



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019. 7:00 p.m.

Altadena Community Center
730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance _____ Cub Scout Troop 40,
Jackson and Franklin Schools
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Veronica Jones

Antonio Becerra, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Jeff Simmonds, Cynthia Vega, Gloria Sanyika, Justin Robertson, Victoria Knapp, Billy Malone, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, Diane Marcussen, Nick Santangelo, Aaron Tschida (present) Jennifer Lee (excused absent) (14 present)

- 1.3 Approve August 20, 2019 meeting Agenda _____ Pat Sutherlen

The agenda was voted on and approved as presented.

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone welcomed the community and is welcoming the opportunity to Serve as Chair of the Altadena Town Council. He intends to continue and expand the community outreach and engagement process that was started previously. He expressed partnering with other Altadena organizations will be a priority along with improving the web-site.

- 2.2. Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen reminded everyone that Public Comment is listed on tonight's agenda as agenda as item 7.

- 2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of July 16, 2019 were voted on and approved. Aaron Tschida abstained from voting.

2.4. Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Dorothy Wong in the absence of Jennifer Lee presented the donation can to the Community explaining how and why donations were necessary. The town council receives no funding expect for the donations made by the community. There was no reporting of the amount of money current in the fund.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

There was no correspondence to report.

3. SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTION CENSUS TRACT 4603.02

3.1. Candidate Statements _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Pat Sutherlen introduce candidates Chris O'Malley and Dr. Sandra Thomas. Each candidate gave brief statements of their background and qualifications.

3.2. Voting for Candidates _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen distributed ballots to each council member to cast their ballots with the exception of Chairman Malone. Votes were counted by Vice Chair Sutherlen. The outcome of the voting was Dr. Thomas winning the majority of votes. Dr. Thomas will return to her former seat on the Council as the representative for Census Tract 4603.2.

3.3. Swearing in Council Member _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Billy Malone administered the Oath to Dr. Thomas. Dr. Thomas was sworn in for the term of 2019-2020 and took her seat along with other council members.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

4.1 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Stephanie Norton

Officer Norton reported the number of traffic incidences for the month of July. It included 24 car collisions, two of those were DUIs. Woodbury Rd. was the street with the most collisions with 4. Officer Norton introduced the new community relations coordinator Officer Cooper.

Information on traffic collision is available at: <https://www.chp.ca.gov/traffic>

4.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Capt. Marjory Jacobs

Captain Jacobs reported that the community supported for National Night Out in large numbers and enjoyed the evening in the park with food and entertainment. On September 19 Coffee with a Cop will be held at the Coffee Gallery from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Crime in Altadena is down 5% from last month. There were 5 aggravated assaults, 1 domestic violence and six residential burglaries. Unlocked cars was the reason for most crimes. Grand theft auto is down 32% from the same time period last year.

4.3 County Fire _____ Chief Mackey

Maria Grechen provided the monthly activity reported for L.A. County Fire Department. The department responded to 355 calls of which 296 were medical emergencies, six fires. The Fire department responded a total of five power lines down, two gas leaks and 13 collisions. Full report can obtain from: www.fire.lacounty.gov

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Introduction to Stater Bros. _____ Steve Toscano, District Manager

Mr. Toscano provided the Council and the community with the history of Stater Brothers. Stater Brothers is the largest privately owned grocery store in California with a total of 172 stores. It is a full-service market with an on-site butcher.

Mr. Toscano expressed Stater Brothers was a community minded organization, contributing to schools and communities organizations. Being part of the community is part of the philosophy of the store. Stater Brother's has joined the Chamber of Commerce and plans on being part of the Altadena Community.

5.2. Altadena Library Update _____ Katie Clark Board of Trustees

Ms. Clark gave a status update of the library. She highlighted the hiring of a new permanent director of the library is underway and should be completed by the end of September. The library is working on a Strategic Planning Process, Facilities Master Plan and Capital Improvements. The Facilities Master Plan includes ADA compliance for both libraries. The Bob Lucas branch will have a complete makeover. A redistricting process will take place to ensure every resident is included in the voting process. The library will be changing from at-large voting process to a by-district process by 2021.

5.3.Update on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADA’s) and other Housing

Housing ordinances _____ Ayala Scott, Dept. of Regional Planning

Ayala Scott and Soyeon Choi gave an update on ordinances pertaining to affordable housing, inclusionary housing, mixed income and affordable housing preservation. The ordinances address short-term housing and services until homeless can secure permanent housing and to main the supply of lower-cost housing to avoid displacement of tenants or loss of affordable units due to new development.

ADU have been changed to allow more units to be built. An ADU is a dwelling unit with a full kitchen and bathroom, which is an accessory use to a primary or main single-family residence. The ADU can be used as a rental.

More information can be obtained at: planning.la.gov/adv

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec _____ San Estrada

San Estrada updated the Council and community on current park programs at the Altadena Parks, including Loma Alta, Farmsworth and Charles White. The summer program has ended and the after-school program will began with the starting of the new school session. There will be a flag football program, tiny tot program and team program offered at the parks.

More park information: parks.lacounty.org

6.2. Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower

Mr. Colliflower reported on upcoming Chamber events. The Chamber will be hosting a “Mixer” on September 16 at Monte Cedro and a Power Breakfast with Assemlenember Chris Holden on October 16th. The Chamber will be taking applications for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year for 2020 soon. More information can be found at: www.altadenachamber.org

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Francisco Vargas – America’s Job Center of California
Berkeley Sloan and Annabel Peterson – Climate change

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen

Ms. Marcussen presented an update on the Land Use Committee. The recommendation for Bvlgarini restaurant will be voted on at the next Land Use Committee. Census tracts 4602 and 4603.2 has opening for representatives on the Land Use Committee.

9. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

9.1 4602 Chair Billy Malone reported the outreach process for Bvlgarini' CUP is underway. The Palm Street Development went to Regional Planning on July 17th and past with some conditions but is being appealed.

4503.02 Councilmember Sanyika reported on a traffic study completed by Public Works for the corner of Glenrose and Harriet. An all-way stop has been recommended for the corner along with marked cross-walks. Glenrose and Ventura did not qualify for the all-way stop control.

4610 Councilmember Becerra reported on the July 13th community meeting hosted by the County. The meeting focused on the planning of the new development on Lincoln Ave. A report has been developed from this meeting and is available for review. There will be a "community ice cream social" on August 28th focused on recording oral histories of people of color living in Altadena.

4613 Councilmember Marcussen reported on the continuation of the road work on New York Drive. Councilmember Marcussen, Small Business Group, representative from the Supervisor's Office and Regional Planning walked and spoke to businesses in her census tract about getting involved with the community and where to go in the County for help with doing business in Altadena.

10. ADJOURMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

The entire meeting is available on YouTube.