



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2018

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:13 PM

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Altadena Girl Scout Troop 4601
Councilmember Jones

1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones
(15) Present: Antino Basara, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Victoria Knapp, Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen, Gloria Sanyika, Jeff Simmonds, Patricia Sutherlen, Sylvia Vega, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, and Dorothy Wong, Billy Malone and Dr. Sandra Thomas, Arron Tschida
(1) Justin Robertson Excused Absent

1.3. Approve August 21, 2018 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen,
Agenda was approved as presented.

Councilmember Sutherlen moves to accept the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion: Patricia Sutherlen

Second: Dorothy Wong

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstention: None

The motion carries.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1. Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme acknowledged a letter from Keep Altadena Beautiful. Chairman Ezieme expressed that lessons had been learned from the Route 88, Transit to the Trails Trial Program. Community engagement is essential and necessary to be successful. Lessons include there must be engagement and collaboration between the community, Altadena Town Council and the County to ensure success and to make sure there is transparency when planning for the community.

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The Chairman reported that as of September 30, 2018 the Route 88 Transit to the Trails trial will end and will not be renewed. Any future plans for transit travel will exclude Loma Alta Drive between Fair Oaks and Lake Ave. as a route. The Altadena Town Council will be establishing a committee consisting of members of the community, Altadena Town Council, the L.A. Public Works to develop a proactive comprehensive transit plan for Altadena. The plan will consider the needs of seniors and other individuals that use public transportation to complete their activities of daily living. The members of the community that may be interested in serving on the committee are invited to contact Chairman Ezieme or the Vice-chair Patricia Sutherlen by e-mail for further information.

- 2.2. Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen gave instructions on how to participate at public comment. Vice-chairman Sutherlen also shared information on the blood drive for the Red Cross being held on September 17, 2018 at the Altadena Community Center from 9:30 a.m-3:30 p.m.

- 2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

- 2.3.1. Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2018 meeting Minutes.

Motion: Veronica Jones

Second: Gloria Sanyika

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstention: 0

The motion carries.

- 2.4. Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee reports balance of \$2,544.00 in the checking account for the ATC. Next month the collection can will have a new look.

- 2.5. Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong announces that correspondence was received announcing the Honorable Judy Chu Fundraiser Banquet will be held on September 17 2018.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

- 3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Cooper provided traffic statistics for the month of July. Officer Cooper reported that there were 18 property damage collisions, two DUI, 121 citations and no fatalities for the month of July. Officer Cooper shared statistics for the entire unincorporated areas served by the California

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Highway Patrol out of the Altadena Office. The number of traffic incidents are down compared to 2017.

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Captain Vicki Stuckey provided crime data for the month of July. Crime is down for the month from 41 incidents for the month June compared to 37 for the month of July. There was one armed robbery. Residential burglaries were down. The Captain stressed the importance of locking your doors and make sure you use heavy duty locks while visiting the gym. She encouraged everyone to stress the importance of gardener's and lawn maintenance workers to keep equipment locked up when not in use. The Captain thanked everyone for coming out for National Night Out.

3.3. County Fire _____ Maria Grycan provided an activity report for the LA County Fire Department for the month of July. Ms. Grycan provided information on the app Pulsepoint. This app allows the public to locate information on specific fires. More information can be found on the Pulsepoint web page: <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/pulsepoint-la-county> . Ms. Grycan gave information on Alert LA County, another means of notifications to residents from the fire department is Alert LA County. Alert LA County is a free mass notification system for Los Angeles County residents and businesses. Alert LA County is used to contact residents if there is an emergency or disaster in the community. The Alert LA County web-site allows residents to sign-up for notifications to be sent to up to three different phone numbers.
(County Fire activity report can be found on the ATC's website, Public Safety Reports or contact maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov)

3.4. Map Your Neighborhood _____ Karen Gibson provided an overview of the Map Your Neighborhood program and the focus of MYN. Currently 8.4% of Altadena has completed training. The next training is September 16, 2018 and November 4, 2018 at the Altadena Town and Country Club. To contact representatives, email mynrsvp@gmail.com, visit www.facebook.com/ALTMYN or call (626) 798-9919.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals participated in public comment:

Jamizine De La Torre - "Safe Routes" and "Walk to School Day" around Jackson Elementary.

