ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2018
Altadena Community Center, 730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:08 PM

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance ____________ Boy Scout Troop 21, Jack Bettencourt, Marco Georgian,
Evan Goldfarb, Cole Jackson, Miles Jackson, Cameron
Lin and Anton Potts
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 May 15, 2018 Amended Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chairman, Patricia Sutherlen,
nounces additions to the agenda: 6.5. Education Committee, Jennifer Lee and 7.1.
Victoria Knapp reporting on behalf of Altadena Library. Councilmember Malone requests
to amend 7.2. Altadena Chamber of Commerce to Billy Malone reporting on behalf of Doug
Coliflower. Councilmember Patricia moves to accept the meeting agenda as amended.

Motion: Patricia Sutherlen
Second: Victoria Knapp
Aye: Unanimous
Abstention: None
The motion carries.

2. OFFICERS’ REPORTS

2.1. Chairman ______________________ Okorie Ezieme expresses appreciation to the
community for their attendance and engagement.

2.2. Vice Chairman ____________________ Patricia Sutherlen directs attendees to the
public comment instruction sign. In order to make a public comment during meetings,
interested speakers will need to legibly complete a comment card and submit to a council
member. If a response is requested from a census tract representative, the card will be provided
to the representative. On the agenda, public comments are allowed during General Public
Comment and after Land Use Committee action items. In response to inquiries, it is stated that
the parking lot next to the sheriff’s station will be available during the summer.

2.3. Recording Secretary _______________ Judy Matthews

2.3.1. Councilmember Matthews moves to approve the proposed April 17, 2018 meeting minutes
with attachments.

Motion: Judy Matthews
Second: Gloria Sanyika
Aye: Unanimous
Abstention: One
The motion carries.

2.4. Treasurer ___________________________ John White reports that the account balance is $2,378 and is in good standing. The public is reminded that donations are appreciated.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary ________________ Nestor De La Torre announces correspondence received. Councilmember De La Torre states that he is working to allow online access to archived recorded meeting minutes via the website. Recordings are available at Altadena Library. (For more information, contact Nestor De La Torre at nestor.delatorre@altadenatowncouncil.org.)

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1. California Highway Patrol _______________ Officer Phillip Cooper provides April statistics citing there were 22 traffic collisions involving property damage only, 5 with injury, 0 fatalities and 2 DUI arrests. Residents are asked to be extra cautious during the end of the school year. In response to council’s inquiries, it is stated that the collision on Allen Avenue will be reported on at the June meeting. Councilmember Malone is instructed to email specific concerns for follow-up and response. (For more information, contact the Altadena area CHP office at (626) 296-8100 or visit www.chp.ca.gov.)

3.2. Altadena Sheriff’s Station _______________ Captain Vicki Stuckey introduces new operations lieutenant, Alex Canchola, from Industry Station and announces Lieutenant Yolanda Clay has been assigned to Detective’s Bureau and Lieutenant Carmichael Octave has transferred to Task Force for Regional Auto Theft (TRAT). In April, there was an overall increase from 43 to 49. Residential burglaries increased from 4 to 12 and larceny/theft and vehicle burglaries from 6 to 13. Aggravated assaults decreased from 6 to 1, larceny/shoplifting from 5 to 0, and grand theft auto from 8 to 5. Census Tract 4610 experienced the largest increase in residential burglaries from 0 to 7, and four juvenile suspects were detained in Juvenile Hall. Altadena Sheriff’s Station Car Show is Saturday, June 9, 2018, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at Farnsworth Park. Anyone interested in placing a vehicle in the car show should contact the station’s community relations officer. The summer enforcement team will include additional officers from Altadena and La Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Stations. (For more information on Altadena Sheriff’s Station crime statistics, visit ATC’s website, Public Safety Reports.)

3.3. County Fire ____________________________ Maria Grycan, Community Services Liaison, LA County Fire Department, provides activity report. (To view activity report, visit ATC’s website, Public Safety Reports or contact maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov.)
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lisa Vander Velde provides upcoming MYN training date, Sunday, May 20, 2018, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM at Altadena Town and Country Club.

