



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

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California 91001

### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 p.m.

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Brent Musson.
- 1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary Damon L. Hobdy.
- 1.2.1. (14) Present: Billy Malone, John White, Okorie Ezieme, Patricia Sutherlen, Jennifer Lee, Gloria Sanyika, Anne Chomyn, Brent Musson, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Anne Lansing, Justin Robertson, Damon L. Hobdy, Dean Cooper.  
(1) Excused: Sylvia Vega  
(1) Absent/Unexcused: Michelle Martinez
- 1.3 Approve March 15, 2016, Meeting Agenda\_\_Chair Marcussen. There is a request to amend to add Census Tract reports for 4603.02, 4611, and 4612. Also, request by Councilmember Okorie Ezieme that item 6.1.1 be added concerning So. Cal. Gas. Additionally, Councilmember Matthews requests that item 6.1.2 be added concerning a Land Use matter. Motion by Councilmember Sutherlen to accept agenda as amended – seconded by Councilmember Sanyika; unanimous.

### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen reports concerning building on Lake and Calaveras. The Town Council is keeping track of what is going on concerning the building. A correction notice has been sent to the builder concerning the lack of a door on the Lake Avenue side of the building; however, this will not hold up building.
- 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. Additionally, Councilmember Ezieme honors Victor Wright a quadriplegic. A moment of silence is shared for the loss of this person. Funeral services will be held on May 21, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Metropolitan Baptist Church.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Damon L. Hobdy reports as follows:
  - 2.3.1 April 19, 2016, meeting minutes will be distributed for approval at the June 2016 ATC Meeting.
  - 2.3.2 Minor ATC Bylaw Revision \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Hobdy indicates that Councilmember Chomyn requested a change to the Bylaws Art XII C 1. Councilmember Chomyn then moves that the following change be made, "In the usual event of one seat Being open for election and more than one person is running, the one with the highest Number of votes will assume the seat." Seconded by Councilmember Hobdy-unanimous (with exception that Councilmember Dean Cooper abstains. Motion carries).



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- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen reports concerning the current balance in the ATC account as of May 2016. Since, the ATC runs strictly on donations, the community is encouraged to contribute.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports concerning a local event to be held on June 4 and June 5, 2016, with Open Studios. Community members can actually go to the location and view the work of local artist. For more information, log on to [openstudios.gallery](http://openstudios.gallery).

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 \_\_\_\_\_ California Highway Patrol Mike Ulloa reports for April 2016, concerning the traffic statistics. CHP is looking for young adults between the ages of 15-21 to join the Explorer post. The program will be held on Saturday June 16, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Altadena CHP office. May is share the road with motorcycle month. Last year there were 4,000 fatalities with motorcycles. Officer Mike asks the community to be mindful of motorcycles when driving. Officer Mike indicates that the areas of Lake, Altadena Drive and Allen were the areas where traffic collisions primarily occurred.
- 3.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Stuckey reports concerning the Summer Enforcement Team (4 Deputies and 1 Sergeant). CSI Camp will be on July 18 to July 22, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. noon for ages 11 to 15 years old at Farnsworth park. Cost is \$75.00 for one week. Please contact Deputy Ruel at the Altadena Station.
- 3.2.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Clay (Altadena Sheriff's Station) provides the crime report for April 2016. Overall there was a decrease in crimes for the month of April 2016.
- 3.3 \_\_\_\_\_ CERT reported by Deb Halberstadt. Ms. Halberstadt thanks Jennifer Lee for asking CERT to report at the Census Tract gathering put on for Census Tract 4612 . On May 18, 2016, there will be a Pasadena Fire Department Disaster Advisory Council at Lake Avenue. Altadena CERT class will start on June 4, 11, and 18, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to be held at Aveson School located on Lincoln and Altadena Dr.
- 3.4 \_\_\_\_\_ County Fire Stephanie English - LA County Fire Department Public Information Officer/Liaison to Assistant Chief reports that there were a total of 321 calls for service in April 2016. Year to date there is a total of 1,298 calls.

### 4. CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

- 4.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Candidates For 2016 ATC Election. Election Chair Brent Musson reports that 9 candidates are running. The candidate statements are posted on the ATC website. The Election Voting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at the Main Library from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on June 11, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Voting will be held at Ralphs on Lake, at Loma Alta Park and at Podley on Altadena Drive. If you would like to volunteer



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to help in the Election please contact Amy Cienfuegos at 626--379-4874 or contact Brent Musson by e-mail through the ATC website. Motion by Brent Musson to Certify the candidates-unanimous.

**5. ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES** \_\_\_\_\_ Brent Musson. The following candidates were given a total of 3 minutes to speak concerning their qualifications to be Councilmember. John White (incumbent) and Dennis Eodice for CT 4601, Okorie Ezieme (incumbent) for CT 4602, Judy Matthews (incumbent) for CT 4603.01, Gloria Sanyika (incumbent) for CT 4603.02, Nester De La Torre for CT 4610, Patricia Sutherlen (incumbent) for CT 4611, Jennifer Lee (incumbent) for CT 4612 and Diane Marcussen (incumbent) for CT 4613.

