



Altadena

Town Council

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

7:00 p.m.

(Virtual)

1. CALL TO -----ORDER 7:04 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance _____ Alina Rodriguez
Girls Scout Troop 4601

Alina Rodriguez is the descendant of an escape slave who joined the Union Army, William B. Gould. This was her great-great-grandfather. The book "Diary of a Contraband" is the story of her great-great-grandfather.

1.2 Roll Call _____ Veronica Jones

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, Nick Santangelo; (14 present)
Arron Tschida, Jeff Simmonds (excused absences)

1.3 Approve November 17, 2020 Agenda _____ Pat Sutherlen

The agenda for the November 17, 2020 meeting was voted on and approved with the following additions for census tract reports: 8.2 4601, 8.3 4603.01 and 8.4 4603.02.

2. OFFICERS' REPORT

2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone reminded everyone that Veteran's Day was recently celebrated. Altadena has many residents and council members that have served in the U.S. Military. Council member Aaron Tschida served 15 years as a United States Marine. Council member Tschida was trained as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Chairman Malone in honor of Veteran's Day thanked Council member Tschida and all veterans and their families for their service to our country.

2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen stated there were two public comments submitted. The comments will 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 October 20, 2020. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented in final form. The minutes will be available on the ATC web-site.

2.4 Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Treasurer Lee reported the ATC checking account has a balance of \$2,267.00. 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 community holiday food giveaways.

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 informed the Council of extra traffic control had been put in place at Woodbury/Lincoln and Altadena Dr.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Capt. Jacobs

Capt. Jacobs reported crime in Altadena was down by 32% overall. Robberies are down 18% and assaults are down 17%. "Click or ticket" seat belt safety checks are being enforced. The Captain reported that there had been a slight increase in shootings. There have been multiply shootings recently believed to be gang related. She requested the public's help in fighting crime. The community can report crime by calling "Crime stoppers 1-800-222TIPS. This a way to leave information anonymously. Two male Hispanics were apprehended while stealing catalytic converters from cars. Captain Jacobs urged residents to not park their cars/trucks on the street but use their driveways to help prevent the theft of their catalytic converter.

3.3 Altadena Fire _____ Maria Gryan/Asst. Chief Mackey

Ms. Gryan reported fire responses for the month of September were as follows, 333 responses, 256 medical responses, 172 transported, 6 fires and 19 traffic collisions. There were power lines and wires down due to the windy weather.

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

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 Starbucks Comes to Altadena _____ Kathryn Pittman,
District Manager

Kathryn Pittman and Kendall Beas presented information on the potential site for a Starbucks in Altadena. The site would be located at Lincoln and Woodbury. The business would have the potential to employ 20 individuals. The potential project is in the planning stages and will return to the town council after it is reviewed by Land Use Committee.

5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Altadena Library _____ Nikki Winslow

Library, Director Nikki Winslow gave an update on activities of the library as follows:

Library hours and access has been reduced to curbside pick-up only due to COVID-19 stay at home orders. Remote printing and copying services are still available. "Altadena Library of Things" has added new items available for check-out, including a sewing machine and telescope. The library Measure Z past with over 17,000 yes votes. This measure was on the recent ballot. The funds from this Measure Z will help the library update both facilities. The library staff is partnering with Christmas Lane to produce videos on the history of Christmas Tree Lane. It will be available for viewing on December 12 on YouTube.

Please check library web-site for all library activities:

<http://www.altadenalibrary.org>

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

Sam Estrada updated the community on happenings in our local parks.

L.A. County Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Thanksgiving event on November 21st. Food will be distributed from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Loma Alta Park. Residents must pre-register. The recent Halloween event was a success, over

450 residents participated. Construction at Farmsworth Park continues but is being open with limited use. The construction should be completed in early 2021.

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

5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower

Doug Colliflower updated the council on Chamber events.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year 2020 and Business of the Year 2020 have been submitted and the winners will be chosen on Friday, November 20th. Winners will be announced on Saturday. There are four openings on the board. A slate of potential board members will be presented at the December board meeting. The Chamber will be hosting a holiday mixer on Saturday, November 21st. More information can be found on web-site.

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/>

5.4 Christmas Tree Lane _____ Scot Wardlaw/Mary Landau

Scot Wardlaw and Mary Landau updated the Council on Christmas Tree Lane.

Christmas Lane's tree lights are installed. The lights will be turned on after being the inspection from L.A. County is completed. An app has been developed that can be used while viewing the lights. The app will have the history of Christmas Tree Lane. It should be available on December 1st. More information can be found on the Christmas Tree Lane Facebook.

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 November but expect to meet in December.

6.2 Safe Streets Committee _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong shared information regarding street safety in Altadena.

METRO bus service will change in December. The Slow-Streets program is a county wide-program that includes Altadena. Slow-streets signs are being placed on neighborhood streets.

Current information can be found on the Altadena Town Council web-site.

6.3 Election Committee_____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones gave an update on the election process.

The election was held on November 3rd November 7th. The election included 13 candidates. There were 422 ballots submitted. There were 5 polling stations including one "vote from home". Voting from home was allowed for residents that were homebound due to COVID-19. The winners of the election were:

Candidates:

CT 4601

Amy Lyford

CT 4602

Nick Arnzen

CT4603.01

Hannah Petrie

CT 4603.02

James Christopher O'Malley

CT4610

Darrell F. Aranda

CT4611

Alan A. Peck

CT4612

Doug Colliflower

CT4613

Diane Marcussen

The new candidates will be sworn in at the December town council meeting

The report was voted on and accepted as presented.

6.4. Slate Committee _____ Pat Sutherlen

Councilmember Sutherlen informed the council that a slate for the executive committee will be presented at the December meeting. Council members will be contacted to find out if they have an interested in serving on the Executive Committee for 2021.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice-Chair Sutherlen read into the record public comment from the following:

Ann Hickambottom re: Chris Holden
Heavenly Hughes re: My Tribe Rise

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4610 – Council member Jones shared information on activities: Vacant lot being sold on Figueroa and Lincoln. L.A. County is conducting a survey on Charles White Park renovations to play area. A new light at the corner of Figueroa and Lincoln should be in place by late Spring.

4601 – Council member Knapp shared information on the Mt. Lowe median being refurbishing by L.A. County. The refurbishing is in Phase I.

4603.01-Council member Wong shared information on Altadena trails. The group "Altadena Crest Trails Working Group is a coalition of local individuals helping to preserving and protecting trail resources in the Altadena foothills. OBA will receive funds to work on La Vina east trails.

4603.02 – Council member Sanyika reported on the COVID-19 testing dates being extended to November 24th. Over 5,000 people have been tested at the site so far. The testing is being paid for by the Southern California Children's Museum and is accepting donations. More information can be found at: tinyurl/4caltechstudy or (323)478-2167.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

APPROVED AS TO FINAL FORM AND CONTENT:



Veronica L. Jones, Recording Secretary