



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2014

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:01

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilman Billy Malone.
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy
- 1.2.1. (10) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Jennifer Lee
Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Damon L. Hobdy, Patricia Sutherlen,
Judy Matthews, Diane Marcussen
(6) Excused: Gretchen Seager, Ron Adams, Michelle Martinez, Amy Cienfuegos,
Jaime Bissner, Sylvia Vega
(0) Absent/Unexcused: None.
- 1.3. Approve December 16, 2014 Meeting Agenda__D. Hobdy moves/Gloria Sanyika
seconded-unanimous (with exception that Brent Musson abstains).

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen thanks everyone that supported the Altadena Town Council and the organizations that participated with the ATC and wishes everyone Happy Holidays.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme reports that the December 16, 2014, Agenda was put together by the Executive Committee and that is the order of business in which the December 16, 2014, ATC meeting will proceed. Okorie Ezieme also thanks the community for their efforts to make the community better and wishes everyone Happy Holidays. He also reports concerning the Los Angeles County Flood Plan update. The purpose of the plan is to develop a strategy of programs, projects and measures to reduce the adverse impacts of flood hazard on the community. The plan is scheduled to be completed in mid 2015. As part of this update, the County will be holding community meetings where residents can (a) share their knowledge of the plan hazards in their neighborhood, (b) see the flood data on maps, and (c) have FEMA's model show the potential damage to homes due to what they consider to be a 50 year or 100 year flood. The meeting will be held at the Altadena Library on Saturday, January 10, 2015, from 2:00 p.m., to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, on November 26, 2014, Okorie Ezieme reports that Marshall High School was the first school to make it to the Southern California Marching Band Orchestra Association Championship within the PUSD and they received a medal.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy
 - 2.3.1 Approve November 18, 2014, Meeting Minutes__Damon L. Hobdy moves, Judy Matthews seconded-unanimous (with the exception that John White abstains). Also, Damon L. Hobdy thanks the community for their support of the ATC and wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.
- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Amy Cienfuegos, no report.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone thanks the community for their support of the ATC over the year. Also, encourages everyone to attend CERT training. Lastly, Billy Malone states that the he has worked to make it easier to contact the council members by



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standardizing each councilmembers e-mail address. The e-mail address is the first name of the councilmember, followed by a dot, then the councilmembers last name, followed by @altadenatowncouncil.org.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports that for October 2014, we had 32 collisions and for November 2014, we are down to 19. Of those 19, 16 were property damage only, 3 were injuries and 0 were DUI related. So collisions are down. Also, Officer Cooper encourages the community to slow down when it rains and plan ahead for your trip. Leave early and apply your breaks to the car early to avoid skidding. Make sure your car is in working order including checking your tire tread. Please observe the speed limit. For any trips you can obtain road information. Road information can be received by calling 1-800-427-(ROAD, 7623) or by contacting the California Highway Patrol at www.chp.ca.gov or www.dot.ca.gov to get road conditions.
- 3.2 _____ California Highway Patrol Lt. Shear reports that we have a Sheriff elect Jim McDonnell. Overall crime rate as we come down to the end of the year is at a minus 18.7 %. Grand Theft Autos is down 33% and Residential Burglaries are down 18%. No gang related assaults for November 2014. Crime in Altadena is trending downwards. Lt. Shear also cautions the community about leaving packages on the porches in light of the holiday season to guard against theft. Sheriff's Department has a new on-line crime reporting system for the community. Please go to the Sheriff's website. Also, Lt. Shear thanks the community for the donations (toy and food drive) to the Sheriff's station. Also, Lt Shear cautions members of the community to limit information put out through social media concerning trips, etc. during the holiday season so as to prevent crime when someone is not home or otherwise.
- 3.3 _____ Cert Karen Gibson reports that there will be a CERT class on January 17, 24, and 31, 2015, at Loma Alta Park. It is about a 21 hour training that is well worth it. Also, Karen Gibson asks the council to reach out to members of the community to inform them of the CERT training so that the classes are filled with Altadenans. You can sign up for the CERT class by going to LA County Fire Department website or by calling 661-287-3690.
- 3.4 _____ County Fire Stephanie English, no report.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Land Use Committee _____ Chair Diane Marcussen reports that the committee did not meet in December 2014, but will be meeting and voting on several items in the month of January 2015.
- 4.2 CSD (Community Standards District) _____ Ed Meyers (Chair of CSD Committee) reports that the Committee looks at our ordinances for Altadena. They have been working for approximately 2 years. They made a presentation to the community concerning the



