



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

7:00 p.m.

730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance _____ Girl Scout Daisy Troop #70731

Introduction, Veronica Jones

1.2 Roll Call _____ Veronica Jones

Antonio Becerra, Veronica Jones, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Jeff Simmonds, Sylvia Vega, Gloria Sanyika, Jennifer Lee, Billy Malone, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, Diane Marcussen, Okorie Ezieme, Arron Tschida (13 present)
Dr. Sandra Thomas, Victoria Knapp, Nick Santangelo (3 excused absent)

1.3 Approve October 15, 2019 meeting Agenda _____ Pat Sutherlen

The September 17, 2019 agenda was voted on and approved with the following additions:

Item 3.3 will be presented by Assistant Fire Chief Mackey

Item 6.1.1 Public Comment added to agenda

Item 8.1 Census Tract report for 4601

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone welcomed the community. He reminded everyone public comment cards were available on the piano and the allowed time for comments is two minutes. Council members are available after the meeting for further questions and discussions.

The letter of support for L.A. County Fire Department was completed by Council member Simmonds.

The Chairman discussed giving each census tract an allowance of \$50.00 per year taken from the ATC checking account to help with cost for community events.

A motion was made to approve the \$50.00 expenditure per census tract. Vote was taken and motion passed.

Chairman Malone discussed how items on the agenda would alternate each month alternating Public Comment and Community Reports. The December meeting will include the 3rd Annual Holiday Party. Volunteers from the community are welcomed and encouraged to take part in the planning of the party.

2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen reminded everyone of the process for public comment.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of September 17, 2019 were voted on and approved.

2.3 Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Treasurer, Jennifer Lee stated the Town Council's account has a balance of \$2,233.09. The account is funded by donations from the community.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Wong requested the community to send community events to her to be posted on the web-site.

Altadena Community events can be found on the web-site: altadenatowncouncil.org

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Cooper

Officer Cooper reported for the month of August there were 13 accidents with property damage and only two collisions with injuries. There was a total of four DUIs for the month and three hit and run accidents each resulting in property damage only. The month of September has 13 property damage accidents, six accidents with injuries, six hit and runs with damage to property only and 3 DUIs. There was an accident on Woodbury Road resulting in a fatality early in the day.

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

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Capt. Marjory Jacobs

Captain Jacobs announced that Tip-A-Cop result in raising \$1,500 for the Special Olympics. The Sheriff's Citizen's Academy had 12 community members enrolled. The program is in its third week.

The overall crime increased for the month of September. There was a total of six assaults. Three of those took place at a group home. The Sheriff's Department has partnered with outside agencies to help reduce and eliminate problems at the group homes in the community. Larceny increased by two from 11 for August to 13 for the month of September. The Captain stressed the importance of locking your vehicles.

3.3 Fire _____ Assistant Chief Mackey

Assistant Fire Chief Mackey presented the fire report for the month of September. The Fire Department responded a total of 383 calls, seven fires, 320 medical calls and six hazard conditions calls. One fire was located in the forest.

4. GENERAL COMMENT

Sandra Newton – Interested in an emergency alert system for Altadena.
Grannie Shakur – Rotating items on the agenda.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen

Councilmember Marcussen reported there was no meeting in September but there will be an October meeting.

5.2 Safe Streets Committee _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong announced the date of the next Safe Streets meeting will be October 22 at 6 p.m. at the Altadena Center. The topic will be traffic mobility and safe routes to school.

5.3 Education Committee _____ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee shared information regarding the closing of Franklin Elementary School. It is slated to be closed during the 20/21 school year.

A motion was made to allow the Education Committee to present ideas from the community regarding school closings to the School Board. This action would all the PUSD School Board to hear ideas and concerns from the Altadena Community. The motion was unanimously passed.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Altadena Town Council Outreach _____ Pat Sutherlen

Councilmember Sutherlen shared information on how the Council was working to improve and become involved with other community organizations. The \$50.00 stipend is a beginning to help councilmembers with outreach to the community. The town council welcomes and encourages other groups and organization to be present and placed on the town council agenda. Presentations will follow town council guidelines.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

Information will be placed on the town council web-page.

More park information: parks.lacounty.org

7.2 Chamber of Commerce _____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones reported on upcoming Chamber events for the month. The Chamber will be hosting a Power Breakfast with Assemlenember Chris Holden on October 16th at the Altadena Country Club starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be a mixer at Eaton Canyon Villas on October 24th. 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

7.3 Library _____ Terrey Andruess

Library Board member Terry Andruess reported the library has a new director, Nikki Windslow. She comes to the library with 15 years of experience. She was Assistant Director for the Glendale Library, Arts & Culture where she oversaw Public Services for eight branches, Technical Services, and Library Information Services.

Upcoming events at the library can be found on the library's web page:
www.altadenalibrary.org

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1. 4601 - Councilmember Simmonds encouraged the community to come out on October 26 from 9 a.m. – 12 pm for a 3-4 mile hike to discovery the history of the Rubio Canyon from the Mt. Lowe Railway and Camp Huntington days, and explore the newly improved trails.

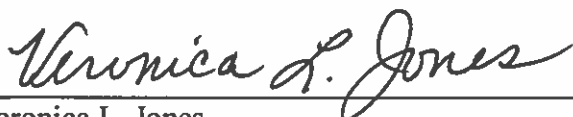
9. ADJOURNMENT

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
Recording Secretary