



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2015

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California 91001

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

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

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

(1) Excused: Michelle Martinez.

(0) Absent/Unexcused: None.

- 1.3 Approve November 17, 2015 Meeting Agenda__ Chair Diane Marcussen.
There are some changes. CERT Steve Reagan and Nancy Darling will be making the report. There will be no County Fire report in Item No. 3.3. Lin Griffith will speak for NBBA not Monica Hubbard in Item No. 5.7. Also, Chair Marcussen requests that the General Public Comment will be ahead of the Census Tract reports in Paragraph 6. Under Community Reports Item 5.3, Councilmember Malone indicates that Meredith Miller will be presenting the Chamber of Commerce report. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Patricia Sutherlen; seconded by Okorie Ezieme-unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports that the County has asked the Chamber of Commerce, Altadena Heritage and the ATC to give input and plan a project to put monument signs at a few locations in Altadena (indicating welcome to Altadena for example). Supervisor Antonovich has provided funding for such project. The project is in the planning stages with the County at this point. Also, the Executive Committee met and discussed and agreed to make a donation to the CHP and Altadena Sheriff's station Holiday drive as was done last year. Finally, Chair Marcussen attended a MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD event sponsored by CERT. Chair Marcussen encourages others in the community to participate.
- 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.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning The October 20, 2015, ATC Meeting Minutes.



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2.3.1 _____ October 20, 2015, Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Sanyika requested that under Item 7 that the Census Tract be changed from 4603.01 to 4603.02 which is the proper Census Tract for Councilmembers Sanyika and Cooper. Councilmember Chomyn requested the following changes also be made: (a) on Item 3.3 MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD was complete in 5 or 6 areas as indicated by Karen Gibson, and (b) on Item 6.2 snow slides will also be at the December 19, 2015, event to be held at Loma Alta Park. Finally, Councilmember Hobdy indicates that the names of those making Public Comment at the October meeting will be properly set forth. Councilmember Hobdy moves to approve the October 20, 2015, Meeting Minutes as Amended; seconded by Councilmember Sanyika-unanimous with exception that Councilmember Brent Musson abstains.

2.4 Treasurer _____ Patricia Sutherlen reports concerning the ATC bank account balance for the end of October 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 that the Chamber of Commerce will be (once again) sponsoring the Citizen of the year awards. If anyone wants to nominate someone please fill out the required form and return to the Community Center. There are numerous agencies and entities that work on the Committee for the Citizen of the year. Someone on the Board of the Chamber cannot participate. If an individual is employed in Public Service within Altadena, they have to demonstrate Community Service above and beyond their current job duties. Assemblymember Chris Holden for the 41st District is having an Open House and Shoe Drive on December 2, 2015, at 600 N. Rosemead, Suite 117 in Pasadena.

3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Cooper reports and thanks the Council for the decision of the ATC Executive Committee to donate to the CHIPS for Kids Holiday program. In the month of October the CHP updated their computer system and has gone to a paperless report writing system to save unlimited amounts of paper throughout the year. There are no statistics available as of yet as a result of system errors. Further, in the Altadena area office the CHP is working to get the Explorer Cadet program back to running. Anyone between the ages of 14 and 20 can participate and join the program.

3.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff's Station Lt. Rob Lewis reports and introduces Captain Stuckey as the new Captain of the Altadena Sheriff's Station. The crime stats show that for the month of October 2015, crime is down 17%. However, in the course of the past couple of weeks there have been a lot of



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thefts from vehicles. Residents are leaving their cars unlocked, and valuable items in plain view in their cars. Lt. Lewis asks the public to be diligent in keeping their vehicle doors locked and not to expose valuable items in plain view from the outside of their cars. Also, Lt. Lewis encourages residents to be careful in having packages delivered to their residences during the Holidays where such packages sit on the front porch. Lt. Lewis asks residents to find alternative means to have packages delivered so that thefts of such packages will not occur. There will be a toy and food drive on Saturday December 12, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be drop off locations for toys and food at the Altadena Library and Altadena Sheriff's Station. On December 19, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the toy and food giveaway will occur and anyone can volunteer to assist. On Monday, December 7, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Captain Stuckey will be doing Coffee with the Captain at the Coffee Gallery located at 2029 Lake Avenue. Finally, Lt. Lewis comments on the Explorer program in Altadena.

