



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

February 17, 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 Patricia Sutherlen.
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2.1. (13) Present: Billy Malone, Sylvia Vega, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Ron Adams, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews Jennifer Lee,  
(3) Excused: Gretchen Seager, Jaime Bissner, Amy Cienfuegos  
(0) Absent/Unexcused: None
- 1.3. Approve February 17, 2015 Meeting Agenda\_\_ Vice Chair Okorie Ezieme requests that the Agenda be amended by adding Holly Rundberg to give the CERT presentation under Item 3.3. Also, Syliva Vega requests that Item 5.4 be added to include a presentation by Diane Phillippi on the progress and update of Best Fest. Motion by Okorie Ezieme to approve the Agenda with the previous mentioned changes. Motion seconded by Brent Musson – unanimous.

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen reports concerning community members re-landscaping their park strips (if you have a side lot and the street which is county land). People are planting things that are very pointy (such as, cactus). Members of the community need to think about liability, because the county will not be responsible for injuries resulting from such.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme agenda that is set before you today has already been approved by the Executive Committee. If a community member wants to make a comment concerning any matter, please feel out a comment card and you will be able to comment at the end of the meeting.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning the January 20, 2015, meeting minutes. Changes were made in accordance with suggestions by Chair Diane Marcussen. Billy Malone makes the Motion to approve the January 20, 2015, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Seconded by Ron Adams-unanimous with the exception that Damon L. Hobdy abstains.
- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Amy Cienfuegos no report.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that he wanted to provide an update for the ATC website. There have been irrelevant adds on the website that have been taken off. E-mail addresses have been updated. It's the name of the council member with Altadenatowncouncil.org at the end. Also, the community can contact the ATC on the website.



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### 3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ California Highway Patrol Officer Rodriguez reports that Altadena is lower in citations than it was last year. No DUI's in January 2014. The Department has a statewide website. They are working on the website for the CHP which the community will be able to access. Officer Rodriguez is reporting for Officer Cooper.

3.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Lewis reports that the Sheriff's station has had a tremendous start in 2015. The crime rate is down 59%. Last year in February 2014, we had 115 part 1 crimes in Altadena. Now we only have 48. This is the biggest drop in Altadena that we have had over the years. Additional deputies have been added to Altadena and more patrol cars. Altadena now has 7-9 patrol cars whereas, in the past Altadena had only 3 cars on patrol last year. With more patrol cars the Altadena Sheriff's Station is working to lower crime. Part 1 crimes includes property crimes and violent crimes (such as, homicide, rapes, robberies (which includes strong arm robberies), assaults (which includes domestic violence), residential burglaries, vehicle burglaries, thefts from unlocked vehicles, grand theft auto, and arson.

3.3 \_\_\_\_\_ Cert Holly Rundberg reports concerning the ACONA (Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations) meeting on January 27, 2015, CERT was given the opportunity to present to the community members a program called MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. It is a nationally recognized program to prepare community members when the Sheriff's Department or Fire Department are unavailable during an emergency. The program is a life saving and easy program. The training is 2 hours long. This is just the beginning of a 3-year program so that all neighborhoods are prepared. Monday, February 23, 2015, there will be a facilitator training in the Altadena Community Center. On March 21, 2015, Pasadena Fire Dept. will put on a CERT training as well, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3.4 \_\_\_\_\_ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief reports that for the Month of January 2015, the Fire Department in Altadena had 291 responses. 1 was a structure fire, 2 were natural vegetation fire, 2 odd fires but the Fire Dept. does not have details on that, 235 were emergency medical calls, 11 were hazardous condition calls, 8 service calls, 13 calls with good intent, and 17 false alarm. On January 31, 2015, there was a lost hiker on Chaney Trails Inspiration point. This person was found and a large response was sent out from the Fire Dept. and other agencies (such as, Pasadena) to help find this person. February 2015, is national burn awareness month. Make sure community members watch out when cooking with grease. Use pot-holders. Make sure to protect your children.

### 4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Diane Marcussen (who is also the acting Chair for the Land Use Committee) reports concerning Project Number R2014-00858, AltaEats 1869 N. Allen Avenue. The land use committee reviewed this project and voted to



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recommend to the ATC that the ATC approve the project with conditions. Chair Marcussen sent to the ATC members the project conditions for their review.

- 4.1.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Sylvia Vega moves that the project be approved and that there be a recommendation to Regional Planning that the project be approved with the following conditions (those conditions are attached to these minutes as Exhibit A). Motion seconded by Judy Matthews-unanimous.

