



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2014

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilman John White.
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy
- 1.2.1. (12) Present: Billy Malone, Amy Cienfuegos, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Jamie Bissner, Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Ron Adams, Patricia Sutherlen.
(4) Excused: Gretchen Seager, Judy Matthews, Sylvia Vega, Diane Marcussen
(0) Absent/Unexcused: Jennifer Lee.
- 1.3. Approve October 21, 2014 Meeting Agenda__D. Hobdy moves/Amy Cienfuegos/Brent Musson seconded-unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen no report.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme reports that the October 21, 2014, Agenda was put together by the Executive Committee and that is the order of business in which the October 21, 2014, ATC meeting will proceed.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy
 - 2.3.1 Approve September 16, 2014, Meeting Minutes__D. Hobdy moves, B. Malone seconded-unanimous.
- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Amy Cienfuegos
 - 2.4.1 Motion To Accept/Approve the Treasurer Report for September 2014 (R. Adams moves, G. Sanyika seconded-unanimous).
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone reports that there is information from the Altadena Heritage Board. In 2011, it was recognized that there is a piece of property owned by the County that is run down. Drought tolerant plants were planted as a result. However, those plants do not meet County requirements and have to be removed. Therefore, the Altadena Heritage is requesting the ATC to request the County to re-landscape the property with appropriate drought tolerant plants by the sending of a specific letter. Motion to write a letter to County requesting to re-landscape the area; that Motion is continued to next ATC meeting on November 18, 2014, so that ATC members can be further informed.
 - 2.5.1 Special Presentation _____ Michelle Zack from Altadena Heritage comments on the drought tolerant plants.



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2014

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

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Manuel Rodriguez reports that traffic collisions for September were 24 (17 of such were property damage, and 7 involved injuries). A total of 3 involved DUI's. Citations for the month were 43. Year to date there are 216 citations. Accidents are down by 5 compared to August. Citations were 42 in August and DUI's were 3.

3.1.2 _____ California Highway Patrol Captain Steve Strull reports that the way Altadena is serviced is that we have a Community Oriented Policing Team. Plans are put together to address unique things, such as, traffic, speeding etc. Additionally, the County budget has allowed for 5 more officers. Those officers will be sent to various unincorporated areas with Altadena likely receiving 2.

3.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Richard Shear reports that there is a negative 20% year to date in Altadena for Part 1 crimes (related to drop in property crimes - Burglaries, larceny, auto theft). One gang related assault shooting in September 2014. Vehicle burglaries (by the 24 hour fitness) are reduced. Sheriff's station has met with representatives from the 24 hour fitness to address crime prevention. September 27, 2014, the Sheriff's Station partnered with the DEA on a prescription drop off day. Persons are encouraged to drop off prescription medication instead of flushing or putting in trash. It was a successful event. Finally, Lt Shear reports that there is not a buy back program for gun collection in Altadena; however, the Altadena Sheriff's Station has participated in such a program. Anyone can call the Sheriff's Station and an Officer(s) will pick up the weapon and render it safe.

3.2.1 _____ Cert Holly Rundberg reports that the mission is to have everyone prepared for a disaster – fire, windstorm, or earthquake. There is a program to be revealed to the community in January 2015. The presentation will be at the Altadena Main Library at the meeting of ACONA. The exact date will be provided. The name of the program is "Map your Neighborhood." It will fill the gap between CERT and individual preparedness. It is all inclusive and teaches individuals to rely upon each other before emergency responders can come to the communities area. Goal is to have all neighborhood watches involved in this new program.

3.3 _____ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief reports that in September there were 256 total responses in Altadena (of that number 2 structure fires, 1 explosion, 198 responses for emergency medical, 3 hazardous conditions with no fire, 14 service calls, 20 good intent calls, 15 false alarms, 1 special incident and a few others).

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Land Use Committee _____ Correspondent Secretary Billy Malone reports that we have a presentation concerning CUP 2012-00037, project number R2012-00400 for the project located at 2585, 2587 & 2601 E. Washington Blvd.

4.1.2 _____ Carolyn Seitz presents re CUP 2012-00037,



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2014

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

project number R2012-00400 and reports that Safe Haven is the facility proposed – it is the third and final phase of the project. The first phase was built in the 1960's. The last portion of the facility is an alzheimer's facility. But, this third phase could not initially be

built, because there was no money to build. In 2011 they were ready to build the third phase with a slightly revised plan. The plan calls for a building that is 30 square feet more than the building proposed but has a smaller occupancy - reduced from 46 to 44. Application was filed in 2011, approved in 2012. But, there is a need now to extend the life of the CUP. There is no history of complaints and the facility provides good service to the community.

4.1.3 _____ Billy Malone Moves that the Altadena Town Council recommend approval of the CUP 2012-0037, project number R2012; Seconded by J. Bissner- unanimous vote among all Councilmembers.

5. WALKABILITY STUDY UPDATE

5.1 _____ Marge Nicols from Neighbors Building a Better Altadena (NBBA) reports the study was a UCLA Master Project from Justin Robertson (Altadena resident) to rate the blocks among Lincoln and Lake to assess the walkability, safety, and attractiveness of the streets. After investigating 4 possible projects, the Walkability group decided to focus on a project at the corner of Lake and Calaveras and the other at the RITE AID shopping plaza at Lake and Altadena Drive. The Walkability group is proposing to work with the County to address safety, and attractiveness at Lake and Calaveras by making certain specific improvements. The Walkability group is seeking the ATC's support.

5.1.2 _____ Acting Chair Okorie Ezieme comments that this matter should properly be presented to the Land Use Committee as a result of the projects to be addressed.

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Pauline Dutton (Acting District Director) reports concerning the fun things at the Library. Blood Drive from 9:00 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., October 24, 2014. October 27, 2014, celebrate Halloween with scary stories. October 28, 2014, Halloween fun for kids. October 30, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., activities for decorating trick or treat bags.

6.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. _____ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager) no report.

6.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports that the Chamber had the second power breakfast in September. Assemblymember Chris Holden was the guest speaker. It was a wonderful turnout from the community. The next power breakfast will be



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2014

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

in December 2014, and the community will be informed of the date.

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 D. Hobdy/J. Matthews. D. Hobdy reports that the Census Tract 4603.01 held on September 20, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. It was a great success. Issues with Aveson and students walking to P.E. Noise level issues have been addressed with Aveson and increasing the number of aids to lower the noise. Issues with horse droppings have been addressed to rid the neighborhood of such. Loitering and signage and safety is being addressed as well in the Meadows. Finally, sidewalks is being addressed along Altadena Drive for safety.

4610 B. Musson reports that Bank of America at the Lincoln Crossing is being closed at the end of October. It really highlights the need to focus on business development in West Altadena.

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 8:29 p.m.

A. Cienfuegos moves/D. Hobdy seconded.