3.3 _____ CERT report by Steve Reagan. Mr. Reagan reports that CERT has been very active supporting MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD and Altadena Local Emergency Radio Team (ALERT). MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD model has changed from individual training to facilitator training, which means that community members are trained to MAP their own neighborhood to get together their own neighborhood meeting. There are now approximately 24 persons that are going to facilitate their own meeting. Please contact CERT at Myn@altadenacert.org for any questions. Nancy Darling (Chairman of ALERT) reports that ALERT celebrated its 3rd year anniversary and 47 persons with radio operators attended.

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

4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen: The Committee took action on the below items. The Committee met and voted on 3 projects. One project was continued to the December ATC meeting. However, the Committee voted and recommended to the ATC that the ATC send a letter to Regional Planning recommending approval of Items No. 4.2 and 4.3 below:

4.2 Sale of less than one acre of the (County) Altadena Golf Course to the Altadena Country Club-Councilmember Jennifer Lee indicates that the land is inside the Golf Course and is only accessible by the Altadena Golf Course and the Altadena Country Club. The money received by the Golf Course will be reinvested in the Golf Course and such is required pursuant to the Park Preservation Act. There have been 4 public hearings and out of those hearings 28 people spoke, 6 were against the sale, and 26 were in favor of the sale. Of the 6 against the sale, their comments were as follows: (a) these persons were concerned about the potential



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use of the green space of the land to be used for weddings. What is proposed by Councilmember Lee is that the Altadena Country Club shall not use the new lawn area acquired from the County for any member or nonmember wedding event. Councilmember Lee indicates that she requests that a letter be sent to Regional Planning recommending approval of the sale with the previous mentioned condition. Discussion occurs. Motion by Councilmember Chomyn to amend the condition on the approval to the following: That the sale be approved with the condition that none of the acquired space be used for weddings; seconded by Anne Lansing; unanimous with exception that Councilmember Dean Cooper abstains. As a result, Councilmember Lee makes the following Motion: In the matter of the sale of less than one acre of public Altadena county golf course land to the Altadena Country Club, after several public hearings in Altadena the majority of the residents are in favor of the sale. We recommend that the sale be approved with the following condition - The club shall not use the area acquired from the County for any member or nonmember wedding events; seconded by Councilmember Lansing; 13 in favor, 2 opposed-Justin Robertson and Dean Cooper, and 0 abstentions.

4.2.1 Public Comment.

Those in favor of the sale gave public comment:

Dan Joyce, Bill Fennesey, Lisa Boggard, Julia McCallin, Christine Miller, Greg Hoxworth, Chris Pourdett, Bill Monil, Kevin Strotz.

Those against the sale gave public comment:

Xavier Inguanzo, Will Stifel, Paul Strifel, Mary Grover Stifel, Meredith Miller.

- 4.3 R2015-02193 Request to sell alcohol-2141 N. Crawford Ave Monte Cedro-Justin Robertson, Patricia Sutherlen. Councilmember Robertson states that Monte Cedro Senior Residential Facility is applying for a CUP to be able to serve alcohol to their residence and invited guests as an amenity. This is a type 57 special on sale license through the State Alcohol and Beverage Control. Monte Cedro will have to abide by the Business and Professions Code. Councilmember Robertson indicates that resident's doors were knocked on that live on Coleman, Calaveras, Crawford, Alameda, and El Molino. In doing so the results were as follows: 26 people were talked to; 24 were in favor, 1 unsure and 1 opposed. But, the 1 who was unsure has now withdrawn his letter of protest. Additionally, the person who was opposed indicated: (a) that the CUP was not in conformity with the nature of a convalescent care facility, and (b) believes that it is unfair that Monte Cedro have an alcohol amenity when other care facilities do not have this amenity. Motion by Justin Robertson that the ATC write a letter to Regional Planning recommending approval of the above CUP for the on-site sale



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and consumption of beer, wine, and spirits at the Monte Cedro Care facility with the conditions placed on the permit as set forth herein on "Exhibit A" which is attached to these Minutes-seconded by Councilmember Anne Chomyn; 13 in favor, 2 opposed-Councilmembers Sanyika and Cooper; 0 absentions.

