



## ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2020

7:00 p.m.

(Virtual)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

1.1 Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman, Billy Malone

Chairman Malone welcome the community and guest speakers. He thanked the library for setting up the platform for that made this meeting possible. Without the library's partnership this meeting may not be happening. The Chairman assured everyone that Altadena Town Council is still here and working for the community even through these strange and difficult times.

1.2 Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones

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

1.3 Approve April 21, 2020 meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

The agenda for this April 21, 2020 meeting was voted on and approved noting that Officer Cooper, California Highway Patrol would not be present to give his report. The California Highway Patrol report would be read into the record by Vice-Chair Pat Sutherlen.

#### 2. OFFICERS' REPORT

2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone stressed to the community the importance of abiding by the "stay at home orders" issued by Los Angeles County. Information on those orders could be found on the town council web page for current information.

2.2 Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen stated all public comment emailed to her in advance would be read into the record.

2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve February 18, 2020 meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented in final form. Minute will be available on the web-site.

2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee

Treasurer Lee reported a balance of \$2,262.40 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 directed the community to refer to the ATC web-site for information on COVID-19. The ATC web site can be used to reach the L.A. County web-site for the most current information.

Altadena Community events can be view on the web-site: [altadenatowncouncil.org](http://altadenatowncouncil.org)

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

### 3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Pat Sutherlen read into the record the California Highway Patrol stats for the month of April. The report 21 crashes, 5 hit and run, no DUIs. There was 4 injury accidents and 14 accidents with property damage only. The number of traffic collisions were down due to less drivers on the road because of the "stay-at-home orders" but speeding was increased due to less traffic.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Capt. Jacobs

Capt. Jacobs reported crime for the month is down 13%. Domestic violence was up 8%. There was an increase in crime in census tract 4610 including five break-ins at the 24-hour fitness.

Three-hundred-forty-two Sheriff personnel were tested for the COVID-19 virus and 54 were found positive. Testing is available to all sheriff personnel.

During the current pandemic the focus of the Sheriff's is to be highly visible in the community.

3.3 Altadena Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Malone

Chairman Malone read into record the fire report for the month of March. The Altadena Fire Department responded to a total of 362 calls, 304 medical calls, 14 service calls, 2 hazmat, 7 hazardous conditions and 28 good intent calls.

3.4 CERT \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Malone

Chairman Malone reminded everyone that CERT suggests everyone always keep a three-month supply of food, money, water and approximately \$500 in cash in preparation for disasters. The current pandemic is an example of why this is true. CERT will be having a virtual meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

CERT has been following the development of the pandemic since January. Information on the current pandemic was posted by CERT in January.

Currently there are no Red Cross blood drives due to social distancing. Appointments to donate blood can be made directly with the Red Cross. CERT and Billy Malone are working on a virtual blood drive.

#### 4. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

##### 4.1 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Doug Colliflower

Doug Colliflower, President of the Altadena Chamber of Commerce, reported the final amount raised for the Marion Wullschlager Memorial Scholarship fund is \$4,600.00. The scholarship funds will be distributed to four deserving students.

##### 4.2 Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Nikki Winslow, Director

Director, Nikki Winslow gave an update on events and happenings at the Altadena Library. The library branches are closed to the public. The Community can access library books and events through the virtual platforms Hoopla, Cloud Library, Brainfuse and Tumble books applications. Live chat with a librarian is available. Virtual events calendar can be found on the library's web-page: [altadenalibrary.org](http://altadenalibrary.org).

The library has created "Altadena Connections" a newsletter to keep the community connected with current events in the community. Organizations can have their events featured in the newsletter by emailing the information to the library. The newsletter is sent out though email. Ms. Winslow expressed the importance of filling out the 2020 Census. The community will be updated on any information on the re-opening of the library.

#### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 5.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen, Chair

Ms. Marcussen reported the committee has not met recently but is still active with regional planning and is keeping updated on any future projects in Altadena.

##### 5.2 Election Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones

The 2020 Town Council election is postponed until further notice.

##### 5.3 Filming Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

Ms. Sutherlen reported the filming is following the County's "no work" guidelines that are in place during the pandemic. FAQ's are on the ATC web-site.

##### 5.4 Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong



Ms. Wong shared information on the Street Story app which will be available on the ATC's web-site. The Street Story app is a community engagement tool that allows residents, community groups and agencies to collect information about transportation collisions, near-misses, general hazards and safe locations to travel. Everyone was encouraged to use the application while walking to input information on conditions while walking or driving in Altadena.

Devil's Gate Project is scheduled to restart on May 12, 2020.

5.5 Education Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee

Ms. Lee stressed to the community the importance of participating in 2020 Census. Filling out the census will help our community receive Federal and State funding. Monies received during a disaster is based on information taken from the census. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

Pasadena Unified School District schools closed in late March. Students were set-up with tools to continue classes remotely. PUSD purchased "hot spots" for students without internet service. PUSD continues to serve "grab and go" meals to students and families. Classes continue to be held remotely.

6. General Public Comment \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

Vice-chair Sutherlen read into the record public comment from:

Ann Hickambottom – Assemblymember Chris Holden  
Michele Zack - L.A. County street lighting replacement

7. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Open discussion relating to issues census tracts were facing in regards to COVID19. Making sure residents were adhering and obeying closures of trails and parks was a concern. More signs are need at the entrance of all trails. Signage should be consistent throughout trails.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FINAL FORM AND CONTENT:

  
Veronica L. Jones, Recording Secretary