



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California
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1. CALL TO ORDER 7:07

1.1. _____ Pledge of Allegiance Councilmember
Jennifer Lee _____

1.2. _____ Roll Call Recording Secretary, Damon L.
Hobdy

1.2.1. (12) Present: John White, Okorie Ezieme, Damon Hobdy, Judy Matthews, Gloria
Sanyika, Ron Adams, Michelle Martinez, Amy Cienfuegos, Patricia Sutherlen,
Jennifer Lee, Sylvia Vega, and Diane Marcussen.

(4) Excused: Gretchen Seager, Billy Malone, Brent Musson, and Jamie Bissner

(0) Absent/Unexcused: None

1.3. _____ Approve September 16, 2014 Meeting
Agenda Chair D. Marcussen requests that the
Agenda be amended to add Ben Wong (Regional Manager Southern California Edison to
the agenda under Committee reports to discuss issues of recent power outages). With
that amendment, O. Ezieme Moves to amend and approve/A. Cienfuegos – seconded the
amendment, unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports and says thank you
to Treasurer A. Cienfuegos for putting together the new name cards which identify the name
and the census tract of councilmembers. Additionally, councilmembers mailboxes have been
appropriately labeled.

2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme reports that the Executive
Committee met to set the September 16, 2014, agenda before the community and that will be
the order that the meeting will proceed under. Additionally, if any community member needs
to make a comment, please fill out public comment cards and such person(s) can make a
comment but will be limited in time. Additionally, if a person(s) needs to be on the Agenda,
please provide information to the Chair or Vice Chair at least one (1) week prior to the
Altadena Town Council meeting.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy

2.3.1 Approve August 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes ___ (Ron Adams moves, A. Cienfuegos
seconded, unanimous).

2.4 Treasurer _____ Amy Cienfuegos

2.4.1 Motion To Accept/Approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2014 (D. Hobdy
moves, O. Ezieme seconded, unanimous).

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone. No report.



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3. **STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS** _____ Assemblymember Chris Holden reported on an update on the 2014 Legislative Session. Assemblymember Chris Holden was also appointed to be the assistant majority floor leader for the state assembly. The major issues addressed were:
- a. Budget and Economy in terms of recovered jobs lost/current unemployment rate and fiscal discipline.
 - b. AB 1147 (17470 regulating Massage Businesses and SB 628 (Beall and Wolk) Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts.
 - c. AB 1672 addressing crime truancy among children; AB 1451 addressing dual enrollment in high school and community college; and AB 1940 STEM Course Access Act to provide advanced placement science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses for specific undeserved communities throughout California.
 - d. LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) Allows local districts to allocate funds to meet the needs of their community and close the achievement gap for students while specifically addressing the needs of foster youth, English as a second language students, and those below the poverty lines.
 - e. AB 1557 which gives veterans a stronger voice in college leadership; SB 955 addresses Human Trafficking – Assemblymember Chris Holden is the co-author of this legislation; and AB 1566 (Kitchen Grease Theft) – gives law enforcement stronger tools to combat this growing problem.
 - f. Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 33 – calls on the Department of Defense to set the record straight about sailors from the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans.
 - g. California Drought: 2014 Water Bond with specific funding to ensure safe and accessible water for generations to come.
 - h. California Drought: Wildfires – provides our first responders the necessary budget resources.
 - i. Regional Transportation Solutions – ensuring that the San Gabriel Valley communities have a greater voice in setting transportation priorities.
 - j. Top Priority of Assemblymember Holden is to provide excellent service to obtain the results that the community needs.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 4.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports on the new patrol vehicles, the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) program which has



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been working well to identify the original owners of the vehicles, DUI arrests (July 1 – Sept 2, 2014, 9 DUI arrests in Altadena) and the costs imposed against such offenders is substantial; discusses texting while driving and the fines; 3 Ft for safety act (Vehicle Code § 21760) which is in effect concerning motorist passing bicycle riders.

