbery strong arm remained at 1. urglary other structure from 3 to 2, overall larceny to 0. In response to council's inquiry, there was a 13. (For more information on Altadena Sheriff's

Captain Vicki Stuckey presents a certificate of appreciation to resident Andrew F. Trousdale for notifying the sheriff's station upon noticing a gun case containing weapons.



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3.3.	Pasadena PoliceInterim Chief John Perez is introduced and reads a letter of appreciation (Exhibit B) acknowledging Altadena Town Council, and he expresses appreciation to Councilmember Veronica Jones for the positive impact that Days of Dialogue had on the community.
	[Public Comment: On behalf of NBBA, Nicole Moore expresses appreciation and support for Pasadena's mayor, city manager and police department for reassigning the officers involved in the Christopher Ballew incident. It is further shared that a policy change is needed.]
3.4.	County FireMaria Grycan, Community Services Liaison, LA County Fire, reports that brush inspections begin in May. In response to an inquiry, it is stated that downed power lines are not uncommon and may be caused by age, heavy wind, or being hit. There was not an increase in structure fires in Altadena. Safe tips on putting out fires are shared. (For LA County Fire Department's activity report, visit ATC's website, Public Safety Reports or contact maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov .)
3.5.	Map Your Neighborhood Eric Vander Velde gives an overview of the 9 Step Program and the importance and focus of MYN. The next training is May 20, and meetings are scheduled every other month. Over 7% of homes have been mapped. Volunteers are welcome to the committee. To contact MYN, email mynrsvp@gmail.com , visit www.facebook.com/ALTMYN , or call (626) 798-9919.
GE	NERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Wa Ho	anny Clash shares information regarding a burglary at a neighbor's home, where law enforcement as contacted but never showed up. Mr. Clash states that it is possible that youth from Sycamore ome are burglarizing. He previously shared a letter from the Association of Los Angeles Deputy periffs (ALADS) with Dr. Thomas. The letter requested more law enforcement recruitment.
	. Anne Chomyn announces Altadena Heritage Work Day at Old Marengo Park, Saturday, April 21, 118, 9:00 AM.
se	lipe Carrillo expresses concerns regarding noise from bus brakes from the new transportation rvice for Bus Route 88 on Saturday and Sunday, 8 hours a day, on Canon Boulevard and Loma Alta ive. He questions if studies were conducted and if residents were notified.
Ch th	nanna Obeyesekere expresses concern regarding an increase in parking traffic from hikers along e new route of Bus Route 88. There should be a better location for parking in the area.
Pa	uline Daniels expresses her disappointment with the traffic and noise from bus traffic on Loma

Alta Drive, Canon Boulevard and side streets. Ms. Daniels states that residents were not aware of the project and questions how the project decision was made, timing of the project, how does it benefit Altadena, and whether Eaton Canyon was considered. Council is informed that residents



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are requesting a response.

Harold Charles expresses concern regarding buses on Canon Boulevard and Loma Alta Drive. He questions if the project is funded by Supervisor Barger's Office. Mr. Charles is requesting a meeting with neighbors. Councilmember Marcussen states that ATC meetings are recorded and Supervisor Barger's Office reviews videos.

McClees Stevens announces the Los Angeles River Project Program to capture and conserve water on private properties. (For more information, visit www.theriverproject.org or call (818) 980-9660.)

Granny Shakur acknowledges Councilmember Veronica Jones for her meeting and questions if there are set term limits for council. Chair Ezieme responds that there are no term limits for ATC.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5.1. Transit to Trails ______ Yvette Lopez-Ledesma, Wilderness Society, provides an overview of Transit Route 88. The Los Angeles County Parks needs assessment identified a need to connect regions to open space in San Gabriel Mountains. Transit Route 88 travels between Metro Gold Line Memorial Park Station and Sam Merrill Trailhead in Altadena, Saturdays and Sundays, 7:05 AM to 4:30 PM. The 6-month pilot program began on April 7, and the route is based on community needs as identified in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Altadena Transit Needs Study. The route services a population of 17,094 within a ¼ mile area where 16.2% of households do not have cars. In response to council's inquiry, concern regarding noise from brakes will be presented to Pasadena Transit. For community feedback, email yvette_lopezledesma@tws.org. (For more information, call (626) 744-4055 or visit www.pasadenatransit.net.)

5.1.1. Public Comment

Dr. Anne Chomyn expresses need for visible restrooms and trash receptacles. In response, it is stated that the matter will be brought to the attention of Los Angeles County Department of Transportation.

