



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2015

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilmember Billy Malone.
1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Damon L. Hobdy.

(14) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Gloria Sanyika, Michelle Martinez, Damon L. Hobdy, Patricia Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Jennifer Lee, Dean Cooper, Anne Chomyn, Anne Lansing, Justin Robertson.

(2) Excused: Sylvia Vega, Brent Musson.

(0) Absent/Unexcused: None.

- 1.3 Approve December 15, 2015 Meeting Agenda__ Chair Diane Marcussen. There is a request to add a report for Census Tract 4603.02 by Gloria Sanyika. Damon L. Hobdy indicates that there will be no report for Collaborate PASadena. Finally, CERT will have no report. Motion to Approve Agenda as amended made by Damon Hobdy. Seconded by Billy Malone-unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports that the CSD is still in process. The County has been in meetings with the CSD Leadership. The CSD Leadership is working through comments from the County. Until the County agrees that what is submitted can be enforced and instituted, the CSD document cannot be presented to the public.

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 fill out a comment card and you will be able to comment at the end of the meeting. Also, Councilmember Ezieme wishes Happy Holidays to the community and recognizes and thanks Chair Diane Marcussen for her continued work on behalf of the Council/Community.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning the November 17, 2015, Meeting Minutes and September 15, 2015, Meeting Minutes.

2.3.1 _____ November 17, 2015, Meeting Minutes; Councilmember Hobdy requests that the approval of the November 17, 2015, Meetings be postponed to the January 2016, ATC



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2.3.2 _____ September 15, 2015; Councilmember Anne Chomyn requested that a change occur in terms of adding Councilmember John White's name to Item 2.5 re: interns working with the ATC to assist in updating the ATC website; Motion by Billy Malone to approve minutes as amended; seconded by Okorie Ezieme; unanimous with the exception that Councilmember Hobby, Cooper, and Matthews abstain.

2.4 Treasurer _____ Patricia Sutherlen reports concerning the ATC bank account balance for December 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 and asks all Councilmembers to check their mailboxes, because there is a thank you card and gift in the each mailbox. Also, Councilmember Malone reports that Assemblymember Chris Holden's 41st District is accepting nominations for Small Business of the Year for 2016, which does include Altadena. Therefore, if anyone wants to submit an application for this or needs further information, please contact Matthew Lyons at matthew.lyons@asm.ca.gov.

3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Mike Ulloa reports –Officer Ulloa thanks the Council for their donation to the CHIPS for kids Holiday program which has been very successful this year. There is a new reporting system called the CARS program. The program is still in process so the stats will be presented at the January 2016, ATC Meeting.

3.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Marquez reports concerning crime stats for the month of November 2015. Year to date there is a drop in the crime rate of 13.6% (year to date in Altadena) – means there are 76 fewer crimes in Altadena from last year 2014. The 5 year reduction in Altadena in the crime rate is at 45.6% which is 418 fewer crimes over the 5 years. During the month of November there was an increase in Larceny/Theft which counted for 17 of the 50 Part I crimes (shopping, packages stolen from residences and packages taken out of vehicles). In an attempt to stop these thefts the Sheriff's station has spoken to the businesses being targeted as well as provided tips to the community to stop such thefts. There was enough food and toys gathered to serve 165 families for the Christmas and Holiday season. On December 19, 2015, from 9-12 volunteers are needed to distribute toys and food.

3.3 _____ CERT no report. But, CERT wishes everyone a Happy and safe Holiday season.



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- 3.4 _____ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief reports that El Nino is still expected to come. Sandbag locations can be found from the DPW care or LA County Fire website. Ms. English encourages community members to prepare for El Nino. When the heavy rains come and you see rocks, stones, and mud come down a hill that is your first sign that you may need to call 911.

