



# **ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 16, 2018**

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

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM**

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Boy's Scout Troop 1  
Introduced by Councilmember Arron Tschida

1.2. Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones  
Present: Antonio Bercerra, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Victoria Knapp, Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen, Gloria Sanyika, Jeff Simmonds, Patricia Sutherlen, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, and Dorothy Wong, Billy Malone and Dr. Sandra Thomas, Arron Tschida, Sylvia Vega (All present)

1.3. Approve October 16, 2018 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen,  
Agenda amend and approved with the following additions, 6.5 Film Committee Report and census tract reports for 4601 and 4603.02.

#### **2. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

2.1. Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Okorie Ezieme

The Chairman Ezieme expressed his appreciation for the work the Altadena Town Council committees were doing along with the community. The work of the committees and community is keeping with the spirit of progressive ideas and community engagement for this year. The expressed that the Town Council are servants of the community. The Chairman announced Altadena will be hosting the Second Annual Get Healthy Altadena in February 2019.

2.2. Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen gave instructions on how to participate in public comment listed in two sections of the agenda.

2.3. Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Veronica Jones

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2.3.1. Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2018 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Motion: Veronica Jones

Second: Gloria Sanyika

Nay: None

Abstention: 2

The motion carried and minutes were approved.

2.4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee reports balance of \$2,920.20 in the checking account for the ATC. The account is in good standing.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong - There was no new information to report.

**3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

3.1. California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Mike Ulloa provided traffic statistics for the month of September. Officer Ulloa reported that there were 21 property damage collisions a reduction from the previous month. There were three DUIs and no fatalities for the month of September. A total of 131 traffic citations given out in Altadena. Thirty-nine of those citations were for speeding, 11 for seat belt violations.

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Vicki Stuckey provided crime data for the month of August. Crime is up for the month from 36 incidents to 37. Residential burglaries have increased for the month. Prius automobiles are targeted for their catalytic converters. The Captain advised cars be parked in garages. There will be a Trunk or Treat at Farmsworth Park in celebration of Halloween.

3.3. County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion Chief Kevin Clark Los Angeles Fire provided an activity report for the LA County Fire Department for the month of August. There was a total of 272 calls for the month of August. (County Fire activity report can be found on the ATC's website, Public Safety Reports or contact [maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:maria.grycan@fire.lacounty.gov))

3.4. Map Your Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Karen Gibson reported that 9.4 percent of Altadena has been through Map Your Neighborhood disaster training. The last training for 2018 for is at the Altadena Country Club on November 4, 2018.

**4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals participated in public comment:

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Linda World - Altadena Heritage – November 15th Complete Streets  
Ann Hickambottom - Update Assemblyman Holden  
Joan Riback - NBBA meeting October 27, 2018 – Library Election  
Alexandria Fabbro - Devils Gate Sediment Removal  
Willie Ordonez - Altadena Library  
Hafsah Abdus-Shakur - Lack of recycling facilities

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Devil’s Gate Soil Removal Project \_\_\_\_\_Dept. of Public Works  
Update and review of the Devil’s Gate project was presented by public works. Work is scheduled to start in October. Sediment removal will be started in April, 2019. The work will continue for 4 years. For more information, visit the dedicated project website at [www.DevilsGateProject.com](http://www.DevilsGateProject.com), send an email to [devilsgateproject@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:devilsgateproject@dpw.lacounty.gov)

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_Diane Marcussen,

6.1.1 Action Item Project #R2014-01586 Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_Billy Malone, Okorie Ezieme  
183-29 E. Palm Street

Motion was made to not this item forward but to wait to bring the item back before the Altadena Town Council at the November Altadena Town Council to allow the developer and residents to seek further resolution to conditions.

The Town Council voted to return to the Altadena Town Council in November.

6.1.2 Public Comment –

The following residents make remarks at public comment

Steven Syms - approves project  
Colleen Sterritt - in conflict with project  
Nancy Rothwell - thanked the Altadena Town Council for their efforts  
Ernesto Benavidez - approves project

6.2 Safe Streets Mobility Committee \_\_\_\_\_Dorothy Wong shared information regarding the Pop-Up park held at Bob Lucas Library. The pop-up park included a bike ride, street audit, bike education, yoga and much more. Safe Streets Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

6.3 Community Relations \_\_\_\_\_Dr. Sandra Thomas reported the problems

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previously at the Sycamores Group Home has been resolved.

- 6.4. Education Committee\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee made a motion that the Altadena Town Council give back to the community by giving \$200.00 to three schools, Eliot Arts Magnet Academy, Franklin Elementary and Altadena Arts Magnet. The motion passed and each school will receive \$200.00

**7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS**

- 7.1 Altadena Library\_\_\_\_\_ Stella Terrazas shared the latest issue of the library’s newsletter.

- 7.2 Chamber of Commerce\_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone shared information on the October 25<sup>th</sup> Chamber mixer.

- 7.3 Collaborate PASadena\_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Sanyika reported Collaborate Collaborate PASadena met at Pacific Oaks College. There will be a new position that will work with the committee. A position of Community Engagement Specialist. A recruitment is currently in underway.

- 7.4 LA County Dept of Parks and Rec\_\_\_\_\_ Sam Estrada shared the information on programs offered by the parks including Halloween events being held at each park. There is a Pickleball and Tennis meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Census Tract Reports**

- 8.1. Census Tract

4601 Councilmember Victoria Knapp reported that Allen Avenue will be resurfaced and this will impact traffic in the census tract. Grocery Outlet will be holding a job fair.

4603.2 Gloria Sanyika reported that residents had parking concerns.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:  
Veronica Jones

Received and filed:

November 20, 2018 **Veronica L. Jones**  
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