4.3.1 Public Comment.

There was no public comment by anyone from the community.

5 ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 5.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Mindy Kattay (District Director) reports that the Library is participating in the toy drive with the Sheriff's office. The annual holiday program will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, from 6:00 p.m., to 7:30 p.m.
- 5.2 LA County Department of Parks & Rec __ Penny Daniels (Park Supervisor) reports that on Friday, November 20, 2015, from 4:00 p.m., to 6:00 p.m. there will be a turkey shoot where children 13 and under can win a pie or turkey. Supervisor Antonovich is sponsoring snow for Loma Alta Park and its Winter Wonderland. As a result, on December 19, 2015, from 5:00 p.m., to 9:00 p.m. at Loma Alta Park there will be snow slides and machines, crafts, and there will be a giveaway of toys for the holiday season. On December 19, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. there will also be a Holiday event and toy giveaway. On December 12, 2015, there will also be a toy giveaway at Charles White Park.
- 5.3 Chamber of Commerce _____ Meredith Miller reports that this is a busy time for the Chamber. The membership has grown to over 100 members. The Citizen of the year award will be given at the annual awards dinner where the business of the year award will also be given. The awards dinner will occur on February 5, 2016, at the Altadena Country Club. Additionally, on the Chamber website there is nominating criteria for Citizen of the Year as well as required forms. There have been 5 successful Power Breakfast events where guests come and speak. This is an opportunity for community members to network. Ms. Miller invites those to come out to the Power Breakfast. Also, Ms. Miller talks about the Leadership Council of Collaborate PASadena to strengthen the Pasadena Unified School District programs for students. The 2nd Annual North Lake Pole sponsored by the Chamber will be on Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 3:00 p.m., to 8:00 p.m. Lastly, the Chamber is recruiting for new Board members. If anyone wants to volunteer, Ms. Miller encourages those to apply.
- 5.4 Collaborate PASadena _____ Damon Hobby reports that Collaborate PASadena is a collaborate effort between Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre concerning the health, safety, and welfare of our students and families on a broad scale. There will be a meeting in December of 2015 involving the Leadership Council. Councilmember Hobby will report as to what occurred during such meeting. Also,



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Councilmember Hobby asks the community to get involved by going to the Collaborate website at collaboratepasadena.org and becoming involved in a work group.

- 5.5 41ST Assembly-Local Government Advisory Comm _____ Judy Matthews reports that the purpose of the 41st District Advisory Council is to establish a working relationship with Assemblymember Chris Holden, his office, and to address issues that are important to the community. The Council consists of 10 subcommittees, local government, women's health, faith, small business, veterans, education, seniors, environmental and transportation. Councilmember Matthews was appointed by Assemblymember Holden to the local government advisory committee. The first meeting was held on November 5, 2015, was attended by the Mayors of Pasadena/South Pasadena, Assistant City Manager and Councilmember Matthews representing Altadena. The discussion focused on homelessness, programming at the Rose Bowl, Cal Trans zones in San Dimas, drought, and areas in encampment. The next meeting will be in January 2016.
- 5.6 LA County Parks Needs Assessment _____ Anne Chomyn reports that Supervisor Mike Antonovich and Mark Ridley Thomas initiated a Countywide survey to determine the wishes and needs of the community regarding Parks. This is a huge effort on the Supervisor's part. Residents of 88 cities and 130 unincorporated areas will be asked for their input. Each community will have a community assessment meeting. The meeting in Altadena will take place on January 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This is an important time to let the Supervisors know what improvements the community wants as to the Parks and what we want as to new parks assuming funding becomes available for such project. The outreach for this meeting is being coordinated by Altadena Heritage and Councilmember Chomyn will be working with the Heritage as the ATC liaison.
- 5.7 NBBA _____ Lin Griffith reports concerning the "white paper" distributed by NBBA re: the proposed building on Lake and Calaveras. NBBA prepared this document, because they believe that the proposed building violates community standards. Additionally, NBBA requested the ATC to endorse the "white paper." There was much discussion on this subject by Councilmembers. However, since the function of the ATC under the by-laws (Article V Subsection A (2)) is not to endorse the "white paper" of the NBBA but to facilitate the relationship with the Supervisor's Office and/or the County including appropriate County agencies, ATC (through the Chair) agreed to facilitate the communication with the Supervisor's Office by sending a letter explaining that NBBA had concerns with the proposed building at Lake and Calaveras.

