



Altadena

Town Council

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

7:00 p.m.

(Virtual)

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

1.1 Introduction _____ Chairman, Billy Malone

The August 18, 2020 meeting of the Altadena Town Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Malone. The Chair noted that the meeting was being hosted by Pasadena Media.

1.2 Roll Call _____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones called roll. The following councilmembers were present: Okorie Ezieme, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Gloria Sanyika, Billy Malone, Victoria Knapp, Diane Marcussen, Antonio Becerra, Veronica Jones, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Jennifer Lee, Sylvia Vega, Reginald Wilkins, Arron Tschida, Gloria Sanyika (16 present). Councilmembers Nick Santangelo, Jeff Simmonds, was absent.

1.3 Approve August 18, 2020 Agenda _____ Pat Sutherlen

The agenda for the September 15, 2020 meeting was voted on and approved with the following addition: 3.5 MAP – Map Your Neighborhood report by Karen Gibson.

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone gave the following updates:

- Updates on the current fires would be given by Maria Grycan.
- ATC supports Measure Z, the Altadena Library's ballot measure on this November's ballot.
- The Executive Committee has appointed Diane Marcussen to continue as ATC represented the Owen Brown Committee
- There would be a presentation on gas blowers in the near future
- Thank you to Council members that volunteered to answer phones for the U.S. Forestry and fire department

2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen stated there was no public comment received.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve August 18, 2020 meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 18, 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 reported the ATC checking account has a balance of \$2,108.21. The account is balanced and in good standing. The report was accepted as presented.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Corresponding Secretary Wong encouraged the community to contact her to have community events placed on the ATC website. The web-site is a resource for information on the current burning fires, including the Bob Cat Fire.

Altadena Community events can be view 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 _____ Phil Cooper, CHP

CHP Officer Phil Cooper gave an update on CHP stats for the month of August.

Altadena traffic stats for the month of August include 15 collisions, three accidents with injuries, three hit and runs, no DUIs and no fatalities. Angeles Crest Highway is closed at Upper Big T. There has been a noticeable increase in traffic.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Capt. Jacobs

Capt. Jacobs reported crime in Altadena was down by 28%. The homicide from August 2 continues to be investigated. Several suspects were arrested in connection with the homicide. The sheriff continues to search for two others. The investigation is ongoing.

The theft of catalytic converters is an on-going problem. The Captain reported a fire at a local barber shop is under investigation and with no conclusion to what caused the fire has been made as of this date.

The need for a designated and approved evaluation route to be used during disasters is needed.

3.3 Altadena Fire _____ Maria Gryan/Asst. Chief Mackey

Ms. Gryan reported fire responses for the month of August were as follows, 257 medical responses, 9 fires and 179 transported, 8 traffic collisions.

Assistant Chief Mackey reported that 41,000 acres had been burned so far in the Bob Cat Fire. The fire continues to burn. He stressed everyone should have an evaluation plan in place. Altadena is not in any immediate danger from the Bobcat Fire.

L. A. County Fire Department. web-site. www.fire.lacounty.gov

3.4 CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt

Deb Halberstadt reported that CERT has been meeting virtually. The Altadena CERT team has teamed up with Crensen Valley, MAP, Sierra Madre and Sheriff's for these meetings. CERT meetings discuss ways to prepare for disasters, pandemic, hazmat and evaluation routes in case of disasters.

There is a Red Cross Blood Drive on October 7th at the Senior Center. If you like more information please contact Deb Halberstadt or go to RedCrossBlood.org.

3.5 MAP Your Neighborhood _____ Karen Gibson

Mrs. Gibson reported MAP Your Neighborhood had 75 residents participate in a MAP Your Neighborhood training. These residents were from the Meadows area of Altadena. It was a very successful meeting. She encouraged everyone to schedule a MAP Your Neighborhood training.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 Collaborate Pasadena Information on local COVID-19 Testing _____ Mary Donnelly -Crocker

Councilmember Sanyika introduced Mary Donnelly-Crocker from the Young and Healthy Program. This program gives no cost health for low income residents. Ms. Donnelly is seeking to bring COVID-testing to the Altadena area. Pasadena Children's Museum has raised \$34,000 for the COVID-19 testing site. This effort is in collaboration with the Pasadena Health Department. There could be

5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ President Doug Colliflower

Chamber President, Doug Colliflower gave an update on Chamber events. Nominations for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year are now open. The President encouraged everyone to submit nominations. The Chamber is looking for Board Members. Board terms are for two years. The Chamber recently endorsed Measure Z.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen

Land Use Committee Chair, Diane Marcussen reported on the Land Use Committee.

The Land Use Committee did not meet in September but plan to meet in October.

6.2 Election Committee _____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones gave an update on the election.

Due to the current crises and county's "stay at home order" the election has been moved to be aligned with the national election in November, 2020. Terms for current council members have been extended until new members are sworn in after the election 2020.

The Election Chair encouraged the community to run for town council. There are eight seats up for election. Applications are on the web-site. The deadline to apply is October 9, 2020.

Voting will be November 3rd and regular voting November 7th.

The Election Committee consisting of the following individuals has met and are planning for the upcoming election:

Antonio Bercerra
Bridget Brewster
Karen Gibson
Gloria Sanyika
Victoria Knapp
Nick Santangelo

The election will be following COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Updates will be continued to be available through our website and virtual council meetings.

6.3 Safe Streets _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong shared on the Safe Streets Committee.

Safe Streets and CAL Berkley have been working together to have a street assessment study done in Altadena.

The County's "Slow Streets" program has been approved for Altadena. The program is a response to COVID-19 allowing streets to be safer by reducing speeds and car traffic. The program City places signs and temporary barricades on some residential streets — but doesn't completely close them off to vehicles.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT _____ Pat Sutherlen

No public comment.

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

- 8.1. 4603.02 – Council member Sanyika reported there had been a planned power outage by SCE on September 3. The power was out from 7a.m. – 4 p.m. Even though this was planned by SCE residents were unaware.

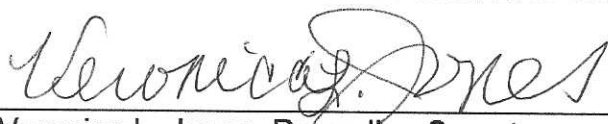
A young enterprising youth, Amora had a successful lemonade stand. Neighbor can out in support of the six-year-old.

- 8.2 4610 – Council member Jones shared about the upcoming 40th anniversary celebration for Charles White. Local Altadena artist and namesake of one of our local parks. It will be a virtual celebration on October 25th. There is a community town hall on the re-naming of Jackson Elementary School on September 24th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FINAL FORM AND CONTENT:



Veronica L. Jones, Recording Secretary