Susan Campise expressed concerns about the County's sediment in Hahamongna and how it will affect the habitat in the area. The sediment removal is scheduled to start in November. She would like the County to re-evaluate how the removal will be completed and take into consideration the possible damage that may be caused to the habitat.

Lynette Wiebe spoke on behalf of Altadena Foothill 4-H Club.

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Linda World spoke on behalf of NBBA regarding their campaign to “Get Out the Vote” for the November election.

Daniel Riveria commented on Route 88 Transit to Trails. Would like to have the route continued.

Karina Riveria representing Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council spoke in favor of Route 88.

Lee Knighton would like Route 88 to be continued even if on a smaller reduced scale.

Tiffany Lam commented in favor of the continuance of Route 88

Christian Harrington expressed support for Route 88 to be continued.

Pauline Daniels thanked the ATC on behalf of “Keep Altadena Beautiful”. They are happy with the decision to eliminate the pilot program of Route 88 Transit to Trails.

Felipe Carillo, expressed his concerns if Route 88 were continued.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 Habitat for Humanity – Home Preservation Program __Amanda White,
Community Outreach Coordinator. (No presentation)

- 5.2 Altadena Arts Magnet School _____ Benita Scheckel, Principal gave an informational presentation on the growth and improvement of Altadena Arts Magnet School. The school is offering a French immersion program for students and has received an arts magnet grant that will allow arts to be integrated into the regular school curriculum. Receiving the grant and offering French had contributed to an increase in enrollment and increase test scores.

- 5.3. Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy _____ Karen Burler, Advisor Board gave an overview of the Conservancy. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is an agency of the state of California founded 1980. Their mission is to protect and preserve land for preservation as open space for wildlife, native plants, and for public recreation activities such as hiking. The agency has been granted an award of \$160,000 for trails. This money will help with the La Vina open space planning and access to trails in Altadena. Ms. Bruler will be updating to the ATC regarding the Conservancy and projects in the Altadena area.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen, LUC Chairperson reported the minutes of the July 3, 2018 were approved. Councilmember Marcussen reported the La Vina Change of Use Project was approved by Regional Planning with the stated conditions and moved forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. Everyone was reminded about the Fence and Hedges Ordinance and the importance of registering affected fences and hedges.

- 6.2 Community Relations Committee _____ Dr. Sandra Thomas combined the

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July and August report. Councilmember Thomas reported the replacement plaque for the Buffalo Soldiers was in place at Loma Alta Park Equestrian Center. The official unveiling date is to be determined. Dr. Thomas reported on various issues that have been moved forward to the Executive Committee for review. She indicated there may be additional parking funding from Measure A for the Altadena area.

- 6.3 Filming Committee_____ Ann Chomyn reports the committee is active and meets once month. A letter from the CEO of Film LA is on the Altadena Town Council web-site for review.
- 6.4 Safe Streets, Mobility Committee_____ Dorothy Wong, Chair of the Safe Streets Committee gave an update on the activities of the committee. A "Go-human" Pop Up Bike Skills Park at Bob Lucas Memorial Library on September 23, 2018.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 7.1 Altadena Library_____ No report
- 7.2 Chamber of Commerce_____ Doug Colliflower reported the Chamber is recruiting for new Board members. Applications are available for anyone interested in serving on Chamber of Commerce Board. The Chamber is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on September 17, 2018 at the Altadena Community Center.
- 7.3 Collaborate PASadena_____ Gloria Sanyika reported Collaborate
- Collaborate PASadena met on July 25th. Funding for the program has ended and Pacific Oaks College has adopted Collaborate Pasadena as an advisory board. They will be meeting at Pacific Oaks College.
- 7.4 LA County Dept of Parks and Rec_____ no report

8. Census Tract Reports

- 8.1 4610 Councilmember Jones announced a "Community Ice Cream Social" that will be held on September 25th at the Altadena Community Gardens. This is an information community meeting with State, Federal and local representatives attending.

4601 Councilmember Victory Knapp announced a "Meet and Greet for Census Tracts 4612 and 4601 on August 30 at the Altadena Country Club. This is an opportunity for residents to come and meet their community representatives.

Additional notes: Land Use Committee will be continued to be chaired by Councilmember Marcussen.

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The holiday party will be chaired by Councilmember Knapp.


Meeting adjourned 9:19 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Veronica Jones

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Veronica L. Jones
Recording Secretary