



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena,
California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilperson Jamie Bissner.
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2.1. (13) Present: Okorie Ezieme, John White, Jamie Bissner, Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Jennifer Lee, Amy Cienfuegos, Sylvia Vega, Gretchen Seager.
 - (1) Excused: Billy Malone, Judy Matthews
 - (2) Absent/Unexcused: Ron Adams
- 1.3. Approve July 21, 2015 Meeting Agenda__Chair Diane Marcussen requests that the Agenda be amended to add a Census Tract report under Item 8 for 4603.02. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended made by Councilperson Amy Cienfuegos, seconded by Councilperson Sylvia Vega-unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports and thanks the members of the Council who are leaving. Those members were thanked for their dedication, and hard work during their term. Additionally, Chair Marcussen acknowledges the Councilpersons leaving by presenting certificates from the LA County to Amy Cienfuegos, Jamie Bissner, and Gretchen Seager. Ron Adams certificate will be presented to him at a later date.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme reports that if a member of the community has a comment, they can fill out a public comment card and present to a member of the Council. That community member will be able to make their public comment at the end of the meeting. Additionally, the agenda that has been distributed to the community was approved by the Executive Committee which met and will be the order of business for this meeting.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning the June 16, 2015, Meeting Minutes.
 - 2.3.1 _____ Councilman Hobdy reports that the June 16, 2015, ATC Meeting Minutes were distributed to the Council. Councilman Hobdy indicates that the June 16, 2015, Meeting Minutes were amended to correct the fact that Councilmember Patricia Sutherlen was the Vice Chair and not Chair of the Election Committee. Councilman Hobdy moves to approve the June 16, 2015, meeting minutes as amended; Councilperson Sylvia Vega seconded; unanimous with the exception that Okorie Ezieme abstains.
- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Amy Cienfuegos reports concerning the June 2015, ATC bank account balance. Also, the ATC runs strictly on donations, so if any Community member wants to donate it would be appreciated. Councilperson Cienfuegos also thanks the community and indicates that she enjoyed her time as a Councilmember for the past 4 years.



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2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone. No report.

3. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS _____ Brent Musson Chair of the Slate Nominating Committee.

3.1 _____ Councilman Musson reports that the Slate Nominating Committee (consisting of three (3) sitting Councilmembers) was created to choose Councilmembers who would be ready, willing, and able to serve on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee open seats are for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The Slate Nominating Committee also consisted of Councilmembers Amy Cienfuegos and Sylvia Vega. A slate of officers were created and the slate names were provided to all members of the Council. That slate consisted of Diane Marcussen (continuing as Chair), Okorie Ezieme (continuing as Vice Chair), Damon L. Hobdy (continuing as Recording Secretary), Billy Malone (continuing as Corresponding Secretary) and Patricia Sutherlen (being named Treasurer). Motion by Councilman Musson to ratify the slate as presented; seconded by Amy Cienfuegos-unanimous. The slate is summarily accepted as the Executive Committee Officers in accordance with the Altadena Town Council By-laws.

4. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

4.1 _____ Chair Diane Marcussen swears in newly elected Councilmembers and existing Councilmembers that were re-elected (a) Brent Musson, (b) Sylvia Vega, (c) Damon L. Hobdy, (d) Anne Lansing, (e) Anne Chomyn, and (f) Dean Cooper. The swearing in of Councilman Justin Robertson and Billy Malone will occur at the August 18, 2015, ATC meeting. Those newly elected and re-elected Councilmembers were then seated.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

5.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper no report.

5.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Marquez reports that there is a 19.3% drop in crime (year to date in Altadena) for 2015 – means there are 65 fewer crimes in Altadena from last year 2014. The 5-year reduction in Altadena in the crime rate is at 54% which is a difference of 324 fewer crimes. Lt. Marquez reports regarding the 4th of July stats. There were 15 individual deputies assigned for fireworks suppression which resulted in 8 individuals arrested or cited for illegal fireworks – this number is doubled from last year.

5.3 _____ CERT Karen Gibson reports concerning CERT training which helps individuals prepare their homes and neighbors in terms of fire suppression, search and rescue, first aid and triage. MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (program out of Washington State) is a protocol that individuals engage in with their neighbors to prepare their neighborhood for disaster. MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD is sponsored by CERT.