Michael O’Leary provides information on June election and shares the importance of board of equalization position. For more information, visit www.oleary4boe.com.

Mark Mariscal shares a reminder for Friends of Altadena Library’s Annual Book Sale, May 19-20, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Valerie Tolliver provides information on Community Give-Back at Farnsworth Park, Saturday, August 12, 2018, 12:00 PM-4:00 PM. For more information and to make donations, call (626) 484-5639.

Karen Gibson, Neighbors Building a Better Altadena, announces Altadena Candidates’ Forum, Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 4:00 PM-8:30 PM at Altadena Community Center.

5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

5.1. Mota’s Restaurant

Nestor De La Torre recognizes Adolfo and Irene Mota of Mota’s Mexican Food for their contributions to the community during their seventeen years of outstanding business.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1. Land Use Committee

Diane Marcussen, Chair, announces projects recommended for approval. Project #2018-0008052203, 2432 El Molina, is recommended without conditions.

6.1.1. Action Item, Project #2018-0008052203, 2432 El Molina

Create 3 new single family parcels on a 24,000 sq. ft. lot

Justin Robertson provides an overview of the project and due diligence in obtaining feedback from residents. Nineteen residents adjacent to the property were canvassed, resulting in 6 in favor or having no opinion, 2 opposed, and others not home or not providing a response to opinion survey. Residents cited construction noise and loss of trees as concerns. In response, council states that there are set hours for construction and residents are asked to report construction outside of scheduled hours. Residents were satisfied with the site plan identifying which trees would be removed. The applicant presents a brief visual of the project. Councilmember Robertson moves that ATC writes a letter to LA County Regional Planning in support of project #2018-0008052203, a proposed tentative partial map of 2432 El Molina Avenue, without conditions. In response to council’s inquiry, it is stated that parking is provided on site of the properties.
6.1.2. Public Comment - None

Motion: Justin Robertson  
Second: Diane Marcussen  
Aye: Unanimous  
Abstention: None  
The motion carries.

6.2.1 Action Item, La Vina II Project, amendment to CUP 2007-00114—The La Vina Sub Committee presentation of the proposed final condition for the project中华人民Diane Marcussen provides an overview of the subcommittee’s responsibility to address the proposed final condition for the project and efforts made to present an appropriate proposal. The Owen Brown Gravesite is proposed as the final condition for parity. As part of the condition, Tim Cantwell, developer, agreed to secure the land, which is currently for sale, to restore the headstone of Owen Brown and commit an additional $300,000.00 to be managed by an endowment fund to be used for ongoing maintenance of the land and for historical preservation and documentation of the site. Councilmember Marcussen states that on May 14, 2018 the subcommittee met with two residents of The Meadows community regarding their specific concerns of the proposed project and to clarify misconceptions stated in the Residents of The Meadows’ Petition. Michele Zack provides an overview and presents a film on the project. In response to council’s inquiry, it is stated that the private road adjacent to the property is not for public access. The property owner has expressed that he does not want parking on his land. Councilmember Marcussen directs specific questions regarding property access to Cantwell Anderson.

6.2.2. Public Comment

Charles Thomas, Outward Bound Adventures (OBA), introduces several youth who will benefit from the project as members of the crew maintaining the site. Louis Felix, Roberto Hernandez, Jahstus Maat-Hotep, Scholar Maat-Hotep and Azeyah Polk express their appreciation for OBA.

Tim Gregory, founding chair of Altadena Heritage, shares original history of the gravesite and the attempt made to have the site declared a LA County Point of Historic Interest as supported by County Landmarks Commission, Altadena Town Council, Altadena NAACP and other community organizations.

Marietta Kruells presents an overview of the project’s history and the parameters to seek parity. She states her support and shares that the developer, Tim Cantwell, is a partner of the project and friend.

Randy Baer expresses concern regarding limited public access. Mr. Baer suggests using general language in the proposal to County, not limiting project to educational development, and having volunteers to work with project.
Jane Szabo shares her involvement in the original project and states that she is one of the three original parties to create an association to preserve access to the location and involved in the litigation. She supports the replacement of the tombstone and public access to the location. Ms. Szabo expresses concerns regarding parking on the roadway, impact to residents and loitering. She suggests additional time to discuss with residents.

