



Altadena Town Council

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

7:00 p.m.

(Virtual)

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

1.1 Introduction _____ Chairman, Billy Malone

The October 20, 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, Nick Santangelo; Jeff Simmonds (16 present)

1.3 Approve August 18, 2020 Agenda _____ Pat Sutherlen

The agenda for the October 20, 2020 meeting was voted on and approved with the following additions: 7.2 Census Tract Report 4610 and 7.3 Census Tract Report for 4613.

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone encourage the community to remember to vote in our local election being held on November 3 and November 7th. The Chairman thanked Supervisor Barger for sponsoring the recent "Back Pack Give Away" at Farnsworth Park. The Supervisor personally gave out backpacks at this event. National voting ballots are being picked up daily from ballot boxes located at Charles White Park and Farnsworth.

2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen stated there were six public comments submitted and they would be read into the record under General Public Comment.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. Approve September 15, 2020 meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented in final form.

Councilmember Simmonds abstained from the vote. 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 \$2,098.22. 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 Bob Cat Fire. Information on the Altadena Town Council election is on the web-site including candidates statements.

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

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 September include 14 collisions, 6 accidents with injuries, 2 hit and runs, no DUIs and no fatalities. CHP training classes have reopened and training of cadets has resumed. Altadena CHP should receive two officers once their training is completed.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Capt. Jacobs

Capt. Jacobs reported crime in Altadena was down by 32%. Robberies are down 12 1/2%. Grand theft auto is up 16%. "Slow Streets" signs that have been put in place for community safety have been vandalized. The signs are a reminder to slow down in neighborhoods and encourage safety during COVID. The Captain urged anyone doing a cash exchange for property to consider doing the exchange in front of the Sheriff's Station to make sure it remains a safe exchange. There will be a fund raiser for officers shot in the line of duty on

October 30 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. All monies raised will go directly to officers shot recently in Compton.

3.3 Altadena Fire _____ Maria Gryan/Asst. Chief Mackey

Ms. Gryan reported fire responses for the month of September were as follows, 361 responses, 223 medical responses, 10 fires 19 hazardous conditions responses and 9 traffic collisions. There were 19 power lines and wires down during the month.

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

4. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

4.1 Altadena Library _____ Viktor Sjoberg

Library, Assistant Director Viktor Sjoberg gave an update on activities of the library.

Library hours and access has been expanded to include limited on-site access. The libraries are open to the public for inside use from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Curbside service is still being offered. The library is offering remote printing and copying services. In addition to lap-tops and hot-spots there is a telescope available for check-out for library users.

The library along with the Altadena Town Council is hosting a community virtual event on Sunday, September 27th celebrating Altadena heroes. More information can be found on the web-page.

Please check library web-site for all library activities:

<http://www.altadenalibrary.org>

4.2 L.A. County Parks and Recreation _____ Sam Estrada

Sam Estrada updated the community on happenings in our local parks. PAD In-Motion has returned this month. Saturday, October 31 L.A. County will be hosting a Halloween Drive-thru. The "Girls Empowerment Program" will continued until the end of September. Farmsworth Park is being upgraded but is open with limited use. The construction should be completed in early 2021.

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

4.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower

Doug Colliflower reminded the community to submitted their nominations for Citizen of the Year 2020 and Business of the Year 2020. The Altadena

Chamber of Commerce is taking application for new Board members. Anyone interested in becoming a Chamber Board Member can contact Doug Colliflower directly: (626)524-4158 or doug.colliflower@gmail.com

More Chamber information can be found on the web-site:
<http://www.altadenachamber.org/>

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 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 October but expect to meet in November.

5.2 Safe Streets Committee _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong shared information about the METRO general meeting being held on Thursday. Los Angeles County is holding a meeting on the Active Transportation Plan on October 29th. The Slow-Streets program is a county wide-program. More information can be found on the Altadena Town Council web-site.

5.3 Election Committee _____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones gave an update on the election process and 14 candidates presented their statements in order by census tract.

Candidates:

CT 4601

Connor Cipolla
Amy Lyford

CT 4602

Donald W. McCormick
Nic Arnzen

CT4603.01

Hannah Petrie
Daniel Morales
Arron Tschida

CT 4603.02

James Christopher O'Malley