4.2 _____ Lt. Richard Shear reports concerning Year to Date Stats (YTD): Altadena is at a 21% reduction for part 1 crimes. Down 28% in burglaries. Violent crimes are also trending downward. The Traffic Trailers placed around the community which indicate a motorist speed are effective and are being moved around in the Altadena community to ensure safety.

4.2.1 _____ Lt Lewis/Deputy Spina (Public Information Officer) reports on the social media outreach efforts from the Altadena Sheriff's station to reach out to the public – through Nixel and the other sources.

4.3 _____ Cert Cert Karen Gibson highlights information in the Emergency Survival Guide that has been provided to the community. Also, Cert team is going to make available in the fall of 2014, a neighborhood based plan called “Map your Neighborhood.”

4.4 _____ Stephanie English (L.A. County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief) reports that there is nothing too minor for the community to call the Fire Department for. In August 2014, there were 269 responses from the local stations. Of the 269 responses, 210 calls were for emergency medical assistance. A “Ready Set Go Guide” is provided to the community to get your home ready in case of fire. Pulse Point is a new program which can be downloaded on your phone to alert a person if someone within 800 feet is having a heart attack. To contact Stephanie English - her business office is number is 661-250-2710 and e-mail is Stephanie.english@fire.lacounty.gov.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 _____ Ben Wong (Regional Manager Southern California Edison) reports concerning the recent power outages – stress and strain on the system because of the weather. Peak consumption in August 2014, was a little over 23,000 mega watts compared to August 2007 (which was the all time peak) at 23,300 mega watts. The community is asked to conserve electricity which benefits the system. Approximately 16,000 customers were affected by a power outage.

5.1.1 General Public Comment: Amy Lyford asks questions concerning the power outages in North East Altadena; Siddharth Dasgupta also asks questions concerning the power outages.

5.2 _____ Community Standards Distr. Committee Chair, Ed Meyers (no report).



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- 5.3 _____ Land Use Committee, Diane Marcussen reports that the Land Use Committee met in September 2014, and there were presentations only and the information will be provided to the affected community on any CUP (Conditional Use Permit).

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 6.1 _____ Altadena Public Library Pauline Dutton (Acting District Director) reports that Roberta Lawderdale which talked about literacy has passed away; services will be held September 19, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at Holy Cross Mortuary in Culver City. Condolences can be sent to her husband Roy Elam at 2374 Marengo Avenue, Altadena, California. On September 20, 2014, 2:00 p.m., there will be a wine tasting event and on September 27, 2014, there will be salsa dancing/salsa tasting.
- 6.2 _____ Meliza Hernandez (LA County Department of Parks & Rec.) no report.
- 6.3 _____ Billy Malone (Altadena Chamber of Commerce) no report.

7. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4611 Amy Cienfuegos reports that there is one more meeting at 20 E. Mariposa on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., concerning a CUP re a project on the use of the property.

4603.01 Damon Hobdy/Judy Matthews. Hobdy reports that there will be the Second Annual Meet and Greet for this census tract on September 20, 2014, at the Loma Alta Park from 1:00 p.m., to 2:30 p.m. Judy Matthews reports the following safety projects for public works are completed or in process: share the road signs are now posted. Traffic engineers have agreed to provide an edge line striping on Casistas and the project will be completed in October 2014. At the Meet and Greet on September 20, 2014, there will be 4 speakers; Leslie Luke (Deputy Director Office of Emergency Management), Christopher Reed (Captain Altadena Sheriff's Station); Stephanie English (Community Service Liaison for Los Angeles County Fire Department); and Penny Daniels (Recreation Services Supervisor).

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Mahlegashian speaks concerning an addition to his home at 2311 Oliveras. This community member was put in touch with Councilmember Amy Cienfuegos one of the representatives for that area.

Hafsah Shakur speaks concerning street cleaning and yard sale signs - she was put in touch with Councilmember Michelle Martinez one of the representatives for that area.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 9:12 p.m.



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Okorie Ezieme moves/Sylvia Vega seconded.