



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

### July 21, 2018

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive  
Altadena, California 91001

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:10 PM

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Pathfinder and Adventure Club  
Introduction, Veronica Jones

1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Judy Matthews  
(14) Present: Nestor De La Torre, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Victoria Knapp,  
Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Justin Robertson, Gloria Sanyika,  
Patricia Sutherlen, Sylvia Vega, John White, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, and Dorothy Wong  
(2) Excused: Billy Malone and Dr. Sandra Thomas  
(0) Absent/Unexcused

1.3. Approve June 19, 2018 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen,  
reports agenda was approved by the Executive Committee on July 10 and announces additions  
to the agenda: 3.2.4 Ann Marie Hickambottom reports on behalf of Hector Rodriquez; 7.3  
Education Committee, 7.4 Safe Streets Mobility Committee. Item 9.1 4601 is removed from the  
agenda.

Councilmember Sutherlen moves to accept the meeting agenda as amended.

Motion: Patricia Sutherlen

Second: Dorothy Wong

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstention: None

The motion carries.

#### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1. Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme expresses appreciation to council  
for their continued support and the community for their attendance. Chair Ezieme states that  
community input and meeting time is taken into consideration when preparing the agenda.  
Time sensitive items and public comments must be heard. Altadena Town Council (ATC)  
achievements, improved relationship with law enforcement, and the accomplishments of  
outgoing and returning council members are acknowledged. ATC accomplishments will be  
placed on the website.

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2.2. Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen shares instructions for public comments.

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

2.3.1. Councilmember Matthews moves to approve the proposed June 19, 2018 meeting Minutes with exhibits.

Motion: Judy Matthews

Second: Victoria Knapp

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstention: 1

The motion carries.

2.4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ John White reports that the fiscal year for ATC ends June 30. The annual financial statement reflects a beginning balance of \$2,330 and ending balance of \$2,544. Councilmember Matthews is recognized for her donation of \$600, \$100 for each year of service. The donation will be reflected on the July 2018 report. The public is reminded that donations are appreciated.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Nestor De La Torre announces that no correspondence was received. Historical reports acknowledging the accomplishments of former council members will be placed on the website.

[Chair Ezieme reports that on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, the Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting will be a town hall on the Route 88 Transit Pilot Project. On August 21, 2018, community feedback will be addressed and ATC will determine if the community opposes the project, desires to continue with modifications or prefers to eliminate the project.]

### **3. SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1. Swearing in Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Kathryn Barger is introduced, and she states the responsibilities of council members and thanks members for being a voice of the community.

3.2. Recognitions

3.2.1. Supervisor Kathryn Barger presents certificates of recognition to outgoing council members, Judy Matthews, Nestor De La Torre and John White.

Supervisor Barger administers oath of office to newly appointed council members, Antonio Becerra, Jeff Simmonds and Arron Tschida; and returning council members, Okorie Ezieme, Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen, Gloria Sanyika and Patricia Sutherlen.

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- 3.2.2. Becky Cheng, District Director for Congresswoman Judy Chu, presents certificates of congressional recognition to outgoing council members Judy Matthews, Nestor De La Torre and John White.
- 3.2.3. Dominick Correy, District Representative for Senator Anthony Portantino, presents certificates of recognition to outgoing council members, Judy Matthews, Nestor De La Torre and John White.
- 3.2.4. Ann Hickambottom, District Field Representative for Assemblymember Chris Holden, presents certificates of recognition to outgoing council members, Judy Matthews, Nestor De La Torre and John White. On behalf of Assemblymember Holden, Ann Hickambottom expresses appreciation of Councilmember Matthews for drafting a bill addressing issues of food insecurity among families and students of community colleges.
- 3.2.5. Captain Vicki Stuckey, Altadena Sheriff's Station Commander, presents certificates of recognition to outgoing council members, Judy Matthews, Nestor De La Torre and John White.

Chair Ezieme recognizes outgoing council members, Judy Matthews, Nestor De La Torre and John White for their accomplishments.

**[Item 7.1 Land Use Committee is advanced.]**

- 7.1. Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen, encourages residents to register non-conforming fences and hedges prior to deadline. (For more information, visit [planning.lacounty.gov/Altadena](http://planning.lacounty.gov/Altadena) or call 213-974-6411.)
  - 7.1.1. Action Item CUP #2018001418, Project Verizon renewal and installation of emergency generator \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Harlow provides an overview of the project and the due diligence performed in obtaining feedback from residents. More than 80 residents were canvassed, but only 10 were available. Eight expressed their support and two shared concerns regarding health impact. Residents were informed that the present wireless station is not being changed. Mr. Harlow moves that ATC writes a letter to Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning recommending approval of CUP 2018001418, Project 2018001303 for continued operation of the wireless station and installation of emergency generator at 1901 Allen Avenue with the following conditions: work on the install is to be done during business hours 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday; the generator is to meet all California air pollution, noise and earthquake building laws; and all generator testing is to be scheduled 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. No discussion.