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commercial portion of the CSD. They are asking ATC to vote upon the CSD recommendations for the Commercial portion. These recommendations go through ATC to be voted upon, then the recommendations go to the County which writes them up in County language. Subsequently, there is a public town hall meeting where the community gets to see the actual language in the recommendations and can comment. Ed Myers asks ATC to vote on the document encompassing the recommendations made to the community regarding the Commercial portion of the CSD.

- 4.2.1 _____ Motion to approve and submit the CSD recommendations to the County on the Commercial portion moved by Damon L. Hobdy as amended in consideration of comments made by Okorie Ezieme, seconded by Brent Musson - unanimous (with exception that John White abstains). CSD committee meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m., to 8:30 p.m., at the Community Center.

5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 5.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Mindy Kittay (District Director) reports and reminds the community about Pauline Dutton's (Former Acting Director) retirement event from 1:00 p.m., to 3:00 p.m., on Saturday December 20, 2014, at the Library. There will be a smoothie making class on January 17, 2015. Also, on January 24' 2015, from 10:00 a.m., to 11:00 a.m., she will be doing coffee and conversation at the Library as well. Further, the Library no longer charges for putting holds on books. Finally, the Library will be starting an on-line newsletter by February 1, 2015.
- 5.1.1 Community Festival _____ Diane Phillipe, volunteer with Altadena Library Foundation, reports concerning Altadena's Best Fest. It is an Altadena Festival planned for October 3, 2015. Tentative times are 9:00 a.m., to 6:00 p.m. The festival is being done to bring the community together (businesses, schools, community members and the like).
- 5.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. _____ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager LA County Parks and Recreation) reports that the Charles White Toy give away was a success giving out approximately 200 toys. At 11:00 a.m., at Loma Alta Park on December 20, 2014, there will be another toy give away. But, anyone wanting to participate and receive toys needs to pre-register. You can call 626-398-5451 to do so.
- 5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports exciting things are happening. There is more membership in the Chamber then they have had in years. The first annual North Lake Pole event was a success to celebrate the Holidays. Elliot Junior High participated with a Jazz band. It was a huge success. On February 6, 2015, is the Installation dinner to celebrate the business and individual of the year. It will be done in the same way as last year with the "Taste Of Altadena" to encourage local businesses and restaurants to taste their foods. The event will be at the Altadena Country Club. It will begin around 7:00 p.m., but a further update will be given as to the exact time.
- 5.4 NBBA _____ Marge Nichols from Neighbors Building a Better Altadena (NBBA) reports concerning the status of the walkability survey on Lake Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. NBBA is proposing improvements on the walkability in the area located at Lake and Calaveras. NBBA met with Census Tract representatives for that area. NBBA is



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seeking support from the ATC.

5.4.1 _____ Motion to send a letter to the County in support of NBBA's conceptual project specifically at the intersection of Lake and Calaveras in Altadena. Moved by Okorie Ezieme – unanimous.

6. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 Damon L. Hobdy/Judy Matthews. Judy Matthews thanks the agencies who supported this Census Tracts. The following agencies are thanked – LA County Public Works, LA County Fire and Forestry, U.S. Forestry, Pasadena Police Department, LA County Animal Control. In addition to the Altadena Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol. All entities are thanked for their efforts to keep the communities safe while fostering the pride of Altadena.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lin Griffith states that there will be a candidate forum for those running for the Pasadena Unified School District, District 2. The forum will take place on Thursday, January 29, 2015, from 7:00 p.m., to 8:30 p.m., at Daniel Webster Elementary School and the forum is sponsored by NBBA and several other groups.

Anne Chomyn indicates that she lives on Altadena Drive near Allen Avenue. She states that the area is not very pedestrian friendly with respect to roads in that area. Ms. Chomyn was directed to the appropriate Town Council representative in that area.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

Okorie Ezieme moves/D. Hobdy seconded.