



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

7:00 p.m.

730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance _____ Dr. Sandra Thomas, ATC
Introduced by Billy Malone
- 1.2 Roll Call _____ Veronica Jones

Antonio Becerra, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Gloria Sanyika, Billy Malone, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, Victoria Knapp, Diane Marcussen, Nick Santangelo, Jeff Simmonds, Arron Tschida Veronica Jones, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Jennifer Lee (15 present) Sylvia Vega (excused absent)

- 1.3 Approve February 18, 2020 meeting Agenda _____ Pat Sutherlen

The February 18, 2020 agenda was voted on and approved with the following additions: 9.2 Census Tract Report – 4601, 9.3 Census Tract Report 4613

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone shared information with the Community regarding The upcoming Town Council election. Veronica Jones will chair the Election Committee. June 9th and June 13th is the tentative dates for voting.

LWV/Altadena Chamber/ATC will be hosting a L.A. Supervisor's candidates' forum on Feb. 24th at the Altadena Country Club. Two of the candidates running for LA. Supervisor has confirmed their attendance.

Senator Portantino will be hosting a town hall with information on Bill SB45, a wild fire, safe drinking water, drought preparation and flood Protection bill, at Descanso Gardens on Feb. 28th from 10 a.m. – noon.

- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen reminded everyone how to participate in public comment. Comment cards must be filled and handle to the Council. Comments are limited to two minutes. There are two opportunities for public comment in tonight's meeting. The first is General Public Comment for items not on the agenda, Public Comment item 8.1.1.1 is specifically for comments related to the Land Use item on the agenda.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve January 21, 2019 meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented in final form.

2.4 Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Treasurer Lee reported a balance of \$2,164.25 in the ATC checking account. The account is balanced and in good standing. The account is funded by donations from the community.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Corresponding Secretary Wong updated the community on upcoming events including Altadena Heritage/Safe Streets Committee's Street Story 101 event being held Feb. 20th, Safe Routes to School bike route assessment on Feb. 19th and Metro's Nextgen meeting.

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

All Town Council meetings are recorded and can be viewed on YouTube.

3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol _____ No report

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Lt. Alex Canchola

Lt. Canchola reported the number of aggregated assaults were down by three for the month but assaults were more serious and included fire arms. These assaults including two shootings during for the month. Additional Sheriff's units have been added during each shift. Lt. Canchola share that there was a homicide during the current month. This crime is an on-going investigation.

Anyone with information homicide can call (323)890-5500 (Sheriff's hotline)

3.3 Altadena Fire _____ Maria Grycan

Maria Grycan presented the fire report for the month of January. The Fire Department responded to a total of 373 calls, 313 medical calls, 235 transported and 14 traffic collisions, seven fires. One fire was a house fire that burned the home and animals.

3.4 CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt

Mrs. Halberstadt share some of the activities and upcoming events for CERT. On March 26th CERT will have preparedness training for earthquake with community leaders, May 19th CERT training is scheduled to take place with possibly neighboring community. More CERT training is scheduled for the Fall.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 Debbie Raney, Park Bench Deli _____ Bill Malone

Debbie Raney, owner of the Park Bench Deli was recognized and honored with certificates from the Altadena Town Council and Altadena Chamber. She is retiring after over 30 years of owning and operating the Park Bench Deli in Altadena.

Jonathan Horton from Congresswoman Judy Chu's office presented Ms. Raney with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition. Ms. Raney was presented with a cake from the Town Council.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Tito Corona – LA Metro – Nextgen Bus and Mirco-Transit
Karen Gibson – NBBA and March Election
Ann Hickambottom – Assemblyman Chris Holden's Office – Woman of Distinction
Katie Clark – Library Trustees – Hidden Histories
Karen Kemp – Water LA – Letter to Supervisor's Office
Rene Amy – Pediatric Cancer Research - Altadena St. Baldactics
Mary Landale – Christmas Tree – Up Hill Races

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

6.1 Meow Meow _____ Doug Forbes

Doug Forbes and Elena Matyas presented information regarding how and why the Meow Meow foundation was formed. The foundation was started after the tragic drowning of their six-year-old daughter Roxie at a summer camp. The foundation strives to eliminate child drownings at camps and child care facilities. Ensuring proper oversight of children at camps and day care facilities is the mission of the foundation.

Mr. Forbess and Mrs. Matyas are working with Senator Portantino to introduce SB 955, the Roxie Rules Act. This bill will make sure oversight and regulation of child camps and day-care centers. The Roxie Rules Act, is a comprehensive recreational camp licensing, oversight, and safety bill.

More information can be found at: www.meowmeowfoundation.org

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

7.1 Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower

Doug Colliflower, President of the Altadena Chamber gave a brief update on Chamber events including the successful annual Chamber Installation dinner held in January and the Tuskegee Airmen dedication.

7.2 Altadena Library _____ Nikki Winslow, Director

Nikki Winslow, Director of the Altadena Library gave an update on the Altadena Library's events for the month of February. Events included Black History programs, Hidden Histories, Friends Book Sale and census job fair. This year's Read-Adena book is "Wild L.A."

The library's web-site: www.altadenalibrary.org/programs

7.3 LA County Dept of Parks & Rec _____ Sam Estrada

Sam Estrada of LA County Parks & Rec gave an update of upcoming and current events at Altadena Parks. There are Black history events for the month of February. Teen and Basketball program are on-going. The County will have a new registration system soon. Park reservations will be made on-line.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Land Use Committee Diane Marcussen

8.1.1 Rayuela Child Care Center, 2121 N. Garfield Ave

Project #2018-003928(5), CUP #RPPL2018006181 to allow a child care center with up to 49 children on 2 lots _____ Pat Sutherlen, Nick Santangelo, Maria Garcia

The Rayuela Child Care Center project was discussed and voted on at Land Use Committee Meeting on February 4, 2020. After much discussion the Land Use Committee voted to make the recommendation not to support the project.

Councilmember Sutherlen explained the details of the project and the results of the outreach to the surrounding neighborhood. Most concerns were regarding traffic, noise and pick-up and drop-off schedule for the students.

Councilmember Sutherlen shared the additional conditions that would be request in the letter to Regional Planning if the Council supported the project. Councilmember Sutherlen read all the conditions that would be added to the Regional Planning letter including new conditions not discussed at the Land Use Committee.

8.1.1.1 Public Comment

Mary Kazemi	- has concerns
Sherry Panahi	- has concerns
Richard Klingbail	- has concerns
Kalind Carpenter	- in favor of the project
Susannah Beven.	- in favor of the project

Motion was made to vote on the subject project with the addition of all the conditions set-forth and discussed. The Council voted on the project with the additional conditions as read. The vote was in favor of writing a letter of support to Regional Planning with the conditions and including the concerns.

9. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4601 Victoria Knapp invited everyone to the Ribbon-Cutting/Make Space for Art event being held at Altadena Elementary School on March 11 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

4613 Diane Marcussen reminded everyone that we are limited to watering one day a week, Saturday before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

4603.02 Dr. Thomas thanked the community for the support shown for the Oliver Goddard Dedication.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FINAL FORM AND CONTENT:



Veronica L. Jones, Recording Secretary