



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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 Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2.1. (13) Present: Okorie Ezieme, John White, Justin Robertson, Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Anne Chomyn, Anne Lansing, Billy Malone, Dean Cooper.  
(3) Excused: Judy Matthews, Jennifer Lee, Sylvia Vega.
- 1.3. Approve August 18, 2015 Meeting Agenda\_\_Chair Diane Marcussen requests that the Agenda be amended to add a Census Tract report under Item 8 for 4603.02, to add "public comment" under Section 6.1 Land Use Committee, and to add a Chamber of Commerce report under Item 7.4. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended made by Councilperson Damon L. Hobdy, seconded by Councilperson Patricia Sutherlen-unanimous.

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen no report.
- 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 July 21, 2015, Meeting Minutes.
  - 2.3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Hobdy reports that the July 21, 2015, ATC Meeting Minutes were distributed to the Council. Councilman Hobdy indicates that the July 21, 2015, Meeting Minutes were amended to correct the fact that the Executive Committee was referred to as the Election Committee. Councilman Hobdy moves to approve the July 21, 2015, meeting minutes as amended; Councilperson Patricia Sutherlen seconded; unanimous with the exception that Billy Malone abstains.
- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen reports concerning the August 2015, ATC bank account balance. There was no activity regarding the Town Council's bank account in July of 2015. Also, the ATC runs strictly on donations, so if any Community member wants to donate it would be appreciated.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that if there are any questions by the community with respect to any issues, please contact your Census Tract Representatives by telephone or e-mail. The e-mail is listed on the ATC website.



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### 3. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Diane Marcussen swears in newly elected Councilmember Justin Robertson and seated Councilmember Billy Malone.

### 4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

4.1 \_\_\_\_\_ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports that in June 2015 there were 20 traffic collisions: (12 were property damage only, 8 injuries, 1 DUI related), and there were 122 year to date. There were 63 citations and 392 year to date. Total fatalities were 0 and DUI arrests were 5. In July 2015 there were 24 traffic collisions (15 were property damage only, 9 injuries, 2 DUI related) and there were 146 traffic collisions year to date. There were 69 citations and 461 year to date. Total fatalities were 0 and DUI arrests were 3.

4.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Lewis reports that there is a 16% drop in crime (year to date in Altadena) for July 2015 – means there are 60 fewer crimes in Altadena from last year 2014. Lt. Lewis reports concerning the Larceny/Theft which is lower than last year but the community can help to reduce that number as well. Please keep your doors locked on your cars. Also, Lt. Lewis indicates that a "foot beat" is starting to combat crime where the Deputies actually walk the streets in troubled neighborhoods. Finally, September and October are busy months for crime. As a result, Business corridor patrols will be conducted by the Sheriff's Department where 2 Deputies will be sent out and be visible in the areas of Altadena businesses to prevent crime. Finally, Lt. Lewis reports that the Altadena Sheriff's station now has vehicles equipped with cameras that read license plates. Two of those cars were recently donated to Altadena by funding from Supervisor Antonovich's office. As a result, these Deputy vehicles have been successful in recovering stolen vehicles as well as locating cars carrying particular suspects.

4.3 \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Please get the word out that Altadena has a CERT group. On September 26, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there will be a CERT refresher for those who have already been trained. That will be held at the Altadena Community Center. A list of up-coming CERT classes are attached (times, locations and addresses). Contact CERT through Altadena CERT FACEBOOK.

4.4 \_\_\_\_\_ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief reports that for the month of July in Altadena the Fire Department responded to 341 calls for service. Of those fires, 1 was cooking on the stove which is common to start fires. 265 calls were for emergency medical. Please review your READY SET GO GUIDES to help each community member protect their home from fires. September, October, and November are always increased times for fires, because of the Santa Ana winds. Please discuss with your neighbors and call the Fire Department if any community member discovers that their neighbor is involved in any activity which could increase the chances of fires. Please contact Ms. English (if necessary) at 661-250-2710.



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### 5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5.1 Update on MonteCedro Project \_\_\_\_\_ James Rothrock (Executive Vice President), David Weidert (Executive Director) provide an update on MonteCedro which is a not for profit continuing care retirement community which will have 186 apartments. MonteCedro will open in December 2015. The apartments will be located at 2212 El Molino Avenue, Altadena CA 91001. To complete the project there will be an attempt to hire qualified local (Altadena) community members through job fairs which will be held. At the end of August 2015, the project will be about 92% complete in terms of construction. Mr. Weidert indicates that if there are any questions or concerns about the project, please contact him at 626-396-7126.

### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Land Use Committee (LUC) \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen reports that the Land Use Committee met on August 4, and reviewed the below described project. The project was reviewed and the LUC recommended approval to the Altadena Town Council. Also, Chair Marcussen reports that she has discussed this manner with the County. Chair Marcussen indicates to the community that the ATC nor the neighbors have any involvement in impacting the timing of this project with the County.

6.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Councilpersons Brent Musson/Michelle Martinez report concerning the Community Bible Church located at 2124 Lincoln Avenue. Project number R2012-00330-request for a local plan amendment to the Altadena Community Plan to convert a 37,562 square-foot lot from the current Business Park to General Commercial land to allow the conversion of a 19,586 sq. ft. warehouse to a church. Councilman Musson reports that in order to make sure all questions have been answered and information provided to the public, it is recommended that the project be held over until the September 2015, ATC meeting. Councilman Musson moves; Billy Malone seconded; unanimous.

### 7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

7.1 Altadena Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Roy, Public Services Director reports that the Altadena Library has a monthly newsletter that can be picked up at the Library. The newsletter is in depth and sets forth all activities for the Library. September 2015, is National Library Card sign up month. Mr. Roy encourages members of the community to sign up for a Library card.

7.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. \_\_\_\_\_ Meliza Hernandez (L.A. Parks and Recreation in the Altadena area) no report.

7.3 Altadena Best Fest \_\_\_\_\_ Diana Phillippi provides an update on Best Fest which will be held on October 3, 2015 at the intersection of Mariposa and Santa Rosa Streets from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mariposa Street closure will occur from El Molina Avenue to Santa Anita Avenue. There are now 61 general vendor booths. 17 sponsors are participating and they are all Altadena based.

7.4 Altadena Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that there was a successful power breakfast that occurred. Mayor Antonovich was the speaker. September 12, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is the summer sidewalk sale with businesses on North Lake.



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### 8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.02 G. Sanyika/D. Cooper. Councilperson Sanyika provides an update regarding the traffic concerns on Windsor and Figueroa. The request was for a traffic signal or stop sign in that area. The residents also asked for sidewalks. The County indicated that the request for the traffic signal could not be honored but horizontal reflector signs were replaced. Also, the County requested a radar street reader in the area to curb speeding.

4603.01 D. Hobdy/J. Matthews. Councilman Hobdy provides an update and indicated that the CHP did place a movable radar speedometer facing the southbound traffic on Glenrose. Such radar was in place for a couple of weeks and did affect speeding on Glenrose and Altadena. Also, Councilman Hobdy reports that he has been working on getting a bus bench at the corner of Glenrose and Altadena Drive on the North side (this bench is not within the allocation of benches approved by the County in regards to Councilperson Jennifer Lee's request). The approximate cost for such bench is \$10,000.00. But, Councilman Hobdy is working with the County still on this issue.

Councilman Hobdy reports on behalf of Councilperson Matthews. Currently, Councilperson Matthews is working on the following matters. The Department of Public Works (DPW) finds residents' concerns reasonable to investigate the on sight distance issue at the intersections of Canyon Crest Road at Holly Grove Lane and the intersection of Canyon Crest Road at Rising Hill Rd. After the analysis, the findings and recommended options for resolution of the issues will be provided. Lastly, on Crestford Drive the DPW confirmed the City's Slurry Seal of Streets Project work is to begin at the end of August. The entire project is expected to be complete by mid-September.

### 9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbie Ishida is a resident of Altadena and comments concerning the lack of walkability at the corner of Lake & Calaveras.

Lin Griffith comments concerning the "Aldi" site building plan on Lake Avenue. She comments that there has not been adequate communication to the community concerning such project.

Michelle Zack a resident of Altadena comments concerning the area of Lake and Calaveras and how that area should look in terms of the communities vision.

Michael Hickman a resident of Altadena comments regarding the Project R 2014-02411. He is in opposition to a proposed residence on Canyon Crest. Mr. Hickman's concern is that the project is not in line with the communities vision in that area, and neighbors in the area have sent letters in opposition to the project.

Xavier Inguanzo a resident of Altadena comments concerning the LA Parks and Recreation proposed Altadena Golf Course Land Sale and his opposition to such.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:39 p.m.

Patricia Sutherlen moves/Okorie Ezieme seconded-unanimous.



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