### 6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

6.1.1 Southern California Gas Company \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Diane Marcussen indicates that Councilmember Ezieme has a project to present concerning So. Cal. Gas Company. A series of pipeline test will start during the first week in June 2016. The staging area to be used by So. Cal. Gas will be located at 2261 to 2271 Lincoln Avenue at the vacant lot across from Super King. Councilmember Ezieme reports that he contacted residents in the area to advise them of this matter. A representative from So. Cal. Gas presents and indicates that this is a test of an existing pipeline system that will affect both Altadena and Pasadena residents. The location at Lincoln will be a staging area to perform the work needed. The test will be from Monday through Friday. The tests will end in late August 2016. All businesses and residents within 500 feet of the project will be notified.

### 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1.2 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Matthews reports concerning the Property located at 3572 Canyon Ridge Drive, Altadena. Councilmember Matthews makes the following Motion: In the matter of Project No. PM064462-(5), 3572 Canyon Ridge Drive, Altadena, applicants/owners Daniel Singer and Calvin Smith, I move that the ATC write a Letter of Support to LA County Regional Planning for the property subdivision including a waiver of the street frontage requirement for the proposed Parcel 3 and modification of the required 50-foot frontage to 13 feet for proposed Parcel 2, due to the unique shape of the property and its proximity to neighboring properties and roadways. Discussion held. Seconded by Anne Chomyn; 12 in favor and 1 opposed Councilmember Cooper. Chair Marcussen does not vote.

7.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Altadena Filming Committee Anne Chomyn reports that the filming committee presented its Mission statement and meeting structure with the Executive Committee of the ATC. Meetings are also being set up with LA County.

### 8. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

8.1 Altadena Public Library \_\_\_\_\_ Mindy Kattay (Director of Library) reports concerning matters at the Altadena Library. Ms. Kittay encourages those to volunteer for the Friends of the Library Annual Book sale. Also, the Library is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. Upcoming activities are set forth in the Altadena Library newsletter.

8.2 LA County Department of Parks & Rec. \_\_\_\_\_ Meliza Hernandez (Dist. Manager – LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec) reports concerning events at Farnsworth, Loma Alta and Charles White. Please refer to the Altadena Connection for upcoming park events. On June 15, 2016, a Baseball camp will start for ages 4-12 at Loma Alta Park for \$120.00, and a Self-Care for



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Parents program will be held for parents with children ages 0 to 5 to help parents learn how to take care of their children. The program is free and meets every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to

11:30 a.m. at Loma Alta Park.

8.3 Altadena Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone reports that the Chamber had its Power Breakfast on May 12, 2016, which was a huge success. The Fire Department and Altadena Sheriff's Department were present and are thanked for their participation.

8.4 Collaborate PASadena \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Sanyika reports concerning the Leadership Council meeting held on April 2, 2016 and the matters which occurred at such meeting.

8.5 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly-Local Govern. Advisory Comm. \_Judy Matthews reports that the Joint Advisory Meeting was held on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The agenda addressed local housing issues and Councilmember Matthews discusses this specific issue addressed. On June 16, 2016, at the Altadena Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Special Joint Meeting of Council will be held with Assemblymember Chris Holden.

### 9. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

9.1 4603.01 Damon Hobdy/Judy Matthews. \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Matthews reports concerning the beautification project for residents in 4603.01. Aveson is involved in the beautification project to make sure their community looks better.

Councilmember Hobdy reports concerning the parking restriction for 30 minutes in all of Altadena from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Councilmember Hobdy indicates that he is working on having parking restrictions from Olive to Lincoln on Altadena Drive. Councilmember Hobdy is in contact with Public Works on this issue.

9.2 4603.02 Gloria Sanyika/Dean Cooper. Councilmember Sanyika reports concerning the Lincoln Avenue Water Co. is offering free testing for water and copper. If someone is interested please call 626-798-9091. The testing is free.

9.3 4601 Anne Chomyn/John White. Councilmember Chomyn reports that a resident is having a problem with parking. Councilmember Chomyn spoke to Public Works concerning what could be done. Also, Councilmember Chomyn comments concerning a resident's inquiry as to why voter information is requested for the election.

9.4 4611 Justin Robertson/Patricia Sutherlen. Councilmember Robertson reports that he has been working with the Highway Patrol on Woodbury Road concerning enforcement of the speeding Laws. A request for a speed trailer has been made by Councilmember Robertson.

9.5 4612 Jennifer Lee/Anne Lansing. Councilmember Lee reports that 4612 had its Town Hall Meeting. It was a great success and great turnout. Councilmember Lee thanks those who attended.



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### 10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lin Griffith speaks regarding the Candidate Forum and Election.

Marge Nichols speaks concerning the Town Council Election rules.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT: 9:32 p.m.

Councilmember Hobdy moves/Councilmember Musson seconded-unanimous.