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**7.1.2. Public Comment – None**

Motion: Diane Marcussen  
Second: Dorothy Wong  
Aye: Unanimous  
Nay: None  
Abstention: 1  
The motion carries.  
[Newly elected council members are seated.]

**4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

- 4.1 Slate Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_ Justin Robertson, Committee Chair, provides an overview of the selection process and announces 2018-2019 Officer Slate Altadena Town Council as follows: Okorie Ezieme, Chair; Patricia Sutherlen, Vice Chair; Jennifer Lee, Treasurer; Veronica Jones, Recording Secretary; and Dorothy Wong, Correspondence Secretary. There are no nominations from the floor. Nominations are closed, and the slate is accepted summarily without contested positions.

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS. (changed order on the agenda)**

- 5.1 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Mike Ulloa provided a report of traffic statistics for the month of June. Officer Ulloa reported that there 22 traffic collisions during this month. Four of those collisions were hit and run. There were no fatalities. The majority of 39 citations issued were stop sign related. Officer Ulloa shared information about the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (**SWITRS**) a database that serves as a means to collect and process data gathered from a collision scene. - [iswitr.chp.ca.gov](http://iswitr.chp.ca.gov) and [tims.berkeley.edu](http://tims.berkeley.edu) are two ways to access the data. This database is accessible to everyone.
- 5.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Vicki Stuckey highlighted crime statistics for the month of June. Crime in Altadena was down compared to the previous month of June. There were 41 incidents compared to 48 from the previous month, one was possibility gang related. Captain shared information on Parks After Dark, taking place at Loma Alta Park and National Night Out on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Farmsworth Park. More information can be found on the ATC web site.
- 5.3 County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Grycan provided an activity report for the LA County Fire Department for the month of June. (Activity report on the

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ATC's website, Public Safety Reports or contact [maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov))

**6. General Public Comment**

Julie Tillman lives on Maiden Lane wanted information on policy and procedures of the Altadena Sheriff when a called is received at the station.

Becky Chang announced that Congresswoman Judy Chu was hosting a job fair. Information about this event will be on the ATC web site.

Monica Hubbard informed the ATC on voter registration training organized by NBBA. The training will be held on July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 22 at the Bob Lucas Library and August 11 at the Altadena Library Mariposa Branch.

Marge Nichols shared information related to the initiative to "get the vote out" organized by NBBA. The Altadena Library Board will be on the November ballot.

Pauline Daniels spoke on Route 88 on behalf of neighbors representing the residents, "Keep Altadena Beautiful."

Jane Wong (census tract 4610) expressed her concern about the construction and traffic around Jackson Elementary School. Neighbors around Jackson were never informed about construction that sometimes began at 6 a.m.

**7. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Continued)**

7.2. Altadena Filming Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Chomyn, Chair provided an overview of the committee. The Altadena Filming Committee meets bi-monthly. Frequently ask questions (FAQ) are on the ATC's web-site. If you are interested in attending a Film Committee meeting, please contact the Committee at [altadenafilmingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:altadenafilmingcommittee@gmail.com).

7.3. Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong encouraged the community to get involved with the Safe Streets Committee. The Bob Lucas library and Safe Streets will be hosting a bicycle safety pop-up park in September for community children. Other Safe Streets events include "safe routes to school" information forum for Jackson Elementary.

**8. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS**

8.1. Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Roy provided an overview of the library programs and calendar of events. "A Taste of Dena" will return this year.

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For more information on programs and library events, visit [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org)

- 8.2 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Doug Colliflower reported Webster Pharmacy was being honored by Assemblymember Chris Holden as "Small Business of the Year". Event will be on August 7<sup>th</sup>. He also informed that the Chamber will have a new and improved web-site soon. [www.altadenachamber.org](http://www.altadenachamber.org)
- 8.3. Collaborate Pasadena \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Sanyika reported there was no July meeting in the month of June.
- 8.4. LA, County Dept. of Parks and Recreation - no report.
- 8.5. 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District \_\_\_\_\_ Ann Hickenbottom invited everyone to the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Annual Block Party and Resource Fair being hosted by Assemblymember Chris Holden on August 4.

**9. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**


Meeting adjourned 9:09 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Judy Matthews  
Veronica Jones

Received and filed:

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Veronica L. Jones  
Recording Secretary