4 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 4.1 El Nino Planning _____ Keith Lilley, LA County DPW, Flood Control presents. Mr. Lilley is a Civil Engineer from LA County Public Works. He reports on El Nino and the Counties preparedness and how we as a community can be prepared. El Nino is a climate phenomenon. The community has experienced approximately 6 El Nino's in the past. Public works is prepared year round. There is an ongoing dam infrastructure improvement program to prevent flood risk to the community. The County tries to capture and conserve storm water and help reduce impacts from the rain drought. Debris basins have been cleared out in preparation for the storms. We need to stay informed. Keep looking at weather forecasts. Don't enter riverbeds and the like. Prepare an emergency kit for pets and ourselves. LA County has an emergency survival guide on line for the community to get and read to stay prepared. Please contact 626-458-6100 and ask for Keith Lilley or Michael Miranda for questions concerning El Nino.
- 4.2 Lake and Calaveras Building _____ Gene Detchemendy, Charles Company presents. Before the presentation Chair Diane Marcussen states that this is a presentation only. The Council is not taking action on this matter and is not endorsing or opposing matters set forth in the presentation. Also, Chair Marcussen welcomes Aldi as a new business in the community. Gene Detchemendy reports that he has listened to the community. More particularly in terms of the walkability of the proposed Aldi (for example, putting in benches) and in terms of the look and feel of the building that will house Aldi.
- 4.2.1 _____ Paul Kennoa who is Director of Real Estate for Aldi has been with the Company for 13 years. Mr. Kennoa reports that Aldi is about efficiency to keep prices low for the community. There are more than 1300 of the most common purchase items in the store. There will be over 100 produce items in the store which are locally grown and organic items. There is a double back guarantee which means if a customer does not like the item, the item will be taken back and the customer can receive another item of equal value. Employees start at \$13.00 an hour and can go up to \$21 per hour for long-standing employees. Employees also receive full benefits with a matching 401k contribution plan. Also, Aldi will occupy approx. 20,000 of the sq. ft of the building. The remaining 7,000 sq. ft will be occupied by another business unknown to date.



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5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen: The Committee took action on the below items. The Committee voted and recommended to the ATC that the ATC send a letter to Regional Planning recommending approving Item No. 5.2 but denying Item No. 5.3:

5.2 R2013-02962-Proposed New Verizon Cell Tower at 2561 Fair Oaks Ave-Gloria Sanyika, Dean Cooper, Patricia Sutherlen, Justin Robertson. Councilmember Sanyika indicates that based upon the residential vote there is a recommendation of approval with the following conditions: (a) all towers erected by Verizon Wireless are expected to be maintained on a regular basis to remove falling branches, replace defective pieces, and noise levels should be adjusted, (b) that the Church parking lot must conform to County code prior to a public hearing before Regional Planning, (c) that the project is to conform to all FCC regulations and guidelines on radio frequency emissions, and (d) the wall matching the existing adjacent property wall is to be constructed to screen equipment at the base of the tower from public view. Public Outreach was undertaken from a 1,000 foot radius around the Church Building. A community meeting was held on September 14, 2015. Over 300 flyers were sent out inviting residents to attend the meeting. 12 Altadena residents attended. Door to door surveys were done. 38 residents directly impacted were interviewed. Total results of all the outreach efforts yielded as follows: 36 immediate residents and 6 other residents were in favor of the project; 19 immediate residents and 5 other residents were against the project; those who opposed the project stated that the other cell towers in Altadena were too noisy and not well maintained. These residents did not want Verizon to have a monopoly and the residents expressed that the towers exposed them to other concerns. But, in total there were more residents for the project than against it. Councilmember Chomyn moves to amend the Motion to place in the letter to Regional planning a statement that will inform such entity that the ATC received feedback regarding health issues from the community. Motion to Amend by Councilmember Chomyn; opposed by Councilmembers Ezieme and Sutherlen; no abstentions; unanimous otherwise. Councilmember Sanyika then moves that the ATC recommend approval to Regional Planning with the conditions and comment in the letter regarding the health issues; seconded by Patricia Sutherlen before the actual amendment to the Motion-opposed by Councilmembers Martinez, Robertson and White-unanimous otherwise.

5.3 R2015-02353-Proposed New Verizon Cell Tower located at 2949 Lincoln Ave-Dean Cooper, Gloria Sanyika. Councilmember Sanyika indicates that a door to door survey was instituted. 21 residents were interviewed which included homes on both sides of Lincoln Avenue. Concerned residents on Mariposa circulated a Petition opposing the project. The results of the door to door survey yielded the following results: 8 were for the project, 8 opposed, 3 were not concerned and 3 were neutral. The final tally with respect to door to door interviews and resident Petition were as follows: 31 opposed; 8 for; 3 were not concerned; 2 were neutral and 3 were out of the area; 1 had an opinion but no address. Those opposed indicated the same concerns as those with respect to the proposed cell tower on Fair Oaks.



