



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance _____ Altadena Foothills 4H Club
Introduction, Victoria Knapp
- 1.2 Roll Call _____ Veronica Jones

Antonio Becerra, Veronica Jones, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Jeff Simmonds, Sylvia Vega, Gloria Sanyika, Justin Robertson, Victoria Knapp, Billy Malone, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, Diane Marcussen, Nick Santangelo, Aaron Tschida (14 present) Dr. Sandra Thomas, Okorie Ezieme, (2 excused absent)

- 1.3 Approve September 17, 2019 meeting Agenda _____ Pat Sutherlen

The September 17, 2019 agenda was voted on and approved as presented.

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone welcomed the community and thanked everyone for their support of the recent Town Hall with Supervisor Barger and Senator Portantio. The Chair reminded everyone of the upcoming event, "Coffee with the Captain" on September 19, 2019.

- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen reminded everyone of the process for public comment. The Vice-Chair shared information on the 2020 Census outreach that will take place in the community. Information can be found at: census.lacounty.gov

- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of August 20, 2019 were voted on and approved. Councilmember Sanyika abstained from voting.

- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Treasurer, Jennifer Lee stated the Town Council's account has a balance of \$2,242.28. The account is funded by donations from the community.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Wong reminded everyone about upcoming events in the community, including Coffee with the Captain (September 19th), Town Hall meeting with Sheriff Villanueva (September 18th). All events times and dates can be found on the web-site: altadenatowncouncil.org

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Cooper

No report was given due to special assignment of Officer Cooper.

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

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Capt. Marjory Jacobs

Captain Jacobs reported that crime in the community was down 11.5% for the month of August. The total number of crimes for the month was 51 compared to 55 from the previous month. The Captain recommended residents take pictures of any valuables. Pictures of the valuables can make returning easier if they are stolen and recovered. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Town Hall with Sheriff Villanueva (September 18) and the Coffee with the Captain (September 19).

3.3 Map Your Neighborhood _____ Karen Gibson

Community leader, Karen Gibson presented information on recent MAP Your Neighborhood training. Recent training held at the Altadena Country Club was well attended. Facilitator training will be held on February 9, 2020. Ms. Gibson encouraged residents to arrange with neighbors a "shake-out" event in preparation of an earthquake.

3.3 CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt

Altadena CERT Coordinator Deb Halberstadt reported the next CERT meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday in October. The July 10th meeting focused on earthquake preparedness. Ms. Halberstadt distributed various articles on earthquake preparedness.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen

4.1.1 Action Item CUP 2019-004640, Project 2019-002582
Renewal of Sprint PCS CUP 2007-0012 for 15 yrs Sutherlen/Santangelo

Councilmember Marcussen shared information regarding upcoming proposed ordinances on housing, including affordable housing preservation, supportive housing inclusion housing. The County is seeking input from residents on these proposed ordinances. More information can be found at: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/housing/initiatives>

Councilmember Pat Sutherlen along with Sprint representative, Marilyn Warren explained and answered questions regarding the CUP 2019-004640, Project 2019-002582. This is a renewal an existing Sprint CUP that is due for renewal.

The Council voted to send a letter to Regional Planning with a recommendation to approve project with the addition conditions listed in the letter.

The motion passed and a letter from the town council will be sent to Regional Planning.

4.1.1.1 Public Comment

No public comment.

4.1.2 Action Item Project 2019-00060, Bulgarini Gelato to add wine and beer sales Malone/Ezieme

Chairman Malone presented an update on this project. Outreach to the surrounding committee was completed and including 172 residents. The recommendation of adding wine and beer sales to Bulgarini Gelato was well received and there were no negative responses. There were two written responses.

The Council voted to send a letter to Regional Planning with a recommendation to approve project with the addition conditions listed in the letter.

The motion passed and a letter from the town council will be sent to Regional Planning.

4.1.2.1.1 Public Comment. – no public comment on this item.

4.2 Safe Streets Committee _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported partnering with Altadena for Clean Air and Altadena Heritage for an event, “Clean Air Day” which will be held on October 5th at the Altadena Library. She presented the “Clean Air Pledge” which supports California Clean Air Day and made a motion for the Town Council to vote on the pledge. A vote was taken and motion passed. This motion acknowledges that the ATC supports California Clean Air Day.

4.3 Education Committee _____ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee shared information regarding a new information flyer for realtors that will list all PUSD schools. This will make it easier for Realtors to share this information with clients and be more informed about the schools.

She shared information regarding a conference being held on September 28th, "Why We Chose PUSD Schools. This will be held at John Muir High School from 9:30-5:30. This conference will have information regarding upcoming school bond measures, housing cost and public-school enrollment for Altadena/Pasadena. All Altadena residents are urged to attend.

5 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Planning For the Future _____ Asst.Fire Chief Mackey

Chief Mackey provided a brief monthly activity reported for L.A. County Fire Department. The department responded to 361 calls of which 295 were medical emergencies, seven fires and 8 hazardous calls.

Chief Mackey share challenges being experienced by the local fire fighters. Medical calls have increased 50% with only a 5% increase in staff. The County Fire technology and communication system is outdated and needs upgrading to be made current with other outside agencies. Councilmembers received a survey requesting information on community needs and wants from the fire department. The survey will be used by the L.A. Supervisors to consider future funding and bond measures. It is suggested residents complete the survey to help the Board of Supervisors.

The survey can be found and completed at: www.wearelacountyfire.org

Councilmember Simmonds made a motion recommending ATC write a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending support for increased funding to the L.A. County Fire Department to help with the challenges they are now facing.

Vote was taken and the motion passed. A letter will be sent on behalf of the ATC supporting additional future funding for the fire department.

ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

Sam Estrada updated the Council and community on current park programs at the Altadena Parks, including Loma Alta, Farmsworth and Charles White. Mr. Estrada highlighted the upcoming beach clean-up on September 21st at Dockweiler Beach and the after-school program.

More park information: parks.lacounty.org

6.2 Chamber of Commerce _____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones reported on upcoming Chamber events. The Chamber will be hosting a Power Breakfast with Assemblenember Chris Holden on October 16th at the Altadena Country Club starting at 8:00 a.m. 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

6.3 Collaborate PASadena _____ Gloria Sanyika

Councilmember Sanyika share information regarding the Collaborate PASadena meeting of August 28th held at Pacific Oaks College. The meeting was an update on the Student Success Workshop, secondary school attendance and scope of attendance issues.

Councilmember Sanyika reported the 2020 Census was also discussed at the meeting. April 1st is Census Day. This will be the first time the census will be available on-line. It is important that everyone participate in taking the census to ensure accurate counts are recorded. Inaccurate counts can lead to redistricting and loss of money for California. California could receive up to \$77M in funding depending on the final census count. Pasadena could receive up to \$18M. Councilmember Sanyika stressed the importance of the census.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Schatte- homeless
Ann Chomyn – Third Thursday Program
Eugene Hutchins – Oliver Goodard Project
Joy Walters – Clean Air Day
Daria Toporis – Hidden Histories

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1. 4610 - Antonio Becerra gave an update on the Lincoln Development Project. The project has moved forward and a developer will be chosen in the near future. Community outreach will begin once the developer is selected.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:



Veronica L. Jones
Census Tract 4610
Recording Secretary