



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes September 18, 2018

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:13 PM

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Deb Halberstadt
Introduced by Councilmember Sutherlen

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

1.3. Approve September 18, 2018 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen,
Agenda was approved with addition of census tract reports for 4603.2, 4601 and
4603.01.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1. Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme

The Chairman Ezieme expressed his appreciation for the work the Altadena Town Council committees were doing along with the community. The work of the committees and community is keeping with the spirit of progressive ideas and community engagement for this year. The Chairman announced Altadena will be hosting the Second Annual Get Healthy Altadena in February 2019.

2.2. Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen gave instructions on how to participate in public comment in two sections of the agenda. Ms. Sutherlen shared that the Altadena Town Council participated in the Library's Resource Fair.

2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2018 meeting.

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Motion: Veronica Jones

Second: Gloria Sanyika

Nay: None

Abstention: 1

The motion carries and minutes were approved.

2.4. Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee reports balance of \$2,867.20 in the checking account for the ATC. The account is in good standing.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong announced that the Altadena Town Council web-site may be re-vamped soon and improvements added. The use of social media as a means to be used by the Council is being discussed and reviewed.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Mike Ulloa provided traffic statistics for the month of August. Officer Ulloa reported that there were 26 property damage collisions, no DUIs and no fatalities for the month of July.

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Captain Vicki Stuckey provided crime data for the month of August. Crime is up for the month from 36 incidents to 37. Residential burglaries have increased for the month. The Captain stressed the importance of being careful when purchasing vehicles from private owners. Captain Stuckey distributed a flyer on purchasing vehicles from private owners.

3.3. County Fire _____ Chief Pat Rohaley provided an activity report for the LA County Fire Department for the month of August. There was a total of 299 calls and four of those were fire related. (County Fire activity report can be found on the ATC's website, Public Safety Reports or contact maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov)

3.4. CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt shared information on the July CERT training. The training focused on heat exhaustion. CERT will be participating with the Chamber of Commerce at the upcoming power breakfast.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals participated in public comment:

Linda World regarding the Library Trustee Election

Anne Hickambottom - Assembly member Holden office information

Nestor De la Torre - Sept meeting for Assemble Altadena

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Patrick Cahalan - PUSD Board of Education regarding Measure I/J on the ballot
Joan Riback - NBBA meeting September 22
Jason Capell – Candidate for Library Trustee Board
Melanie Winter - Water LA program in Altadena

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Fences & Hedges Registration _____ Alex Garcia Zoning Enforcement
Zoning enforcement personnel emphasized the deadline to register non-compliance hedges. Hedges need to be following the County code, specifically hedges in front yards. The deadline to register non-complaint hedges is April, 2019. After registration is complete residents will have 15 years to comply with County regulations. The application will be available on the ATC web-site.

5.2 2018 Altadena Homeless Count Findings _____ Daniella Albedo,
L. A. Homeless Services Authority reported on the recently homeless count in the County of Los Angeles including Altadena. San Gabriel Valley has experienced a three percent increase in homelessness. The increase includes more seniors and females than in previous years. Altadena had a decreased in homelessness from 64 to 56. More information will be placed on the Town Council's web-site along with a PowerPoint presentation.

5.3. Sustainable Front Yard Retros _____ Claire Robinson
of Amigos de los Rio has received a grant to plant trees and to install sustainable front yard retrofits in Altadena. There will be an information placed on the Town Council's web-site.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen,
LUC Chairperson reported the Board of Supervisors has not responded as yet on the La Vina Change of Use Project. That project was recently approved by Regional Planning.

6.1.1 Action Item Project #PMO64462 Subdivision _____ Dorothy Wong
introduced Daniel Singer, owner of the subject property. Mr. Singer explained the details of the subdivision of the 3572 Canyon Ridge Dr. The Land Use Committee recently recommended to the Altadena Town Council that the sub-division be approved with conditions with a letter to Regional Planning.

Council member Wong made a motion that the Altadena Town Council send a letter of recommendation to Regional Planning approving the sub-division Project #PM064462 at 3572 Canyon Ridge Dr. without any added conditions.

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The motion was approved and moved forward.

6.1.2 Public Comment – no public comment

- 6.2 Education Committee _____ Jennifer Lee Chairperson reported the Committee is holding Town Hall on September 26, 2018 on Integration of Public Schools. The Town Hall will be held at the Altadena Center at 7:00 p.m.
- 6.3 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. On September 14, 2018 parents and residents met to discuss traffic issues around the school. October 9, Walk to School Day will include a safe route to school walk with students. Day One will be sponsoring the walk.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 7.1 Altadena Library _____ Ryan Roy heighted events at the library. All library events are listed in the library’s newsletter. Mr. Roy will be resigning his from his employment with the Altadena Library. The Library Board of Trustees will be seeking an interim Director.

Mr. Roy was presented with Certificate of Appreciation by Chairman Ezieme and Vice-Chair Sutherlen.

- 7.2 Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower reported the Chamber has a new office manager, Veronica Jones. The Chamber is hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross on September 17, 2018 at the Altadena Community Center. The Chamber is also hosting a mixer at the Daisy Shop and a Power Breakfast on September 26, 2018.
- 7.3 Collaborate PASadena _____ Gloria Sanyika reported Collaborate Collaborate PASadena met on August 22 at Pacific Oaks College. The Committee will now be part of the Center for Community Social Impact located at Pacific Oaks College. There will be no changes to the body of the committee.
- 7.4 LA County Dept of Parks and Rec _____ Sam Estrada shared the information on programs offered by the parks including a new parenting skills program on Thursday night.

8. Census Tract Reports

- 8.1 4602 Okorie Ezieme and Billy Malone reported on the Palm Street Project. Councilmember Malone suggest that committee members set-up visits directly with the

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developer to be more informed about in the Palm Street property before the Land Use Committee.

4601 Councilmember Victoria Knapp expressed concern about speeding in her census tract. She has contacted to the California Highway Patrol about being on the alert for speeding cars.

4603.2 Gloria Sanyika reported that a speeding evaluation will be done by Public Works in her census tract as a result of traffic issues brought to her attention by Council member Arron Tschida .

4630.1. Dorothy Wong handed out a brochure on the outbreak of mosquitos. She also shared the events of a tour of Lincoln Ave. Water plant.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Veronica Jones

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Veronica L. Jones
Recording Secretary