



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:08 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilmember Anne Chomyn.
- 1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary Damon L. Hobdy.
 - 1.2.1. (15) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Patricia Sutherlen, Jennifer Lee, Gloria Sanyika, Anne Chomyn, Dean Cooper, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Anne Lansing, Justin Robertson, Damon L. Hobdy, Michelle Martinez, Sylvia Vega.
 - (1) Excused: Brent Musson
 - (0) Absent/Unexcused:
 - 1.2.2 Approve April 19, 2016, Meeting Agenda__Chair Marcussen asks whether anyone had any changes to the Agenda. Councilmember Damon L. Hobdy requests that Item No. 4.2 on the Agenda be moved to appear as Item No. 2.3.3. Councilmember Jennifer Lee asks to add a Census Tract report for 4612 as Item 6.3. Motion by Patricia Sutherlen to accept the agenda as amended; seconded by Councilmember Hobdy; unanimous.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Diane Marcussen reports concerning process going on in the County – the Supervisor asked that the County do an RFP for having another organization do the animal control in Altadena and La Crescenta. The County is talking to the Humane Society about that. Over the last 3 years there has been an effort to update the Community Standards District Codes (CSD). Over the last 3 months there is a core group of a committee that is meeting with Regional Planning and the Supervisor's office to discuss the CSD recommendations. In approximately June 2016 there will be public hearings on the matter. The Supervisor's office came to 3 organizations – Town Council, Chamber, and Altadena Heritage concerning a project to mark the entrance at New York and Altadena Drive and other places within Altadena to place monument and poll signs indicating where Altadena begins. Michelle Zack from Altadena Heritage, Ed Myers from Chamber, and Diane Marcussen from the Town Council have been involved in this project providing their input to the County. The Supervisor's office allotted monies for this project.
- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme reports that the Executive Committee met and the Agenda before the community was set as the order of business. If a community member wants to speak on any item on the Agenda or other matters during General Public Comment, please fill out a comment card and provide to a Councilmember. Also, if anyone desires to get on the ATC agenda, such request must be submitted to the Council no later than 5:00 p.m., on the second Monday of each month.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Damon L. Hobdy reports concerning the following:
 - 2.3.1 Approve February 16, 2016, Meeting Minutes with the following changes: (a) the agenda Item No. 1.3 should be amended to indicate the February and not March agenda (b) Vice Chair Okorie Ezieme was listed under Recording Secretary and it should have been Councilmember Hobdy. Motion to approve the February 16, 2016, meeting minutes; seconded by Councilmember Sutherlen; unanimous with exception that Councilmember's Michelle Martinez and Dean Cooper abstain.



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- 2.3.2 Approve March 15, 2016, Meeting Minutes with the following changes: (a) regarding the Census Tract report for 4603.01 in terms of the formation of the committee indicated, (b) misspelling of the Guerrilla Gardens indicated in Item 2.1 (c) under Item No. 3.4 it should have read 281 emergency responses, (d) under Public Comment a correction needed to be made regarding the bicyclist, and (e) misspelled the word of “abandoned.” Motion to approve the March 15, 2016 meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Councilmember Okorie Ezieme; unanimous with exception that Councilmember Dean Cooper abstains.
- 2.3.3 Election Committee _____ Damon L. Hobdy reports as reflected in the Exhibit A attached regarding the 2016 ATC Elections.
- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Patricia Sutherlen reports concerning the current balance in the ATC account as of April 2016. Since, the ATC runs strictly on donations, the community is encouraged to contribute.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Billy Malone reports and indicates that there was an issue with the ATC website that was brought to Councilmember’s Malone’s attention. The problem was solved immediately.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 _____ California Highway Patrol Officer Phil Cooper reports for February 2016. Officer Mike Ulloa will have the crime statistics for March and April at the May 2016, meeting. Officer Cooper asks the community to check their cars to make sure they are safe and everything is in working order especially during the high temperature months. During the summer there are also more car fires. Please keep water in your car in case your car breaks down so you can stay hydrated until someone can assist you. The freeway service patrol trucks will provide assistance to the community if someone is stuck on the freeway. Approximately 650,000 motorists are helped each year. There is no need to call 911 if your car breaks down. An individual can call 511 and indicate freeway assist and such person will be transferred to the freeway service patrol line. Freeway patrol helps with changing a flat tire, jump starts, changing a leaky hose, providing a gallon of gas, and tow. These are all free services. The community is ask to note this information so that this will assist in keeping freeway lanes moving.
- 3.1.1 _____ Officer Bejar (Public Information Officer) reports that on March 22, 2016, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., there will be Coffee with a Cop at the Coffee Gallery. Also, Officer Bejar indicates that Officer Nathan Taylor was killed in the line of duty. The CHP Credit Union has started a fund for his family and if anyone wants to contribute log on to the CHP website for more details. Next, “Stand Up For Keith” was mentioned by Officer Bejar. Officer Keith needs a bone marrow transplant. There is a bone marrow drive on March 16, 2016, and individuals between the ages of 18 to 44 can sign up.
- 3.2 _____ Altadena Sheriff’s Station Captain Vicki Stuckey reports that Altadena traditionally has an increase of street crimes during the summer months. With many of the individuals being affiliated with local gangs. This year the Altadena Summer Crime Enforcement Program will consist of 4 Deputy Sheriff’s and 1



