



**ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 16, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

**(Virtual)**

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

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

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

1.3 Approve June 16, 2020 meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

The agenda for this June 16, 2020 meeting was voted on and approved as presented.

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

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

Chairman Malone urged everyone to think global and act locally. He thanked everyone for their work on the Town Council's statement on racial justice. The statement can be found on the Town Council web page. Chairman thanked every Altadena organization that took a position to be part of the solution by making a public statement for racial justice. Those organizations, include but not limited to, NBBA and the Altadena Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Malone stated we may be a small town but we still have a voice and can all be part of the solution.

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

Vice Chair Sutherlen stated all public comment emailed to her in advance would be read into the record under Section 7. General Public Comment. Vice-Chair Sutherlen will be reading two comments into the record. All public comments are emailed to her in advance.

2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve May 19, 2020 meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented in final form. The minutes will be available on the web-site.

2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_Jennifer Lee

Treasurer Lee the ATC checking account had a current balance of \$1,988.99. 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 requested the community to forward any events or information that would be useful for the community. This information could be placed on the web-page for community viewing.

The ATC web site can be used to reach the L.A. County web-site for the most current information on Covid-19.

Los Angeles County: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov>

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 \_\_\_\_\_ No report

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

Capt. Jacobs reported the Sheriffs have been busy with making sure protests were safe and peaceful. The demonstrations-protests have been peaceful, inclusive and respectful with no incidents.

The Captain thanked Altadena for displaying appreciation for her and her staff. The Community has displayed kindness and appreciation.

Capt. Jacobs reported crime in the County of L.A. was down by 20% compared today. Crime in Altadena is down 18% compared to last year. Burglaries are down 35% year-to-date. The stealing of automobiles has increased during the month.

The L.A. County food give-away held at Public Works in Altadena was a success.

The LA County Sheriff's budget will be voted on June 29<sup>th</sup>. There is an 8% anticipated reduction in the budget. Three positions in the department have been reduce to only 8

hours of community involvement per week. These are positions are responsible for community development and building good community relationships. Capt. Jacobs has met with the Community Advisor Group to discuss possible ways to find funds for these positions.

The Captain reported feed-back has been positive regarding not closing the Altadena Station but nothing has been confirmed.

### 3.3 Altadena Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Grycan

Ms. Grycan reported in the month of April LACF responded to 318 calls, of those calls 273 medical, 2 fires and 19 traffic collisions.

Fire season has started in L.A. County. The Los Angeles County Fire Department has two programs that can help residents prepare for fire season, Family Instructions for Rapid Escape or F.I.R.E and Ready, Set, Go Personal Wildfire Action Plan. Both of the programs can be found on the and Ready, Set, Go.

L. A. County Fire Department web-site. [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov)

### 3.4 Map Your Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon Collins

Ms. Collins of Map Your Neighborhood teaches neighborhoods how to prepare for an earthquake. Earthquake preparedness meetings have been able to continue by using the Zoom platform.

## 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### 4.1 Neighborhood Watch \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Setlik

Mr. Setlik explained how to start a neighborhood watch group in a neighborhood within Altadena. The group's purpose will be to communicate information regarding security, safety, and emergency to local residents. Any Altadena resident may start a new group. Groups need not conform to traditional neighborhood watch group structures. Groups are encouraged (but not required) to conduct in-person meetings. While cooperation between groups is encouraged, group territories are not exclusive – you may start a group overlapping (or within) the boundaries of any other group. Groups will work with the Sheriff to establish their group and be included in the AltadenAlert map. Effective and fast communication is the key for a successful watch.

More information on: [AltadenAlert@gmail.com](mailto:AltadenAlert@gmail.com)

## 5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

### 5.1 Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Nikki Winslow

Nikki Winslow, Director of Altadena Library reported the library has 3 Board of Trustee seats. The nomination period for these positions is from July 13-August 7. The library six staff members that make up the team that work on and develop plans for

equity, diversity and inclusion. This team drafted the library's statement on Black lives matter. The library's statement is on the library's web-site.

The virtual summer reading program and summer activities have begun. Zoom is used for interactive events. June is LGBT Pride Month, a time to celebrate the impact members of the LGBT community have made throughout history. The Altadena will highlight LGBT stories during June.

Curbside pick-up is still available.

5.2 L.A. County Parks and Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Estrada

Mr. Estrada reported that the parks summer camps will open June 6 and go through August 14. The camps will provide the STEM program. The pools may be open for private lessons only. No public swimming. All three parks will be providing a lunch program. Farmsworth Park will have a permanent pickleball courts. Reservations are needed to visit Eaton Canyon.

More information: <https://parks.lacounty.gov>

5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Doug Colliflower

Doug Colliflower reported on Chamber events. The Chamber has partner with Neighbors Building a Better Altadena to present an opportunity for our local businesses to get information they need to deal with current challenges and to plan for future success. There will be a webinar on June 17<sup>th</sup> to address the challenges. L.A.County, WDACS, and Consumer & Business Affairs will be presenting at the webinar.

The Summer Concert Series has been postponed until further notice due to the current stay at home orders.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen

Councilmember Marcussen reported that the Land Use Committee did not meet in April. The next scheduled meeting is tentatively set for July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please check web-site for update.

6.2 Election Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones gave an update on the election. The 2020 election was postponed due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Councilmember Jones provided the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Set the early voting election date for November 3, 2020
2. Set the election voting date for November 7, 2020

3. Election Rules and dates will be presented at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to be voted into effect.

Councilmembers Antonio Bercerra, Jennifer Lee, Gloria Sanyika and Okorie Ezieme declared that they will not be running for re-election but will extend their terms to the December 15<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations. The motion unanimously passed.

6.3 Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong has research the “Slow Streets” program and how it will benefit Altadena. The signs are used to slow traffic in residential areas. There are higher numbers of residents walking in neighborhoods because of the stay at home order. The signs would be used temporary until neighborhoods return to normal.

Councilmember Wong reported on the Nextgen L.A Metro Program. The program will be implementing a new bus network that will effect Altadena.

6.4 Film Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

Councilmember Sutherlen reported that permits are being accepted by Film L.A. This indicates that filming will began soon.

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

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

Joy Walters – Clean, healthy air – leaf blowers

Lori Juma – One Altadena – On-going dialogue with government officials.

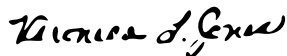
7. Census Tract Report

Councilmember Wong – reported on Black Life Matters marches/protest in Altadena. Wednesday is the Farmer’s Market at Loma Alta Park.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FINAL FORM AND CONTENT:



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Veronica L. Jones, Recording Secretary