Shair Asplund states that she was involved in the original project and expresses concerns regarding the community being an area of high fire severity. She offers her support with the conditions that residents are given an opportunity to address concerns and lessening public attention by not having a ceremony.

Lori Hall encourages support and acquiring property to protect the historical site.

Greg Stanton communicates that there is strong opposition from residents of The Meadows as set forth in the petition (Exhibit A). He presents concerns regarding limited access point, easement points, maintaining site and no scope of project. Mr. Stanton questions if the vote of approval passes, will it become the responsibility of The Meadows’ residents to champion concerns. He proposes utilizing existing public space at Charles White Park for tributes to Owen Brown and Charles White.

Joanie Ledger-Donnelly requests a delay on the decision to allow for more consideration, citing concerns about the affects of the number of cars and possible fires.

Eve Kessler concurs with the concerns expressed by residents and requests more information and time for discussion.

Alexandria Fabbro expresses concern with limited access. Ms. Fabbro questions if the developer’s financial commitment is sufficient, contracts between the developer and conservancy, and OBA’s ability to maintain road and insurance for youth.

Steve Lamb expresses interest and support of project, and he agrees with allowing 30-days for discussion.

Andy Behr shares traffic and fire concerns and requests 30-day delay for discussion.

Anne Chomyn states that Altadena Heritage endorses the project and agrees to parity.

Kara Bjornlie concurs with The Meadows’ residents and asks to be kept informed and involved.

Robert Thurstans supports the preservation of the Owen Brown site. He expresses concern regarding broken promises from La Vina and suggests consideration is given to request more financial commitment from the developer.
Councilmember Marcussen states that Cantwell Anderson, the developer, has no obligation/requirement from LA County to provide money for the project. The developer has agreed to the conditions and is supportive of the Owen Brown Project. The funds are specific to this project. Additional details may be addressed after the land is acquired and placed into a conservancy and the amount of $300,000 deposited to a community benefit fund. Although there will be time allotted for community involvement to discuss concerns and address details, ATC needs to move forward and submit La Vina II Project to LA County Regional Planning. The agreed condition was amended to include adding a member of The Meadows' residential community to the group working to administer project details.

Councilmember Wong suggests a 30-day delay and including representatives south of Altadena Drive in the community work group. A discussion is held.

Councilmember Judy Matthews reads into record the approved conditions as of October 18, 2016 (Exhibit B), which capture the concerns of the community at large and the Agreed Condition for Owen Brown Gravesite Project (Exhibit C). Councilmember Matthews moves that in the matter of the La Vina II Project, Amendment to CUP 2007-00114, Altadena Town Council sends a letter to LA Regional Planning Department recommending the approval of the CUP with conditions as previously read and which will be included in the report. Councilmember Marcussen seconds. A discussion is held.

Councilmember Wong moves to substitute/amend the motion to delay project for 30 days to allow residents of The Meadows sufficient time to voice concerns. A discussion is held.

Motion: Dorothy Wong
Second: Veronica Jones
Aye: 3
Nay: 12
The motion does not carry.

Councilmember Dorothy Wong recommends amending agreed "parity" condition to include a resident of West Altadena, south of The Meadows, to the community group. A discussion is held. Council members vote, and the vote is 1 for and 14 against.

Council members vote on previous motion to send a letter to LA Regional Planning Department recommending the approval of the CUP with conditions as previously read and which will be included in the report.

Motion: Judy Matthews
Second: Diane Marcussen
Aye: 14
Nay: 1
Abstention: None
The motion carries.
[Councilmember Marcussen encourages residents to register through March 2019 for the time extension to meet the walls, fences and hedges requirements. A discussion regarding the New York Drive Project will be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 6:00 PM.]

6.2. Election Committee _____________________________ Dr. Sandra Thomas, Chair, reads report and statement into record (Exhibit D). Councilmember Thomas states that there are no contested candidates, and she moves for the cancellation of the public voting component of the election. A discussion is held.

Motion: Dr. Sandra Thomas
Second: Victoria Knapp
Aye: 9
Nay: 5
Abstention: 1
The motion carries.

