



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

### November 20, 2018

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

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 PM

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Sheriff's Explorer  
Introduced by Captain Stuckey
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones  
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, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Arron Tschida (13 present)  
  
Sylvia Vega , Bill Malone, Jennifer Lee (excused absent)
- 1.3. Approve November 20, 2018 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen,  
The November 20, 2018 agenda was approved with the following additions, 5.2  
Introduction of Forestry Officers will be presented by Steve Bare, census tract reports for 4604 and 4603.01 were added.

#### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1. Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme  
  
The Chairman Ezieme expressed concern for current events in our State including the fires and mass shootings. The Chair emphasized the importance of being careful. Mr. Chairman thanked the community for being supported of the Town Council and wished everyone a thankful Thanksgiving.
- 2.2. Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen gave instructions on how to participate in public comment listed in two sections of the agenda.
- 2.3. Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones
  - 2.3.1. Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16 , 2018 meeting.  
  
Minutes from October 16, 2018 meeting were approved in final form with minor corrections received from Council members.

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The minutes were approved.

Motion: Veronica Jones

Second: Gloria Sanyika

Nay: None

The motion carried and minutes were approved.

2.4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ The account is in good standing.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong - There was no new information to report.

### **3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

3.1. California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Ryan Bejar provided traffic statistics for the month of October. Officer Bejar reported that there were 20 traffic collisions in October a reduction from earlier months. There were 125 citations issued for the month. The month had 4 DUI arrests and one fatality due to a driver have a medical episode while driving.

CHP conducted a Safe Driving for Seniors presentation at the Altadena Senior Center. This presentation was sponsored CHP along with Assembly Member Chris Holden. Officer Bejar thanked Council members who attended the presentation.

CHP will be collecting toys from December 1 through December 22, 2018 for the CHIP's for Kids holiday drive. Dropoff locations are the local Walgreens, California Pizza Kitchen and Altadena CHP office.

Officer Bejar shared information that the Thanksgiving season will see an increase in CHP presences. CHP will be paying close attention to find those driving without seatbelts and driving while distracted.

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Vicki Stuckey provided crime data for the month of October Crime is down for the month. Aggregate assaults reduced from 5 to 3 for the month. Robberies were reduced from 10 to 7 for the month of October. Captain Stuckey thanked the community for taking her advice for making sure their Priuses and Camry's were garaged or parked behind a locked fence. Allowing for only 1 catalytic converter to be stolen. The Captain asked everyone to be very aware of their surroundings while out holiday shopping. She stressed being extra cautious when leaving packages in the car. The Altadena Sheriff will be having their annual toy drive. Toys can be dropped off at the Altadena Sheriff station and will be distributed to families in the Altadena Community

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- 3.3. County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Crycan of L. A.  
County Fire. (no report)

**4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals participated in public comment:

Brittany Barker – Devil’s Gate Reservoir Restoration Project Update  
Carl H. Sinclair – Tax Workshop at Altadena Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Grannie – Suggestions for re-organization of Altadena Town Council Agenda

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1 Water L.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Melanie Winter

Ms. Winters from Water LA presented information on work that will be done in Altadena to help improve water usage. Water LA is working with the County of L.A. to help conserving water by helping Altadena homeowner’s with individual landscape strategies for managing and conserving rain water. The strategies will be affordable and maintainable. Workshops will be held for Altadena homeowner’s.

- 5.2. Introduction of Forestry Officers \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Barer

The United States Forest Service (Josh Travers, Steve Barer, Oscar Vargas shared the work in the surrounding Angeles National Forest relating to recreation, planting, health and maintenance of trees and fire prevention. No fires are allowed in the mountains this month due to elevated fire danger unless special permit is obtained.

- 5.3. Presentation of Grocery Outlet Information \_\_\_\_\_ Michell and Mario Guajardo

Michell and Mario Guajardo owner-operators of the new Grocery Outlet located on Lake Ave. described the store and what to expect from the outlet store. The owners are committed to be a part of the community. The community is invited to the grand opening on December 13 at 9:00 a.m. More info can be found at:  
<https://groceryoutlet.com/email.sign-up>.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 6.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen,

6.1.1 Action Item Project #R2014-01586 Subdivision  
183-29 E. Palm Street

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Land Use Chair, Diane Marcussen made a motion that the vote on this item be moved to the December meeting due to negotiations between residents and developer are on-going. The vote for this project will be moved forward to the December meeting.

Project #R2014-01586 will return to the Town Council for a vote in December.

6.2 Community Relations \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Sandra Thomas reported the 2019 Homeless Count will happen in January. The Altadena Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year is scheduled for February 1, 2019. Nominations can be made on the Altadena Chamber Commerce web-site.

6.3. Holiday Party Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp

The Town Council holiday event will be immediately following the December meeting.

6.4. Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong

Safe Streets Committee will be meeting December 6<sup>th</sup>. Safe Streets will have L.A. County Department of Public Health at the meeting to hand out a survey regarding traffic safety in Altadena. The survey will also be handed out at the ACONA meeting.

## **7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS**

7.1 Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ (no report)

7.2 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ ( report given with Community Relations report)

7.3 Collaborate PASadena \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Sanyika reported Collaborate Collaborate PASadena meets at Pacific Oaks College. Councilmember Sanyika asked if there is any information or items that should go forward to Collaborate PASadena please contact her and she will make sure it is placed on the agenda and will report back on the outcome.

7.4 LA County Dept of Parks and Rec \_\_\_\_\_ (no report)

## **8. Census Tract Reports**

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8.1. Census Tract

4601 Councilmember Victoria Knapp reported that Allen Avenue between Altadena Drive and Washington will be resurfaced, gutters repairing, accessible sidewalks and new curbs added. This will impact traffic in the census tract.

4603.1 Arron Tschida reported Odyssey Charter School would like to a chance to address the Town Council regarding a letter sent to Pasadena Unified School District regarding Charter School statistics.

4610 Antonio Bercerra attended Arroyo/Windsor community meeting on October 27 and shared information on census tract 4610. The meeting addressed the Devil's Gate sediment removal project. Residents expressed concerns over the 5-year-old traffic report and the amount of sediment removal. More information can be found on the Devil's Gate web-site.

Meeting adjourned 9:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:  
Veronica Jones

Received and filed:

November 20, 2018 **Veronica L. Jones**  
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Recording Secretary