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Sergeant (that Sergeant is Alan Klinski). The Supervisor has provided funding to address this increase of crimes. The team will begin to deploy on May 15, 2016, to suppress crimes to maintain law and order and protect people and property. Captain Stuckey then introduces Sergeant Klinski (the 2016 Summer Crime Enforcement Sergeant's e-mail address is ajklinsk@lasd.org).

3.2.1 _____ Lt. Clay then provides the crime statistics in Altadena. The Lt. reports that robberies have increased in April 2016, by 2 in comparison to March 2016 – 4 of which have occurred in Census Tract 4610. 1 occurred in 4611 which occurred with the person sitting in their car. Lt. Clay asks the community that if they are sitting in their car to please lock their doors. The residential burglaries increased to 10 in March 2016. Thefts increased as well. The Sheriff's station is still asking community members to lock their doors of their cars and homes.

3.3 _____ CERT reported by Karen Gibson. The report is as follows: beware of the possibility of an Earthquake. Training in CERT is coming to Altadena starting June 4. The dates are June 4, 11, and the 18th. Starting at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The classes are half full already so please sign up as soon as possible. MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD training is being continuously offered. Ms. Gibson reported that CERT went to South Pasadena to report on the training in Altadena. Additionally, there will be a MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD training on May 15, 2016, (Sunday) at the Altadena Town and Country Club. All community members are welcomed. On May 1, 2016, there will be the Altadena Home Tour. All are (once again) welcomed.

3.4 _____ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief reports that there are starting to be a lot of wind driven fires. This draws our attention that brush fires are starting to occur. Now is the early part of fire season. In May or June 2016, the fire fighters are out doing brush inspections to decrease fires. For March 2016, the statistics are as follows: there was 1 structure fire, and 1 mobile property fire and for the year to date there are 6 structure fires and 5 mobile property fires. There were 251 emergency medical responses, 8 hazardous conditions with no fire, 8 service calls, 15 good intent calls, 20 false alarm calls, and there were a total of 306 responses in March concerning those various categories. To date there have been 977 total responses.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen reports that the Land Use Committee met in March 2016, but the meeting was for presentation only. The first was for: (a) the subdivision of 3572 Canyon Ridge Drive, and (b) 2885 Stonehill Drive for new construction that was on a slope. Therefore, no action was taken on the matters.

4.2 Altadena Film _____ Anne Chomyn reports that the newly formed Film Committee has met and they are in the process of defining its goals and deciding the structure of the meetings. The Committee invites Town Council members to communicate to the Committee any concerns or questions they may have or their constituents may have regarding filming in Altadena. Likewise, the Committee invites the community at large to provide input. At the next Altadena Town Council meeting the Committee anticipates being able to announce the date and time of the first meeting in which the community will be



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invited. Committee members are Anne Chomyn, Patricia Sutherlen, and Jennifer Lee. Additionally, a non-town council member by the name of Kenny Myers from Census Tract 4601 is also on the Committee.

5. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 5.1 Altadena Public Library _____ Ryan Roy (Public Services Director) reports for Mindy Kattay (District Director). The Latino Cultural Arts Festival will be held on May 14, 2016. Reputable artist will be performing one of which is a Grammy winning artist. There will be a host of storytellers and other artist. The communities assistance is needed to make the event a success. Please contact Ryan Roy for more information at wroy@altadenalibrary.org.
- 5.2 LA County Department of Parks & Rec. ____ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager – LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec) no report.
- 5.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone reports that the next Chamber power breakfast will be at the Altadena Country Club on May 12, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The breakfast will focus on Business Safety (protection of employees, earthquake safety, etc). Captain Stuckey will be present to speak. Also, the Chamber has a new office manager whose name is Caroline (first name only provided during the ATC meeting).
- 5.4 Collaborate PASadena _____ Gloria Sanyika reports that she attended her first Collaborate PASadena meeting in March 2016. Collaborate has been in operation for approximately 7 months (the first 6 months were utilized to develop the basic structure of Collaborate). Now, a marketing committee has been developed to communicate and advertise the goals and objectives of Collaborate. Such goals and objectives have been set forth in the form of a brochure which identifies what Collaborate PASadena means, the vision of the organization, the organizational structure, the shared goals, etc. On March 29, 2016, a Parent Engagement Group (work group of Collaborate) had a kick-off meeting called Parents With a Voice. It was well attended and the event was chronicled in Pasadena Now. At the next Leadership Council Meeting in April 2016, there will be discussion of next years shared goals and objectives. Councilmember Sanyika encourages the Council and members of the community to contact her to provide their input on what the goals of Collaborate should be.
- 5.5 41st Assembly-Local Govern. Advisory Comm. Judy Matthews thanks the Community for responding to the Special Joint Council Meeting Questionnaire. The meeting with Assemblymember Chris Holden and the Altadena Town Council will ensure that residents of Altadena have an opportunity to present topics of concern. The Special Joint Council will start annual dialogue between Assemblymember Holden and the Altadena Town Council and is a perfect opportunity to encourage the community to get involved in community issues by openly addressing those matters noted in the survey. The survey answers are being reviewed and the community will be informed. Councilmember Matthews thanks the community for their involvement.

6. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

- 6.1 4603.01 Damon Hobdy/Judy Matthews. _____ Councilmember Matthews thanks the bench company for installing a new black wrought iron bench on Lincoln and Altadena Drive. It is much appreciated, because it is a better street appeal. Councilmember Matthews thanks Kate Bean (Director of Aveson School) for her involvement in the beautification committee.



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Thanks is also given to Aveson school for leasing the Cleaners and 99¢ store on Lincoln and Altadena Drive and beautifying the buildings. Councilmember Matthews also discusses the sight distance study (intersection of Hollygrove and N. Canyon Crest in the Meadows), the road maintenance division of Public Works is continuing the process of conducting studies to improve the sight distance in Altadena.

- 6.2 4603.02 Gloria Sanyika/Dean Cooper. Councilmember Sanyika reports about an e-mail she received from a concerned resident about what needs to be done to attract a 99¢ store at the old Walmart location on Lincoln and Figueroa. The Council discusses the matter. Also, Councilmember Sanyika discusses whether there is an ordinance or code for postal trucks parking on private streets and then making door-to-door stops.
- 6.3 4612 Jennifer Lee/Anne Lansing_____ Councilmember Lee reports that there will be a Census Tract Town Hall Meeting on May 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 206 at Saint Elizabeth School on North Lake Avenue. The Altadena Sheriff's Captain (Captain Stuckey) will be present as well as CERT members who will discuss MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. The meeting is open to everyone including community members from other census tracts. Snacks will be provided.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lin Griffith from Neighbors Building a Better ("NBBA") Altadena discusses the upcoming Town Council Elections. NBBA will be holding a candidate forum which will be held on June 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Altadena Community Center. The event will be presented by Altadena Women of League Voters. Residents will be able to hear directly from candidates running.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 p.m.

Councilmember Matthews moves/Councilmember Vega seconded-unanimous.



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EXHIBIT A

Reminder of Election Dates

Early Voting Tuesday June 7th. Hours and location will be announced at the May Meeting.

Voting Day Saturday June 11th 9am-3pm. These polling locations will be selected after all applications are submitted and verified and announced at the May ATC meeting.

Candidate packets will be available online and at the Altadena Main Library on April 22nd at 10am. All packets must be submitted to the Altadena Main Library by May 13th at 5pm. All applications will be reviewed and certified. All certified candidates will be notified by a committee member before the May ATC meeting. All certified candidates will be encouraged to give a short speech at the May ATC meeting. We encourage all Altadena residents to attend the May ATC meeting to meet your census tract candidates and ask questions of them after the meeting. We also encourage everyone considering running for ATC to come to your ATC & LUC meetings and speak with current members to get insight on how the council works, what type of issues are brought to the council, and how you may best serve your community.

The committee will need volunteers from ATC current members not running and residences on voting days. The more volunteers we have, the less demanding our needs will be. We look to have a 1- 2-hour commitment from volunteers to work at the voting tables, setting up and taking down and counting votes at the end of the day. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Amy at 626-379-4874 or email your contact info to amy100fires@att.net. Once the polling locations are selected, we will post a schedule on the ATC website so volunteers can see where they may be the most helpful. Please keep checking the ATC website for all official election updates and information.

If you have any questions please contact Amy, Brent or ATC Chair Diane.