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Councilmember Sanyika moves that due to: (a) the location adjacent to residential areas at the end of commercial zones, and (b) as a result of the overwhelming opposition, the recommendation is made that the project be denied; seconded by Michelle Martinez-unanimous in terms of the denial.

5.3.1 Public Comment.

Cindy Koh (Fair Oaks/Lincoln) is against the proposed Cell Towers.
Kevin Mottus (Fair Oaks) is against the proposed Cell Tower.
Kristin Petherbridge (Fair Oaks) is against the proposed Cell Tower.
Rola Masiri (Fair Oaks) is against the proposed Cell Tower.

Barbie Ishida (Fair Oaks/Lincoln) is against the proposed Cell Towers and indicates that she was not informed about being involved to voice her concerns regarding the cell tower on Fair Oaks.

Michelle Velasquez (Fair Oaks) is against the proposed Cell Tower.

6 ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 6.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Mindy Kattay (District Director) no report but wishes everyone a Happy Holidays.
- 6.2 LA County Department of Parks & Rec ___ Meliza Hernandez no report.
- 6.3 Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports that the Chamber had a North Lake holiday event that was very successful. Save the date for February 5, 2016, which will be the installation dinner sponsored by the Chamber to present the awards for Citizen of the Year and business of the year. Lastly, Councilmember Malone thanks Councilmember Hobdy and his Mother for personally supplying the refreshments every month for the ATC meetings.
- 6.4 Collaborate PASadena _____ Damon Hobdy no report.
- 6.5 LA County Parks Needs Assessment _____ Anne Chomyn reports regarding the Parks Needs Assessment meeting which has been organized by Michelle Zack. The meeting is January 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. It is a meeting to get input from the Altadena Community concerning Parks in Altadena (i.e., do we need more parks, do we need a dog park, what facilities do we need). This is the chance for Altadena residents to give their input. The County wants to know how to allocate funds if funds become available. There will likely be a proposition on the ballot to ask for funding for park improvements. It will be a fun event so all are welcomed.

7 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4601.01 Judy Matthews/Damon Hobdy. Councilmember Hobdy reports that for approximately two (2) years he has been working to get a bus bench and trash can on the North Side of Altadena Drive and Glenrose. The cost was estimated at approximately \$13,000, because the sidewalk needed to be extended to accommodate a bench and trash can and have enough space for wheel chair access. Supervisor Antonovich's office approved the work to be done. The work was complete and now there is an extended



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sidewalk, bus bench, and trash can on the corner of Glenrose and Altadena Drive.

4603.02 Gloria Sanyika/Dean Cooper. Councilmember Sanyika indicates that there will be an annual Meet and Greet for Census Tract 4603.02 on Saturday, January 23, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to be held at Hillside Tabernacle Church 2561 North Fair Oaks. There will be an array of speakers from Lincoln Avenue Water, CERT, Los Angeles County Health Dept., Fire Department, Community Development Commission, Sun Solar, and speaker from Animal Control. Also, on December 12, 2015, there was a rain water harvesting and rain barrel distribution event that was very successful. 67 residents participated and purchased barrels. Also, 30 residents participated in the free workshop on rain water harvesting. It was a very successful event.

Councilmember Cooper thanks Councilmember Sanyika for her tireless efforts on behalf of the community. Also, Councilmember Cooper reports that the Board of Trustee of PCC made a presentation. Students going to Muir and other students can now take college classes at PCC and get credit for classes starting from 9th grade. This program begins January 11, 2016. Website address to find out more about the program is Pasadena.edu.com

8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Goldfield comments regarding proposed Aldi.
Lin Griffith comments concerning Lake & Calaveras development.
Rene Worland comments regarding proposed Lake & Calaveras development.
Alison Amegatcher comments regarding proposed Lake & Calaveras development.
Barbie Ishida comments concerning Lake & Calaveras development.
Nicole Moore comments concerning Lake & Calaveras development.
Marge Nichols comments concerning the CSD.
Kristin Petherbridge comments regarding comments regarding lateness of the meetings.

9 ADJOURNMENT: 10:19 p.m.

Damon Hobdy moves/Billy Malone seconded-unanimous.