



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilperson Amy Cienfuegos.
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2.1. (12) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Brent Musson, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Jennifer Lee, Amy Cienfuegos
(4) Excused: Sylvia Vega, Ron Adams, Jamie Bissner, Gretchen Seager
(0) Absent/Unexcused: None
- 1.3. Approve May 19, 2015 Meeting Agenda__Chair Diane Marcussen requests that the Agenda be amended to change the Altadena Sheriff's Station report from Lt. Robert Lewis to Lt Marquez. Additionally, amend to change the CERT report from Karen Gibson to Holly Rundberg. Lastly, Councilman Damon Hobdy moves that the Census Tract report for 4603.01 be deleted. Report will occur at the June 2015, meeting. Motion to Amend the Agenda moved by Councilman Brent Musson; seconded by Councilperson Amy Cienfuegos-unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports concerning Waldorf school. The Council is not having any discussions at this time concerning the Waldorf school nor changes to Mariposa. The Council is not reviewing anything at this point concerning this project. There was a presentation to the Land Use Committee in April 2015. The Land Use Committee is doing its due diligence. Land use has to review the project again – with or without a vote at that time - depending on the status of the project. Also, AltaEats CUP was approved by the Regional Planning Commission. Lastly, Candidate Statements will be held today, May 19, 2015, with any statement by the Candidate limited to 3 minutes.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme reports that the agenda that is set before the community was approved by the Executive Committee when the Executive Committee met. 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. Also, if anyone desires to be on the Agenda, please make the request to Vice Chair Okorie Ezieme or Chair Diane Marcussen before the Executive Committee meets. The Executive Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning the April 21, 2015, meeting minutes. Changes to the meeting minutes were made in accordance with suggestions by Chair Diane Marcussen and corrections suggested by Councilperson Judy Matthews.
 - 2.3.1 _____ Motion by Damon Hobdy to approve the April 21, 2015, Meeting Minutes as distributed with the corrections suggested by Councilpersons Diane Marcussen and Judy Matthews. Seconded by Gloria Sanyika-unanimous with the exception that Councilman Brent Musson abstains.



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2.4 Treasurer _____ Amy Cienfuegos reports concerning the April 2015, ATC bank account balance. Also, the ATC runs strictly on donations, so if any community members want to donate, it would be appreciated.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone reports that the ATC received a statement from the Pasadena Waldorf School. This statement is by the Waldorf school and not endorsed by the ATC. Councilman Billy Malone reads the statement in the record. The statement concerns (among other things) the Pasadena Waldorf School and the Altadena Public Library and others reaching out to the LA County Dept of Public Works to research ways to calm the traffic on Mariposa Street between Fair Oaks and Lake Avenue in Altadena for the safety of students and the community.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports - Traffic collisions in Altadena for April 2015 were 19. Of those, 13 were property damage only 6 with injury and 3 were DUI related. April 2014, there were 26 collisions in comparison. Year to date in Altadena there were 78 for 2015, as compared to 79 for 2014. Citations issued were 48 in April 2015, and year to date in 2015, there are 271 citations issued. There are no fatalities in Altadena for 2015 and there are a total of 8 DUI arrests year to date.

3.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Marquez reports that there is a 23% drop in crime (year to date in Altadena) for 2015 – meaning there are 60 fewer crimes in Altadena from last year 2014. The 5-year reduction in Altadena in the crime rate is at 53%, which means there are 226 fewer crimes.

3.3 _____ CERT Holly Rundberg (Outreach Chairman for CERT, which stands for Community Emergency Response Team) reports that there will be a CERT class from Saturday June 20, to Saturday June 27. The classes on Saturday are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are evening classes. There is also a CERT interest list available for community members to sign up for so that when classes are announced, those on the list will be made aware.

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

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 _____ Foothill Metropolitan Water District-Nina Jazmadarian, General Manager reports concerning the new water restrictions. Foothill is actually the wholesaler that sales water to the retail agencies. Foothill buys their water from the Metropolitan Water District. The drought is significant. We have been able to survive the drought for the past 3 years as a result of 12 Billion dollars invested by the Metropolitan Water