5.2. Update Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal __George De La O and Veronica Mardis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, provide an overview of the project. The project will take 4 years to remove 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment from the reservoir. Vegetation must be removed outside of bird nesting season, October through January. Construction is expected to occur October 2018 through January 2019, subject to permit approval, and sediment removal to occur April through November for a period of 4 years. (The overview is available on ATC website. For more information, visit www.devilsgateproject.com or email devilsgateproject.com or



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5.2.1. Public Comment

A resident questions if there will be mosquitoes. In response, it is stated that the department is in contact with San Gabriel Valley Vector Control, and there is no anticipation of mosquitoes.

Marietta Knuel inquires as to who is responsible for making sure additional concrete poured does not cross the west side of the trail path. In response, it is stated that the road will be paved from Oak Grove down to Perimeter Trail. North of the area downstream will remain natural.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

6.1. 152nd Anniversary of the Buffalo Soldiers______ Trooper Rachel Hilliard, president of the Buffalo Soldiers 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association's San Diego Chapter, shares the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers and salutes those who served at the last post of the 10th Calvary in Campo, CA. President Hilliard announces that in commemoration of the 152nd anniversary, the San Diego Chapter is hosting a banquet on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at 7:00 PM. Altadena resident and one of the oldest living Buffalo Soldiers, Trooper Bruce Edwards Dennis, is recognized with certificates of recognition from the Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Chris Holden, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Altadena Town Council and Altadena Historical Society; and Trooper Dennis shares his experience as a Buffalo Solider. (For more information on schedule of events July 23-28, 2018 and registration packages, visit www.910hcav.org/nationalreunion/registration.)

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1.	Land Use Committee	_ Diane Marcussen, Co	mmittee Chair,
	reports that the LUC met March 6, 2018. As of thi	s date, no one had sign	ed up for the
	extended time to meet the fences and hedges or		
	residents must sign up. Information is being gathe	red for a public hearing	g regarding the
	New York Drive Project. At the meeting, the La Vir	na II subcommittee pres	sented
	information on the final condition proposal, the C	Owen Brown Grave Site	Project, to
	preserve a historical site on private property in no	rthwest Altadena. The	presentation
	will be repeated at the May 1 Land Use meeting, a	and the public is encour	raged to attend.
	To provide a public comment or submit questions	, contact Diane Marcus	sen at
	diane.marcussen@altadenatowncouncil.org.		

7.1.1. Action Item 2203 Garfias Drive – Existir	ng Construction with Setback Exception of
Approx. 9 inches	Diane Marcussen
provides an overview of the project. C	ouncilmember Sylvia Vega moves to send
the Regional Planning Commission Con	nmittee a letter recommending approval
without conditions.	



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	7.1.2. Public Comment – None
	Motion: Sylvia Vega Second: John White Aye: Unanimous Abstention: None The motion carries.
7.2	Education Committee Jennifer Lee, Committee Chair, reports on the success of the Women's History Month celebration. Superintendant, Dr. Brian McDonald, wants next year's event presented on a Saturday. A special thanks is extended to all elected officials, representatives, and council members for attending. Councilmember Billy Malone concurs on the success.
7.3.	Election Committee Dr. Sandra Thomas, Committee Chair, reads April's report (Exhibit C) into record. Dr. Thomas moves for approval and acceptance of report. In response to council's inquiry, it is stated that parking at Bob Lucas library for the election is not a problem.
	7.3.1. Public Comment – Nicole Moore, Neighbors Building a Better Altadena (NBBA), expresses concern that there has not been sufficient time to announce election. She recommends community members are included on the committee in the future. Ms. Moore questions when will information be placed on the website. In response, it is stated that council elections occur annually, and council members serve two-year terms. Dr. Thomas states that committee members are Dr. Thomas, chair; Victoria Knapp, vice-chair; and Billy Malone, election event coordinator. Flyers are available at Altadena Library.
	Motion: Dr. Sandra Thomas Second: Victoria Knapp Aye: Unanimous Abstention: None The motion carries.
7.4.	Safe Streets Dr. Anne Chomyn reports on behalf of Dorothy Wong and shares the committee's mission and members composing of council members, community and library. The Safe Street town hall meeting and interactive workshops/mapping project, is Saturday, April 28, 2018, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM, at Altadena Library. The date and time for monthly regular public meetings will be announced at the Safe Streets town hall meeting and on ATC's website.

7.5. Community Relations Committee _____ Dr. Sandra Thomas, Committee Chair, reads April's report (Exhibit D) into record. In response to council's inquiry, Dr. Thomas states that



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Altadena Chamber of Commerce may present new and/or old businesses at ATC meetings when requested by chamber chair.

8. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

8.1.	Altadena Libraryupcoming events and Community Conversations' Altadena Library's monthly newsletters and on the inquiries, it is stated that the Seed Program was pregulating chickens in the community will be look the library for providing copy work for the election www.altadenalibrary.org or email Ryan Roy at wr	year-end review, which are available in e library's website. In response to council's art of the Book Talk signing, and the rules ed into. A special thanks is extended to n committee. (For more information, visit
8.2.	Chamber of Commerce	vents and total number of new members. 018, 2 Quality of Life and 2 Students of
	Collaborate PASadena	to address funding plans, including youth 75,000 for Collaborate PASadena due to cial needs of each school are to be ed on need. Mayor Torneck presents an by June. (For more information, visit altadenatowncouncil.org.)
8.4	. LA County Dept. of Parks and Recreation	No report.
8.5	provides an overview of legislative bills and highling Remembrance Ceremony in Sacramento, where a recognized Holocaust survivor, Isabelle Teresa Hu Children's Museum are hosting a free car seat sat 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. (For more information on the visit a41.asmdc.org.)	ghts the Annual Holocaust Assemblymember Chris Holden Juber of Claremont. CHP and Kidspace Fety inspection event on April 28, 2018,

9. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4601, Councilmember Victoria Knapp shares a reminder for Pasadena Showcase House of Design, 1369 East Altadena Drive, April 22-May 20. Shuttles are coming from Santa Anita, and there will be traffic. Parking passes will be provided to residents, their guests and workers.

4610, Councilmember Veronica Jones reports on the success of Days of Dialogue and announces a Social Hour with Assemblymember Chris Holden at her residence on May 11. New lights at



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Windsor Avenue/Figueroa Street and Crosby Street /Lincoln Avenue will be completed in 2020. A special thanks is extended to LA County Supervisors for the scheduled work.

4603.02, Councilmember Gloria Sanyika reports on community engagement with keeping the census tract clean. A special thanks is extended to Susie Nemer, Public Works and Athens Trash for their diligence. There is no cleanup Day scheduled with Athens Trash Service for 2018.

10. ADJOURNMENT 10:10 PM

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Councilmember 4603.01

EXHIBIT A

Corresponding Secretary Report April 17, 2017

"Correspondence from San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District. Mosquito Awareness Week, April 15-21. Please visit their website for more info on preparation to protect yourselves: www.sgvmosquito.org.

Website Committee: Ongoing discussions with Chris Miller of Pasadena Media to host a video archive of previous ATC meetings.

We are always looking for members to join the Website Committee, no computer knowledge or experience necessary.

Contact me for more info on joining the Committee, anything about the website, or anything included in this report."

JOHN E. PEREZ INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

207 N. GARFIELD AVENUE PASADENA, CA 91101 (626) 744-4501

EXHIBIT B

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Altadena Town Council 730 East Altadena Drive Altadena, CA 91001

Dear Chairman Okorie Ezieme:

The Pasadena Police Department is proud to acknowledge the Altadena Town Council and all its members who support the Cities of Altadena, Pasadena and the surrounding areas. Altadena is located at the heart of our great community and has a rich history of serving its constituents, business owners, residents, and visitors alike. Under your stewardship, specifically with direct invitation from Councilwoman Veronica Jones, I have personally witnessed the positive impact that Days of Dialogue have had on our community when we met for discussion in Altadena on April 11, 2018. Mrs. Jones' passion, spirit, and tireless effort to serve our community is the foundation of your longevity. It is clear to all who witnessed these shared efforts that a powerful servant-leadership creates community partnerships that are built on love, respect and trust.

On behalf of the men & women of the Pasadena Police Department, I want to extend a heart filled thank you, as we enhance our engagement, put high value on partnerships, collaborate with transparency and enrich our diverse community.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. PEREZ Interim Chief of Police

EXHIBIT C

ATC Election Committee April 17, 2018 Report

Good evening Mr. Chair, Council, and Community. The April, 2018 Election Committee Report is as follows: on April 10th, 2018 the Altadena Town Council Election Committee met to prepare for the upcoming election. We inventoried all signs, which the committee and volunteers will place throughout the community, confirmed early voting and Saturday regular voting locations, created the Applicant Packets for distribution at the Community Center and on-line, and discussed a marketing plan for the event within the community and on social media. This plan includes the creation of a flyer that will be available at the Main Altadena Library, at the Community Center, and on-line.

As for the polling locations, in order to insure that all census tracts are covered, we can confirm:

Early Voting - on Tuesday, June 5th, from 4-8pm at the Main Altadena Library

Regular Voting - on Saturday, June 9th, from 9am-5 pm

in West Altadena at the Bob Lucas Library in Central Altadena at the Main Altadena Library and, in East Altadena at Patticakes

Depending on the number of applications, additional polling locations may be added and announced at the May Altadena Town Council meeting.

