



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

December 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 _____ ACT Club (Action Changes Things)
Introduction, Victoria Knapp
- 1.2 Roll Call _____ Veronica Jones

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

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

The December 17, 2019 agenda was voted on and approved with the following addition: 8.1 Census Tact Report - 4301

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone welcomed the community and invited everyone to participate and enjoy the holiday celebration immediately following the meeting. Chairman Malone expressed sadness about the passing of Mr. Bruce Dennis on November 15, 2019. Mr. Dennis had been recognized by the Town Council for his contribution to as a Buffalo Solider. Chairman Malone also shared information regarding the support the Altadena Sheriff's given the Fuentes family. The Fuentes family recently experienced sudden tragedy.

- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen reiterated how to make public comment. Council does not respond to public comment during the meeting. There are two chances for public comment on tonight's agenda, General Public Comment and Public Comment immediately following the presentation of the Land Use report. Council members do not respond to public comment during the meeting.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 19, 2019. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved in final form.

2.4 Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Treasurer, Jennifer Lee stated the Town Council's account has a balance of \$2,195.23. The account is funded by donations from the community. A total of \$240.00 collected at the November 19, 2019 meeting was donated to the Altadena Sheriffs be added to collection for the Fuentes family.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

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

All meetings are recorded and can be viewed on YouTube.

3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Cooper

Officer Cooper informed the community that CHIPS for kids will take place from November 30-December 24, 2019. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the CHP Station or Walgreens. Christmas Tree Lane tree lighting ceremony on December 14, 2019 went well and without any incidents. Officer Cooper stressed the importance of being prepared for the rain by being smart and careful.

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

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Capt. Marjory Jacobs

Captain Jacobs informed the community that the Sheriffs had partnered with local community organizations, including the Altadena Town Council to support the Fuentes family. The family received gifts and money to help them through this tragic time.

The Sheriff's along with LA County will be hosting a toy give away on December 21th at Farmsworth Park.

Residential burglaries and larceny thefts numbers were down from last month. Arrests in the community were up by eight.

There was an overall increase in crime for the month. There were no homicides or rapes during the month. Larceny thefts are down. Cars being broken into is still a major problem in the community. The Captain stressed the importance of locking your vehicles.

3.3 Fire _____ Maria Grycan

Maria Grycan presented the fire report for the month of November. The Fire Department responded to a total of 321 calls, 2 fires, 281 medical calls, and 8 traffic collisions

The Board of Supervisors approved the fire measure for the March 3rd ballot. This measure would raise revenue for the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

If approved by voters, the six-cent parcel tax measure will allow the Los Angeles County Fire Department to hire more paramedics and firefighters, update lifesaving equipment and meet the challenges presented by more frequent wildfires and rising 911 calls.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

-None

5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

Mr. Estrada shared information on upcoming park events including the toy give away scheduled for December 21st at Farmsworth and Loma Alta Parks. The Parks will be offering a holiday camp for children. Loma Alta Park will be hosting a Snow Day on December 27th.

Information on these and other park events will be placed on the town council web-page.

More park information: parks.lacounty.org

5.2 Chamber _____ Doug Colliflower

The next scheduled Chamber event will be the Installation Dinner of the Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. The event will be held on January 31, 2020 at the Altadena Country Club.

The Chamber's web-site: altadenachamber.org

5.3. Altadena Library _____ Nikki Winslow, Director

The new Library Director, Nikki Winslow share information about upcoming library events with the town council and community. The library will be hosting two "Town Halls" on January 14th and 16th regarding the developing phased plans for facilities improvements at the Altadena Libraries, There are two proposals for each library building. The Town Halls will be an opportunity for residents to share their ideas and thoughts on the process of renovating the libraries

Library web-site: www.altadenalibrary.org

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Hickenbottom – Update from Assemblymember Chris Holden’s office. His office is accepting nominations for Woman of Distinction at: www.asmdc.org/holden

Christen Daly – is no longer working for Supervisor Barger’s office and is running for Congress.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen

ACTION ITEM

CUP 201500095, R2015-02353 Verizon & Sprint wireless facility. 2949 Lincoln Ave
Presenters - Jerry Ambrose, John Halminski Chris O’Malley, Gloria Sanyika

Chris O’Malley, Land Use Committee Member, updated the town council and the community on the results of his outreach to the community. He received a mostly positive response with some residents having no opinion.

Councilmember Gloria Sanyika made a motion that CUP 201500095, R2015-02353 Verizon & Sprint wireless facility, located 2949 Lincoln Ave be approved with the following listed conditions included in the recommendation:

- Work on the install is to be done during business hours: 8am-5pm M-F
- Generator is to meet all California air pollution, noise and earthquake building laws. Generator testing is to be scheduled during business hours (8am-5pm M-F)
- Verizon shall co-locate their equipment with Sprint on a single mono-eucalyptus tower
- Tower to be check and repaired at least once per quarter
- Network operators telephone number visible and posted on site

A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

7.1.1 Public Comment. – None

7.2 Holiday Party Committee _____ Victoria Knapp

Councilmember Knapp thanked all the many businesses that made contributions to the Holiday Party. Including, Bloomfield Ice Cream, Coffee Gallery and El Patron. The Councilmember invited everyone to stay and enjoy the holiday party. There would be a short intermission would take place to allow set-up before the party would begin.

8. Census Tract Report - 4603.01

Councilmember Dorothy Wong shared information on Alta/Pasa Green Circle. They are looking for volunteers help at the Farmers Market. All eating utensils are being provided by Green Circle.

She also shared the information about the upcoming Regional Planning meeting being held on January 11 at Eaton Canyon regarding Historical Districts in Altadena.

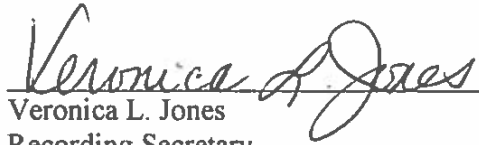
9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:



Veronica L. Jones
Recording Secretary