### 5 ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 5.1 Altadena Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Mindy Kattay, Library Director reports concerning a "Tumblebooks" app which is picture books with animation and sound for children. Comments cards have been instituted to get comments from the community. In July 2015, comment cards filled out by community members will also notify community members of overdue books, fines, and other things which is different from the past where community members were notified by mail, phone call, or other ways. On Saturday, February 21, 2015, will be the second coffee and conversation with Ms. Kattay. Starting in April 2015, there will be a monthly program called second Saturday. Every second Saturday of the month there will be food, live music, and a art show from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is done in an effort to bring more community members into the Library who are not utilizing the Libraries resources.
- 5.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. \_\_\_\_\_ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager for L.A. Parks and Recreation in the Altadena area). Loma Alta is having a relay for wildlife symposium, and fair. Animals will be there. 10 trips to Catalina Island will be given away for high school students – juniors and sophmores only. They will be able to experience nature at Catalina Island. Gabriel (at Parks and Recreation) is the contact person (626-398-5451). Black history month is going on in February 2015. On Monday, February 23, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a martial arts presentation. On Tuesday, February 24, 2015, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. there will be a gospel music performance. On Wednesday, February 25, 2015, there will be a ballet dance performance. On Thursday, February 26, 2015, there will be line dancing. On Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. there will be another line dancing class. Finally, for Charles White Park the community is getting a picnic shelter.
- 5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports concerning the Installation Dinner for Chamber of Commerce (Insertion of Board of Directors, and Acknowledging the Outstanding Citizen and Business of the Year). It was a wonderful event and Councilmember Malone thanks Councilmembers Jennifer Lee and Damon L. Hobdy who attended. There were representatives from Congresswoman Judy Chu's office, State Senator Carol Liu, and Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office who are thanked. Further, Assemblymember Chris Holden attended and he is also thanked for his participation. Altadena Sheriff's Department and the Library supported the event and are also thanked for their participation. Tim Rutt from Altadena Point was present and is thanked. Also, Councilman Malone congratulates Monica Hubbard (Citizen of the Year) and El Patron-owner Alex Cortez (Business of the Year). Finally, the silent auction was a success which generated approximately 3 to 4 times more than in the past.



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5.4 Altadena Best Fest \_\_\_\_\_ Diana Phillippi updates concerning this important event in Altadena. CERT, Altadena Heritage, and Altadena Historical Society have signed up to sponsor the event. Assemblymember Chris Holden's office will have a booth at the event. Schools are getting involved and are trying to figure out what type of performances they will do. Realtors are being contacted to get involved. 88 letters to residents were sent out where the street closures will be (on Mariposa from El Molino to Santa Anita). 16 responses were received and they were all positive in terms of their support.

### 6 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 Damon Hobdy/Judy Matthews. \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Matthews reports that Councilman Damon L. Hobdy and her attended the Meet and Greet put on by 4603.02 (Gloria Sanyika/Ron Adams). The event was very informative. Several residents in 4603.01 contacted the county in relation to getting repairs done on their homes. The Florecita Farm Association has identified and designated at least one (1) person to attend the ACONA meeting monthly – Dr. Wilson.

4613 Diane Marcussen/Sylvia Vega \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Dianne Marcussen reports concerning the ARCO Station on Lake and New York has a new sign that identifies prices of the gas. The County is working on this issue and this station may have been cited for a code violation in terms of how the sign looks.

### 7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Raquel London has a general public comment. She asks, how is the council supporting residents that want to start a business in/on Lincoln Avenue? The reason this question is posed, because there was a discussion at Perry's Joint regarding who the census tracts representatives are for certain areas in Altadena. Ms. London was not sure of who her council representatives are. Although the Council does not comment during general public comment, Ms. London's contact information was given to Councilmembers Michelle Martinez and Brent Musson by Councilmember Damon L. Hobdy. Councilmembers Martinez and Musson will be in contact with Ms. London.

Alison Amecatcher has a general public comment. She is a member of Neighbors Building a Better Altadena. She comments concerning Ralphs on Lake in Altadena to encourage community members to go to a specific website to comment on specific items regarding Ralphs in hopes of making Ralphs a better grocery store for the Altadena community.

### 8 ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

Brent Musson moves/Damon L. Hobdy seconded-unanimous.



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### EXHIBIT "A"

#### ATTACHMENT TO ATC FEBRUARY 17, 2015, MEETING MINUTES

#### AltaEats

1. The restaurant shall operate under Type 41/47 (On-Sale General Eating Place) alcohol license and be maintained as a bona-fide eating establishment. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be in conjunction with food sales. Food service along with full menu shall be made available during all hours of business operation.
2. The off-site sale and/or consumption of alcohol are strictly prohibited.
3. Signs advertising brands and types of alcoholic beverages or the availability of alcohol for sale at the subject site shall not be visible from the exterior of the premises.
4. The establishment shall allow patrons of all ages.
5. Alcoholic beverages shall not be served in disposable containers.
6. The last alcoholic beverage shall be served no later than 11 p.m.
7. Only beer and wine shall be served.