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District and local agencies concerning the drought issue. We are at the worst drought in history. The Governor in response has asked for a 25% mandatory reduction in statewide water use. Metropolitan has asked for a 15% reduction in imported water use. There are numerous conservation devices. Restrictions on times when watering can and cannot occur and when watering must cease in response to the drought.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Election Committee _____ Election Chair Okorie Ezieme reports that the Candidates will have the opportunity to make their statements. For the 2015 Election there are 14 Candidates seeking 8 council seats open. The Candidates are as follows: Census Tract (CT) 4601 Anne Chomyn and James Walker Jr. For CT 4602 there is Ruben Balter and Incumbent Councilman Billy Malone. For CT 4603.01 there is Incumbent Councilman Damon L. Hobdy. For CT 4603.02 there is Dean Cooper. For CT 4610 there is Incumbent Councilman Brent Musson and Cecil Griffin. For CT 4611 there is Incumbent Councilperson Amy Cienfuegos, Justin Robertson, and Otis Triplett. For CT 4612 there is Anne Lansing. For CT 4613 there is Vahe Atchabahian and Incumbent Councilperson Sylvia Vega. Motion by Election Chair Ezieme to approve the Candidates that will be considered for election on June 2 and 6, 2015. Seconded by Patricia Sutherlen-unanimous. Election Chair Ezieme asks for volunteers to help at the Polling locations which are at the Altadena Community Center, Altadena Library, the Coffee Gallery, Farnsworth Park, Gordy's Garage, Loma Alta Park, Mint Leaf Restaurant, Podley Properties and Ralphs Market. On June 2, 2015, the Polling location will be at the Altadena Library. However, if any community member wants to volunteer there are qualifications to being a volunteer. A volunteer has to be 18 years or older, not the person nor related to the person running for election, and a resident of Altadena. Finally, if any Candidate wants their Candidate Information to be updated or changed, such information or changes must be received by May 29 2015, by 4:30 p.m. to the Election Chair. As to the Ballot boxes – the Altadena Sheriff's Department will pick up the ballot boxes on Tuesday and maintain them at the Sheriff's station for safekeeping. The ballot counting will start at 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2015.

5.1.1 Candidate Statements _____ Each candidate presents their statement of 3 minutes. However, Candidate statements are read by Chair Okorie Ezieme concerning the Candidates from CT 4610 - Cecil Griffin and Candidate from CT 4613- Councilperson Sylvia Vega.

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Mindy Kattay, Library Director reports that on Thursday May 28, 2015, there will be the ATC Candidate Forum at the Library. On Saturday May 23, 2015, Patricia Bun will be at the Library who is part of the Book to Action Grant, which is part of the series celebrating older American's month. She has a column called Senior Moments. On May 30, 2015, Ben Montgomery will be at the Library. Mr. Montgomery is an author. Finally, on June 13, 2015, there will be another Second monthly event series, Second Saturday, with the Mighty Echoes and local vendors.



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6.2 L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec. _____ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager for L.A. Parks and Recreation in the Altadena area) no report.

6.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports that on June 5, 2015, there will be Shop Hop to support the local businesses in the North Lake area. This is an event put on by local businesses and sponsored by the Chamber. On June 6, 2015, there will be the Open Studios Art Tour for community members to tour the local studios. The Power Breakfast will be held on June 21, 2015. Finally, on August 6, 2015, Michael Antonovich will be the guest speaker at the Chamber event which will be held at the Altadena Country Club.

6.4 Altadena Best Fest _____ Diana Phillippi no report.

6.5 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. An event was held on May 13, 2015, and Councilman Hobdy thanks those from the community who attended this event. There were numerous people who attended (students, parents, administrators from the school district, government reps and others). The goal was to identify ways to help students succeed (from all ages). Councilman Hobdy asks and encourages community members to participate and get involved. Individuals at the meeting were put in 4 work groups depending on what age level of children is of most concern to the community member involved. Community members can log on to collaboratepasadena.org and sign up for one of the work groups.

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

No reports.

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia states that she is concerned about the lane change on East Mariposa Street that will greatly impact that area of Altadena.

Chair Diane Marcussen (although the ATC generally does not comment) states that the proposal from Public Works (concerning this specific issue) came to the Land Use Committee in April 2015, and the Land Use Committee is doing its due diligence on the proposal. The proposal has not come back to Land Use yet. The public will be notified when this issue will be considered again by the Land Use Committee. At the meeting, the public will be able to make public comment. The Land Use meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Community Center.

Linda Sessions who is in 4611 makes a comment concerning the same issue.

Nadley Resnick who is in 4602 makes a comment concerning the same issue. She also inquires about how land use is soliciting feedback from the community. Ms. Resnick is put in touch with her Council representative from that area - Councilperson Amy Cienfuegos.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 8:37 p.m.

Amy Cienfuegos moves/Billy Malone seconded-unanimous.