6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Those persons indicated below commented on the "white paper" and the fact that they believe the proposed building on Lake and Calaveras is not in conformity with community standards.



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Chris Driscoll, Lori Toulounian, Linda Would, Thomas Cox, Bill Burnett, Mark Goldschmidt, Kate Sullivan, Jason D. Copell, Larry Goldfield, and Nicole Moore. Vivian Woolfson did not speak but wrote a statement.

7 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

7.1 4601.01 Judy Matthews/Damon Hobdy. Councilmember Matthews reports concerning the Annual Meet and Greet for Census Tract 4603.01 held on November 7, 2015, at Loma Alta Park. Councilmember Matthews thanks Councilmembers John White, Billy Malone, Anne Chomyn, Gloria Sanyika, and Justin Robertson for attending the event. It was a successful event and well attended. Councilmember Matthews indicates that there was representation from all agencies that responded to questions from a survey. Councilmember Sanyika presented concerning the Rain Harvest and Elliot Gold from ACONA attended and spoke. The County of Los Angeles Department of Environmental Health investigated and found no violations with the County Ordinance in regards to the property located at 349 W. Altadena Drive. A resident complained about the noise. T-Mobile made adjustments by changing the unit to a more quiet setting. Also, the wireless company will maintain the equipment and check it monthly. The results were made known to LA County Regional Planning Administration. The United Methodist Church occupants were very pleased as well as the complaining resident.

7.2 4603.02 Gloria Sanyika/Dean Cooper. Councilmember Sanyika reports concerning the drought. As a result, Census Tract 4603.02 will be hosting a Rain Water Harvesting workshop and Rain Barrel sale and distribution. Approximately 25 people have already signed up for the workshop and purchased rain barrels. The event will take place on December 12, 2015, from 9:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., at the Loma Alta Park. The workshop will take place from 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m. The event is being sponsored by Tree People and Rain Barrel International. The event is open to everyone. Additionally, on January 23, 2016, Census Tract 4603.02 will have its Annual Census Tract Meet and Greet.

7.3 4611 Patricia Sutherlen/Justin Robertson. Councilmember Sutherlen reports that she attended the Principal for the Day lunch, that was sponsored by the Pasadena Educational Foundation. Councilmember Sutherlen attended the luncheon for the event which was very informative. Congressman Judy Chu, Mayor Terry Tornek, Superintendent Brian McDonald from the Pasadena Unified School District was also present. It was a positive event concerning the students, and how the students were learning.

8 ADJOURNMENT: 9:48 p.m.

Brent Musson moves/Gloria Sanyika seconded-unanimous.



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EXHIBIT "A"

MonteCedro Senior Living Facility Conditions For The On-Site Sale And Consumption Of Beer, Wine, and Spirits

- 1) Sales of alcoholic beverages shall be limited to between the hours of 8:30am and 10:00pm daily.
- 2) Sales of alcoholic beverages shall be limited to MonteCedro residents and invited guests only, for consumption on the premises where sold.
- 3) Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold to anyone for off-site consumption.
- 4) Payment methods for alcoholic beverages shall be limited to those only available to residents of MonteCedro, including but not limited to electronic key fobs; cash, credit, or other legal tender available to non-residents of MonteCedro may not be used to purchase alcohol.
- 5) MonteCedro, Inc. and its agents must comply with the California Business & Professions Code as it relates to the sales of alcoholic beverages under a Type 57 license.