



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center**  
**730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dr. Sandra Thomas  
1.1. Pledge of Allegiance----- Vice Chair Okorie Ezieme

1.2. Roll Call – Recording Secretary Middleton

Excused Absences: Lorie Judson, Amy Cienfuegos, Jamie Bissner, Ruth Edwards,

Members present Gretchen Seager, Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton, Ken Roberts, Allan Wasserman, Tecumseh Shackelford, Brent Musson, Doug Colliflower and Dr. Sandra Thomas.

Members Absent: Gino Sund and Diane Marcussen

1 member officially resigned: Gene Stevenson

1.3. Accept/Modify Agenda moved and seconded 9-0-0

1.4. Approval of 12-20-11 Minutes 8-1-0 Shackelford was not present at December meeting.

**2. OFFICER’S REPORTS**

2.1 Recording Secretary -----Greg Middleton – no report

2.2 Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner - absent

2.3 Treasurer-----Doug Colliflower- Written report kept with treasurer.

2.4 Vice Chairman----Okorie Ezieme reported on the Executive Committee Meeting that set meeting agenda.

2.5 Chairwoman----- Dr. Sandra Thomas:

a. ATC Members invited to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade for 2013

b. Citizen of the Year Event set for January 27<sup>th</sup> at Altadena Country Club

c. Honorees are Bill Westphal as Citizen of the Year and Tim Rutt/Altadena Blog as business of the year

d. Web Master received many compliments for the Town Council’s new updated website. Thanks to Brent Musson.

e. Council Packages were passed out from the Arroyo Pacific Academy for members present. The rest are stored at the Community center for members to pick up prior to the very important February Land Use Committee meeting.

**3. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**3.1. Bright Futures Scholars Proclamation for Scholar’s Month**

Proclamation read by Councilman Ken Roberts

Received by Jordan Harris/President of the Bright Futures Scholars

**3.2. Claire Solliday---Girl Scout Presentation (Honor Badge), reported on her attempt to get a stop sign installed in her neighborhood at a dangerous intersection.**

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

4.1: California Highway Patrol-----COPS Captain Steven Stroll – Introduced a new Lieutenant from the local area that has been assigned to Altadena Area, responsible for traffic field safety.

4.1.a: Tanganica Turner from A. Portiantino’s office made an announcement regarding an event on 1/24/2012 for the University of California business schools. Event at 11:15 located at Robinson Memorial, corner of Garfield and Holly Street in Pasadena across from city hall.

4.1.b: Stephanie English from the La county fire department: brief report for the final quarter in December 2011. 3400 fire calls in 2011. CERT training this Saturday, 1-21-2012 that is currently full, but please register because a few people always drop out prior to the class.

**4.2:** Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Captain Steve McLean – Sheriff has 23 stations and Altadena Station came in second in improvement of crime reduction. Goals for 2012 is to expand the Neighborhood watch groups, reduction of crime, get more active with the community by using CERT Trained individuals to canvass the neighborhoods with the Block captains, and to expand the youth programs to give them positive things to do to keep them out of trouble.

**4.3:** Lincoln Avenue Water Company: General Manager Bob Hayward - Illegal Home Occupancy in residential properties in Altadena. Problem is two-fold. A.) By the time Lincoln became informed of the problem the tenants had been in the property for some time. B.) Owners are requesting that the water be turned off and the tenants do not have the resources to turn the water back on. There are approximately 4,500 customers in west Altadena; 20% of them have problems paying their water bill. One such party attended the meeting and made their plea to Lincoln Water about their inability to pay. No action was taken by the council regarding this matter. Brent Musson agreed to speak to the tenants offline but Chair stated that it would not be a representation by the council, only by Councilman Musson acting as a private citizen.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**5.1:** WAPAC- Brent Musson had no report.

**5.2:** Land Use Committee/Mark Goldschmidt -No meeting was held in January 2012

## **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7.1:** Chamber of Commerce-----Doug Colliflower indicated that January 27<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Dinner and award ceremony at the Altadena Country Club to Bill Westphal as citizen of the Year and Tim Rutt/Altadena Blog as the business of the year. Open meeting to the community on the first Tuesday of each month at noon at the community center, first on February 7, 2012

**7.2:** Altadena Library-Barbra Pearson was not in attendance.

**7.3:** L.A. County Parks Dept-----Meliza Hernandez: Adult basketball league. Information posted on their website. Adult basketball is for adults 30 years old and older. They will be hiring 65 kids for the summer. For more information please visit their website at [www.dhr.lacounty.info/](http://www.dhr.lacounty.info/)

**7.4:** Sheriff's Support Group-----Jamie Bissner (no report)

**7.5:** Altadena Rotary-----Tony Hill- Contest for the Rotary district is a local competition which will be accepting applicants from high schools students, instrumental musicians. Each student to make a 4 to 8 minute presentation before a panel and one will be sent to regional for a possible \$5,000 scholarship from the Rotary.

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS:**

No reports except Allan Wasserman thanked the Sheriff for their work in his census tract.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS: None**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

10.1.) Applicant for vacant seat in CT 4603.01: Doug Colliflower to vet the new applicant and let us know by next council meeting. Application and check has been received by the treasurer.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT: 8:34 pm whoopee....**