



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Councilmember Veronica Jones – Troop 40

1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones

Present: Antonio Bercerra, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Victoria Knapp, Jennifer Lee, Patricia Sutherlen, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, and Dorothy Wong, Dr. Sylvia Vega, Billy Malone, Jennifer Lee, Jeff Simmonds, Arron Tschida, Diane Marcussen, Gloria Sanyika (14 present)

Arron Tschida, Sandra Thomas (excused absent)

1.3. Approve January 15, 2019 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen
The January 15, 2019 agenda was accepted with the following additions: 6.1.2 Public Comment for Land Use; 9.2 Census tract report for Census Tract 4610 and Billy Malone will be presenting the report for the Chamber of Commerce.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1. Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme

Chairman Ezieme commented on the fact that February is Black History Month. Chairman Ezieme shared contributions made by African-Americans in America. He encouraged everyone to work together and help each other be impactful. He stressed that Black History is all our history.

2.2. Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen

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Councilmember Sutherlen gave instructions on how to participate in public comment. There will be two chances to make public comment, first during the presentation of the Land Use item and again at the General Public Comment time.

2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. A motion was made that the January 15, 2019 minutes be approved with as presented. The motion was approved with the abstention of Councilmembers Marcussen and Sanyika.

2.4. Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee reported the Altadena Town Council checking account is in good standing with a balance of \$2,168.11. This account is funded by donations.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported that the web-site was being revamped and will be have a new look soon. The goal is to have a preview of the new web-site at the next meeting.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Stephanie Norton

provided traffic statistics for the month of December. There were 10 traffic collisions, 104 citations and 8 DUIs for the month of January including speeding and stop sign violations. The CHP teaches the proper way to put babies in car seats safety on Wednesdays. More detailed traffic information is available at: <https://www.chp.ca.gov/traffic>

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Captain Vicki Stuckey provided crime data for the month of January. Councilmembers are sent statics in advance for their census tracts.

There one sexual assault for the month. Most burglaries were through the rear windows of homes. All GTA's were recovered.

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Captain Stuckley will be retiring in March after 33 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department.

- 3.3. County Fire _____ Battalion Chief Don *Tredan* of Los Angeles County Fire reported there were 407 responses of those 342 for medical calls and 3 fires. Full report can be found at: www.fire.lacounty.gov

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- 4.1 Little Red Hen, in honor of Black History Month _____ Veronica Jones

The restaurant Little Red Hen was recognized by the Town Council in honor of Black History Month. The Little Red Hen has been in business in Altadena for 50 years. The family was honored by Assemblyman Chris Holden's office and Supervisor's Barger's office along with being honored by the Town Council.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 5.1 San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control _____ Levy Sun,
Public Information Office

Mr. Sun presented information on how to control and get rid of mosquitos. West Nile virus is spread by certain species of mosquitoes. West Nile virus is the most predominant mosquito borne disease in California. Mr. Sun recommends getting rid of all standing water and becoming a part of the Fight Back Campaign that the L.A. County endorses. The program helps control and get rid of mosquitos. More information can be found at: <https://www.sgvmosquito.org>

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen

- 6.1.1 Action Item 1796 Sierra Bonita Project PM066769
Amendment to Tentative Parcel Map to create
Multi-family residences with 1 existing residence
and 2 additional units

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Diane Marcussen and Sylvia Vega

Councilmember Diane Marcussen distributed information regarding this project. The owner of the subject property answered questions regarding the project.

Motion was made the Town Council prepare a letter to be sent a Los Angeles Regional Planning recommending this project as presented without any conditions.

The motion was voted on and approved.

6.2 Education Committee _____ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee reported that the next Education Committee Town Hall is February 27, 2019. The meeting will address college access and what colleges are looking for in potential students. The Councilmember invited everyone to attend Eliot's second Women's History celebration on March 25th.

6.3. Safe Streets _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported on the upcoming events for the Safe Streets Committee. A Safe Streets Town Hall is scheduled for on February 23, 2019. Planning is beginning for a Spring Walk and Roll event focusing on active transportation.

6.4. Election Committee _____ Jennifer Lee

6.4.1 2019 Election Rules

Councilmembers received an e-mail copy of the revised election rules.

Councilmember Lee, chair of the election committee, made a motion on the updated election rules. The year was changed and "citizen" was removed for requirements for voting. The motion was approved.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

7.1 Altadena Library _____ Stella Terrazas

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Public Services Director, Stella Terrazas highlighted upcoming and current events at the library. Friends of the library will be holding a book sell February 23, 2019. The new interim director, Cindy Cleary has started.

More information can be found at: www.altadenalibrary.org

7.2 LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec _____ Sam Estrada

Parks Director, Sam Estrada highlighted upcoming community spring events at the parks. There will be Parks After Dark and pickleball as started at Farmsworth Park. More information can be found at: parks.lacounty.gov

7.3. Chamber of Commerce _____ Billy Malone

Councilmember Malone commented on the Altadena Chamber of Commerce events including the Chamber's Business of the Year and Citizen Dinner. The dinner raised over \$4,000 for the Chamber's scholarship fund. There will be a Power Breakfast on everything you want to know about doing business in the County.

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Grannie commented on Filming, horse poop
Karen Gibson – NBBA – newsletter
Ann Hickenbotton – Assemlenember Chris Holden – Town Hall
Johnathan Horton - Congresswoman Judy Chu's new representative
David Guzman - Southern California Edison
David Ford – Southern California Edison

9. Census Tract Reports

4610 _____ Antonio Bercerra

Councilmember Antonio Bercerra comments were regarding the upcoming Community Meeting/Town Hall beheld on March 23, 2019 in Census Tract 4610.

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4611 _____ Justin Robinson

Councilmember Robinson informed the community of a meeting February 21st, meeting of Altadena Heritage. The County will be at this meeting to answer questions regarding the permitting process with the County, “Meet the Enforcers”. More information at: [_https://altadenaheritage.org](https://altadenaheritage.org)

All business completed motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:13 p.m.

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