Presentation of candidates for the 2018 election-Candidate John J. (Jeff) Simmonds is not present, but his statement is read by Councilmember Knapp. Okorie Ezieme, Arron Tschida, Gloria Sanyika, Antonio Becerra, Patricia Sutherlen, Jennifer Lee and Diane Marcussen provide oral candidate statements.

In order to adhere to building’s closing time, Councilmember Malone requests remaining reports be forwarded to council members via email. Councilmember Thomas encourages council members to attend the NBBA Candidates’ Forum on May 30, 2018, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM at Altadena Community Center. Councilmember Thomas moves for the acceptance of the Election Committee report.

Motion: Dr. Sandra Thomas
Second: Victoria Knapp
Aye: Unanimous
Abstention: None
The motion carries.

6.3. Safe Streets Mobility Committee ___________________________ Dorothy Wong, Chair, provides a brief overview of the town hall held April 28, 2018. The next meeting is June 7, 2018. Monthly meetings are held at Altadena Community Center on the first Thursday of each month.

6.4. Community Relations Committee ___________________________ Dr. Sandra Thomas, Chair, defers May report to June ATC meeting.

6.5. Education Committee ________________________________ No report.
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7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

7.1. Altadena Library ________________________________ No report.
7.2. Chamber of Commerce __________________________ No report.
7.3. Collaborate PASadena ___________________________ No report.
7.4. LA County Dept of Parks and Recreation ___________ No report.
7.5. 41st Assembly District ___________________________ No report.

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1. 4603.01 ______________________________________ No report.
8.2. 4610 _________________________________________ No report.

9. ADJOURNMENT 10:26 PM

Motion: Okorie Ezieme
Second: Sylvia Vega
Aye: Unanimous

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

By: [Signature] 6/19/18

Judy A. Matthews, Recording Secretary
Councilmember 4603.01
May 11, 2018

To: Altadena Town Council

From: Residents of The Meadows

Re: Proposed Owen Brown Gravesite Project

Dear ATC,

The Meadows residents have recently learned of a proposal to develop a visitor’s center at the gravesite of Owen Brown. The gravesite is located at the top of Little Round Top which sits at the top of The Meadows in Altadena.

As it has been explained to us by our ATC representatives, the land would be purchased by Tim Cantwell, the La Vina developer, and turned over to a Conservancy who would then develop a visitor center for both the public and students to visit the site. The purchase is proposed to satisfy an educational requirement in order to build eighteen additional homes in La Vina.

We held a meeting with our ATC representatives on May 10, 2018 to understand the effort and voice our concerns. We STRONGLY OPPOSE the development of a visitor’s center at the gravesite or promotion of the gravesite and think we have a much better proposal to satisfy the community’s need and the education requirement of La Vina.

Our proposal is that any visitor’s center be located at Charles White Park along with a tribute to Charles White, a prominent local artist. This could include educational materials about the Owen Brown gravesite and the gravesite marker or a replica. It could also include a display of Mr. White’s work or other creation recognizing his contribution as an Altadena resident. We believe that his son, Ian White who is a resident of The Meadows, would be open to the idea. This could meet the La Vina educational requirement. In addition, Charles White Park is an existing public space with plenty of public access.

We welcome Mr. Cantwell purchasing the gravesite property and deeding it to a conservancy, but only with an agreement that it remains as open space in perpetuity.

Our opposition to the development of a visitor’s site at the gravesite is as follows:

1. The scope of the site does not appear to be determined.
2. If open to the public and students, how will they access the site?
3. How many people, including students, are projected to visit the site? If it becomes a National Historic site, how will it be promoted or advertised?
4. The Meadows is cherished for being a quiet neighborhood that is accessed by only one road, Canyon Crest. Any increase in cars, buses or an unknown number of people walking through the
canyon and neighborhood would be a disruption, a potential safety issue, a potential fire hazard (we are in a high-fire severity zone), an increase in noise, an impact to air quality with an increase in vehicle traffic and overall negative impact to our properties and values. It would essentially change the character of The Meadows.

