



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes

September 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive  
Altadena, California 91001

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Damon Hobdy
- 1.2.1.(14) Present: John White, Damon Hobdy, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Patricia Sutherlen, Sylvia Vega, Diane Marcussen, Brent Musson, Billy Malone, Jennifer Lee, Dean Cooper, Anne Chomyn, Anne Lansing, Justin Robertson
- (2) Excused: Judy Matthews, Okorie Ezieme
- (0) Absent/Unexcused: None
- 1.3. Approve September 15, 2015 meeting Agenda – Damon Hobdy asks that a community report be added for Collaborate PASadena and Anne Chomyn asks that a community report be added for the Domestic Violence Drive

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1. Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen states that the Land Use Committee and, therefore the ATC, currently has quite a number of projects to be worked on. This seems to be an indication that there are many improvements happening in Altadena.
- 2.2. Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme – Sitting in for Okorie Ezieme, Diane Marcussen states that comment cards are at the back of the room for anyone wanting to make public comment. The executive committee met and set the agenda for tonight's meeting
- 2.3. Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Damon Hobdy
- 2.3.1 Approve August 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes with changes. Hobdy moves, Sanyika seconds – 1 abstention, no opposed, motion carries.
- 2.4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen
- 2.5. Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that John White made arrangements for interns from PCC to update our website and also get credit towards their degree. It is a work in progress and we do not expect the changes to be implemented until the ATC members have approved. He asks if anyone has stock photos of Altadena that can be used on the website.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1. California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Cooper evaluated main causes of collisions. They are unsafe turning movements, speeding and failure to stop at stop signs. We should get info out to residents to drive more safely and to being more aware of the reasons for most of the accidents. Officer Cooper states that he will be moving his coverage to La Crescenta and Pasadena and that Officer Mike Ulloa will be the new CHP Officer covering Altadena. Since his last name is hard to pronounce, he recommends that you call him Mike.
- 3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Rob Lewis – They will be starting foot beats and bicycle patrols in the next month or so after training is completed. The search and rescue team has done well over 17 searches and rescues in the mountains and Eaton Canyon responding to heat exhaustion, broken bones and lost hikers. Coffee with the Captain will be at the Coffee Gallery on 9/28 from 6 p.m. To 7:30 p.m. Sargent Brian Mann will be there as the new community outreach officer along with the Captain.
- 3.3. CERT \_\_\_\_\_ Karen Gibson – CERT organization participated in the Chamber of Commerce event. On 9/26, there will be a CERT refresher event for those who already have had CERT training but also for those who want to just learn about what CERT does.
- 3.4. County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Stephanie English – County Fire responded to about 326 events in the month of August. If anyone has a specific question about events you can contact Stephanie regarding those issues.



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#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1. Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen – Item continued from the August 2015 meeting
  - 4.1.1. Community Bible Church located at 2124 Lincoln Ave. 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. (Michelle Martinez, Brent Musson) – This was not voted on in Land Use but was sent to the ATC without recommendation. At this time the surrounding neighbors have indicated that the situation with parking has improved. However, they are concerned that this may change once the project is approved. The committee voted to send the project to Regional Planning without conditions. The ATC letter will also state that it may be possible that, in the future, Code Enforcement may need to respond to requests for enforcement of issues should the parking be impacted once the project is approved.
- 4.2. Public Comment – Christine Valentine commented that the church is working with the neighbors to improve their interaction and parking impacts. She is concerned, however, that this may change once the project is approved and that she wishes that there could be something official that might stop that from happening.

#### 5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 5.1. Altadena Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Roy, Public Services Director – They have received a grant which will provide the ability for them to present 500 years of history of Latino Americans as a series and they encourage all to attend.
- 5.2. LA County Department of Parks & Rec \_\_\_\_\_ Meliza Hernandez – No Report
- 5.3. Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone – They are working on recruiting new members on the west side of Altadena. Pasadena Playhouse has also just joined our Chamber of Commerce.
- 5.4. Best Fest \_\_\_\_\_ Diana Phillippi – Plans are being completed for the event and she invites everyone to attend.
- 5.5. Domestic Violence Drive \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Chomyn – There will be a drop off at the Community Center to gather donations of gently used clothing, toiletries, household cleaning products and school supplies which will be distributed to women and children who are residing in local domestic violence shelters. This is an effort by Congresswoman Judy Chu's office.
- 5.6. Collaborate PASadena \_\_\_\_\_ Damon Hobdy – Next leadership council meeting will be 9/20/2015 and there should be a further update at the October Altadena Town Council meeting.

#### 6. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

**4603.01** – Annual meet and greet for this census tract has been postponed and will probably held in November. There have been complaints on Palm Street regarding speeding and Judy Matthews is working on this.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

During a General Public Comment period, any person may address the Altadena Town Council concerning any item that is or is not listed on the agenda. The Altadena Town Council welcomes public participation and input. Council members may ask clarifying questions from speakers.



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Gerald Phillips from Assemblymember Holden's office announced that there will be a transportation meeting on October 15 and they would be interested in having residents of Altadena to attend.

Speaker participants are asked to state their names and town/city of residence for the record; comments are limited to two [2] minutes, or such time limit declared by the Chairman in order to facilitate an orderly and timely meeting.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**