Applicant packets will be made available on Friday, April 20th, for pick-up at the Community Center, and on-line at altadentatowncouncil.org.

As we move forward with election preparation, we welcome and encourage volunteers from the community including, but not limited to, community groups, neighborhood associations, churches, etc. Any and all from the community are welcome and needed, specifically in the areas of sign placement, polling location set-up, and take down, and polling location staffing.

To review, the important dates are:

April 20th, 2018 the Application Packets will be Available

May 11th, 2018 is the Deadline for Filing Applications

June 5th, 2018 is early voting

June 9th, 2018 is regular voting, and

July 17th, 2018 is New Member Swearing In

Mr. Chair, with that said, I move for acceptance of the April 17th, 2018, Election Committee Report.

Thank you, Mr. Chair, this ends our report.

Election Committee Members
Dr. Sandra Thomas – Chair
Victoria Knapp – Vice Chair
Billy Malone – Election Events Coordinator

EXHIBIT D

Altadena Town Council Community Relations Committee Report April 17, 2018

The Community Relations Committee Report for April is as follows:

 Ongoing Community Request regarding Census Tract Representatives reporting monthly on the PUSD Schools in their Census Tracts. This item was referred to the Education Committee Chair.

Update: Waiting on Education Committee action.

2. **Offer from the Altadena Historical Society** to occasionally share a moment of "Altadena At a Glance" during ATC meeting, was referred to Executive Committee.

Update: Still waiting for response from ATC Executive Committee.

- 3. Christopher Bellow/Pasadena Police Department Issue.
 - a. Update: Since the CRC vetted the issue and lead the question and answer section with Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain, Vicki Stuckey, and community, the following has occurred and associated documents will post to the ATC's Website:
 - b. 2/10/18 Letter of Concern and Demand sent to Pasadena Police Department and appropriate Pasadena and County Officials.
 - c. 2/23/18 Response letter received from Pasadena Mayor Tornek with following attachments:
 - 1. Law enforcement Authority Policy Number 100.
 - 2. The Letter of Consent Pursuant to Section 830.1 of the California Penal Code.
 - 3. The Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) documents.
 - d. 3/07/18 Officers Larry Esparaza and Zachary Lujan who were involved in the beating of Altadena resident Christopher Ballew were reassigned to desk duty awaiting completion of full investigation.
 - e. 3/12/18 Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez announced his retirement after amid controversy, effective 4/18/18. All associated documents will be attached to this report.
 - f. Christopher Bellow/Pasadena Police Department

Update: On April 14, 2018, demonstrators gathered in protest chanting and displaying signs and slogans while marching in solidarity around the Mobile Station on FairOaks Avenue and Woodbury Road — where the Bellow incident occurred. The associated

article is lengthy and the demands are many. The article will be attached to the committee report for posting on the Website as a matter of record.

4. Buffalo Soldiers

It has been requested that a certificate is presented to Bruce Edwards Dennis who is a resident of Altadena and one of the oldest living original Buffalo Soldiers. The replacement of the Buffalo Soldiers' missing Plague will be installed at the Loma Alta Park equestrian area at a later date.

Update: The certificates were presented this evening and the plague is still pending.

5. ATC acknowledge Cinco De Mayo

It has been requested that during the month of May – ATC will acknowledge Cinco De Mayo – Holiday during our ATC meeting.

Update: The acknowledgment plans are now in progress for the certificate recognitions which will be presented at the May 15, 2018 meeting.

6. Neighborhood Watch Group Night

It has been requested that we have a Neighborhood Watch Group Night at a future ATC meeting.

Update: CRC member Elliot Gold is taking the lead in this effort – plans forthcoming.

7. Chamber of Commerce to introduce an old or new business occasionally during Altadena Town Council meetings

Requested that ATC Collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce to introduce an old or new business occasionally during Altadena Town Council meetings. Referred to chair of Altadena Chamber of Commerce.

Update: Chamber Chair, Doug Colliflower, pending consideration to announce a business every six months.

8. PUSD School Closings

It has been requested that the ATC get involved in the displacement of Altadena School Children who would be effected by the proposed closing of 5 PUSD schools: Wilson Middle School, Blair High School, Jefferson Elementary, Cleveland elementary and Franklin elementary.

Update: 3/19/18 School Closings off the table, indefinite.

Current Update: Tabled in committee, pending Education Committee Action.

Mr. Chair and Council, we submit this April 2018 Report and all attachments to be placed on the ATC Website in the Committee Reports Section.

Thank you and this ends our report.

Chair, Dr. Sandra Thomas Vice Chair, Judy Matthews Community Member, Eliot Gold