5. The two access points to the gravesite are the cul-de-sac on El Prieto Road and the private road at the end of Risinghill. There is limited parking on our streets and, if the idea is to transport students to the site, there is no ability to accommodate a bus or the ability for a bus to turn around. We also do not have sidewalks. Anyone walking through the neighborhood will be on the street.

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Respectfully,

The residents of The Meadows, Altadena

[Signature]
JANE SZABÖ
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Todd Szabo
EXHIBIT B

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.
Implement the “parity” plan as presented by the La Vina II Condition Sub-Committee. The sub-divider will secure the property which contains the gravesite of Owen Brown and which is currently for sale. Based on the purchase price, the sub-divider will also provide a monetary amount to cover the maintenance of the land and historical preservation and documentation of the Owen Brown Gravesite Project.

Based on the land purchase price and prior to the final map approval, the sub-divider agrees to pay an additional amount of $300,000 into a to-be established “Owen Brown Gravesite Project” fund. The sub-divider accepts this payment obligation as an agreed upon condition of the final map approval.

The funds for accomplishing these enhancements shall be tendered prior to the final subdivision map approval and administered by a community group to include a member of the Altadena Town Council, an Altadena resident with a background in historic preservation, a resident with knowledge of Altadena trails and open space efforts and a member of the leadership of The Meadows residential area.

Should the sub-divider not procure the property, an amount of the final offer made on the property plus an amount not to exceed $300,000 will be deposited to a Community Benefit Fund.

The legal details of this condition will be worked out in conjunction with the Regional Planning Division which will be monitoring the financial satisfaction of this condition.
Good evening Mr. Chair, Council, and Community. The May, 2018 Election Committee Report is as follows: all signs were placed throughout the community by April, 25th. On Thursday, April 19th, the candidate packets were delivered to the Community Center and also posted to the ATC website. We instructed the county staff on the distribution, receipt, and logging-in of the packets. On Friday May 11th at 5pm, the application process ended and all submitted candidate packets were picked up by the Election Committee Chair. The Committee met on Saturday, May 12th to review and verify all candidate packets, notify each candidate of approval of their application, and invite them to provide a 2 minute candidate statement at the May 15th Town Council meeting. Notification of all candidates, listed by census tract, was emailed to all Town Council members and posted to the ATC website.

Before I introduce each candidate, let me state to all of you who have voiced concerns that the Election Committee is aware that we had planned to hold an election which has no contested seats and may therefore seem somewhat unnecessary to all of us. After thorough and careful review of the by-laws during our Saturday, May 12th meeting, specifically the 10 vote rule and the 7 day notice to make an amendment, we, the Election Committee would like to make the following statement: we have found ourselves in an unprecedented situation that the by-laws does not address. For the sake of the reputation of the Town Council, and upon checking with County representatives and learning that this same situation has happened before in our community, we are requesting to suspend the parts of the by-laws that I previously mentioned in order to circumvent having the polling (public voting) component of the election. The committee also proposes that the Altadena Town Council appoint the candidates to the uncontested seats in their census tracts. It doesn’t reflect well to have low to no voter turn-out and we feel it would be very difficult to motivate voters to participate in an uncontested election. So that we can have open discussion and make a decision, I am going to place a motion on the floor, as Chair of the Election Committee, and move for cancellation of the polling component of the election. After the discussion, we will still hear from the candidates.

I will now introduce each candidate, in census tract order, to come forward and make their statement as their name is called:

4601  Jeff Simmonds  (in his absence we will read his statement)
4602  Okorie Ezieme
4603.01  Arron Tschida
4603.02  Gloria Sanyika
4610  Antonio Becerra
4611  Patricia Sutherlen
4612  Jennifer Lee
4613  Diane Marcussen

I would like to thank all of the applicants for their wonderful statements.

Don’t forget that all candidates are invited to attend the NBBA candidate forum on May 30th, at the Community Center, from 7-8:30pm.
The new candidates will be appointed at the regularly scheduled ATC meeting on June 19th at 7pm.

Candidates are scheduled to be sworn-in at the July 17th Town Council meeting as usual.

Mr. Chair, with that said, I move for acceptance of the May 15th, 2018, Election Committee Report.

Thank you, this ends our report.

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