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Additionally, there is another sub-group of CERT team called ALERT (Altadena Local Emergency Radio Team) which is comprised of persons using hand operated radios and amateur radios like walkie-talkies. They will assist CERT in disaster assistance.

5.4 _____ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief no report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use Committee _____ no report.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

7.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Mindy Kattay, Library Director reports that the Altadena Library is wrapping up summer reading. In August 2015, the program for Latino Americans (500 years of history grant) will be running throughout the whole year. On the Website of the Altadena Public Library is the annual budget. The website is Altadenalibrary.org and go to public documents. In the annual budget there is a discussion of all of the accomplishments of the Library throughout the year as well as strategic goals to accomplish throughout the next year. Also, there is no longer a charge of 50 cents to put a hold on items.

7.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. _____ Albert Gomez (Assistant Regional Recreation Director for L.A. Parks and Recreation in the Altadena area) no report.

7.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ no report.

7.4 Altadena Best Fest _____ Diana Phillippi no report.

7.5 Collaborate PASadena _____ Councilman Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning the collaborate effort by Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre re: the health, safety and welfare of Altadena families and students. There was a Leadership Council meeting that was held July 8, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to identify the goals of Collaborate PASadena and how to identify ways to make it more efficient and effective. There was a discussion of how many parents would be involved so that everyone will have a voice. The goal is to implement ways to help our students and not just simply discuss plans. Please sign up for one of the work groups – these work groups get involved in implementing the plans to help students and families. Go to www.CollaboratePasadena.org to get involved or contact Linda Machida.

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 D. Hobdy/J. Matthews. Councilman Hobdy provides an update concerning his request to the County to stop the speeding occurring on Glenrose in Altadena. The request to the County was to put speed bumps from Palm Street to Altadena Drive. At Councilmember Hobdy's request (as an alternative to speed bumps) the County has placed 25 mph speed markers on the roadway between Palm Street and Altadena on Glenrose as well as a 25 mph speed limit sign for southbound traffic. Additionally, the County will request CHP to place a movable electronic speedometer on Glenrose to help curb speeding. Further reports on the pedestrian crosswalk at



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the intersection of Olive and Altadena Drive will be forthcoming.

Councilman Hobby reports on behalf of Councilperson Matthews. Currently, Councilperson Matthews is working on the following matters. Public works is putting the final touches on Florecita this week. Paving operations began last week, with an asphalt overlay applied to Florecita Way, along with localized repair to cut down tree roots that were lifting pavement and concrete curb and gutter. Crestford Drive will be resurfaced in August tentatively as part of the Slurry Seal of Streets project. Residents will be receiving notice of this work in advance. Public works is addressing blind curves in the Meadows' area that prevent visibility for on going vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The results will be presented within eight weeks. Map Your Neighborhood: The last segment of initial training on Crestford Dr is scheduled. The final training for the entire area to confirm all agreed plans will take place in Aug. The residents of the Meadows have started the initial training segments.

4612 J. Lee/A. Lansing. Councilperson Jennifer Lee reports that the cement benches (22 in residential areas) will be replaced with metal benches with no advertising. Also, 2 benches in front of Eliot with no advertising. This is the first phase which will end within 2 weeks (taking out the old benches and putting in new ones). In September 2015, there will be new benches. A list will be sent to all Councilmembers as to what benches will be replaced in their census tract.

4603.02 G. Sanyika/R. Adams. Councilperson Sanyika provides an update regarding the traffic concerns on Windsor and Figueroa. The traffic counts were not all completed so that a recommendation can be relayed. On June 27, 2015, there was a community harvest of backyard fruit. It was a success. There were about 30 volunteers and 6 residents that participated. All of the fruit harvested was donated to the Pasadena/Altadena school lunch program.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Marge Nichols comments concerning the Altadena Town Council elections of 2015. She suggests there needs to be greater participation on the Election Committee by community members not just from Town Council. She also discusses training of poll workers to avoid spoiled ballots, and indicates that improvements to the ballots themselves should occur. Finally, Ms. Nichols discusses parking at the polling locations, greater information distributed regarding the elections, and to have a community gathering when the election ballots are counted.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 p.m.

Brent Musson moves/Damon Hobby seconded-unanimous.