



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

### January 15, 2019

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive  
Altadena, California 91001

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 PM

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Billy Malone

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. (13 present)

Diane Marcussen, Sandra Thomas, Gloria Sanyika, (excused absent)

1.3. Approve December 18, 2018 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen  
The January 15, 2019 agenda was accepted with the following changes: Terry Andruess will be giving the Library Update, Altadena Heritage was changed to Altadena Historical and Census Tract report for CT 4601.

#### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

Chairman Ezieme thanked the community for supporting the Town Council and being engaged in the affairs of the community. The Chairman reminded the every one of the upcoming homeless count in Altadena being held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. There are seventy persons have signed up to volunteer in the Altadena area so far. Everyone was reminded of the deadline for registering their out of compliant fences and hedges. The deadline is April 1. The website is: [planning.lacounty.gov/altadena](http://planning.lacounty.gov/altadena).

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Councilmember Tschida accepted the Executive's Committee's recommendation to chair the ad hoc committee for Measure A funds for Parks and Recreations.

Councilmember Lee accepted the recommendation to chair the Nomination Committee for the Altadena Town Council elections for 2019.

2.2. Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sutherlen

Instructions were given on how to participate in public comment.

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

2.3.1. Motion was made that the November and December minutes approved. Motion approved. Each set of minutes were voted on individually and accepted as presented.

2.4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee

The Altadena Town Council checking account is in good standing with a balance of \$2,633.86. This account is funded by donations.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported that work will begin soon to update the web-site and welcomed volunteers to help with this project.

**3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

3.1. California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Phil Cooper provided traffic statistics for the month of December. There were 19 traffic collisions for the month of November. There were 54 citations issued for the month including speeding and stop sign violations. The CHP will be working at the Black History Parade on February 16.

Officer Mike will be taking a new position and Officer Stephanie Norton will be taking his place. Officer Vince Ramirez will be the new Public Information Officer for Altadena.

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Vicki Stuckey provided

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crime data for the month of December. There were three rapes for the month, three assaults and seven auto thefts. The Captain reminded the community to always lock all vehicles and take precautions when having packages delivered to their homes. There was a high number of thefts for the month, a total of 17.

Violent crimes for 2018 were up 33% for 2018. Domestic violent crimes were the biggest increase. Property crimes were down for 2018. Over 5 years crime in Altadena was down 19%.

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

Chairman Ezieme presented Captain Stuckley with a commendation for Sgt. Thomas Crosswhite who is retiring from the Altadena Sheriff station. Captain Stuckley will present it to Sgt. Crosswhite at his upcoming retirement.

3.3. County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Grycan of L. A.  
County Fire reported there were 351 responses of those 283 for medical calls and 7 fires. Full report can be found at: [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov)

3.4. MAP Your Neighborhood  
Karen Gibson gave an update of the progress of MAP Your Neighborhood. Follow-up with past participants is a goal of the organization for 2019. More information can be found on: [altadenatowncouncil.org/map-your-neighborhood-myn-2018-training-dates](http://altadenatowncouncil.org/map-your-neighborhood-myn-2018-training-dates)

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4.1 Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Terry Andrews

Mr. Andrews shared information about a new program the library is sponsoring, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. The Library Board of Trustees will meet on January 28, 2019. The library has a new web-site. Please refer to the library's web-site for further information on library upcoming events: [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org)

4.2 LA County Dept of Parks and Rec \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Estrada

Mr. Estrada reported the Parks After Dark had a successful holiday camp and with a snow night at Loma Alta Park. There is a new alignment for Altadena Parks. They are now under the North Park Agency. More L.A. County Park Information can be found at web site: <http://parks.lacounty.gov>

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4.3 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Billy Malone

Councilmember Malone shared information on the Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year event being held February 1, 2019 at the Altadena County Club more information can be found at the Chamber's web-site: <https://www.altadenachamber.org>

4.4. Altadena Historical \_\_\_\_\_ Jane Brackman

Ms. Brackman explained the mission of the Historical Society. The Altadena Historical Society was founded in 1936 to gather, preserve, and share print and digital history about Altadena, California. Their web-site: [altadenahistoricalcociety.org](http://altadenahistoricalcociety.org)

**5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Gibson share information regarding NBBA (Neighbors Building a Better Altadena) January 26, 2019 meeting featuring Assemblyman Chris Holden.

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

(None)

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1. Land Use Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen

(No report)

7.2 Education Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee reported the next Education Committee Town Hall is February 27, 2019. There will be information on what colleges are looking for in potential students. She shared information on Eliot Junior High's science night on January 25, 2018 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

7.3. Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember reported on the upcoming events for the Safe Streets Committee. A

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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.

METRO has a Nexgen event scheduled for January 24, 2019 at the Pasadena Senior Center.

7.4. Election Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee, chair of the election committee requested volunteers from the Community and Town Council to help with the 2019 election process.

8. Census Tract Reports

4601. \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Simmonds

Councilmember Simmonds reported having a meeting with Public Works and Parks and Recreation for cleaning up and updating the Mt. Lowe Park area. There three options being discussed. Further meetings with residents will happen in the near future.

Councilmember Simmonds also shared information regarding the County tree trimming and removal east of Lake. Trees can be replaced if residents make request to the County on County forms.

Councilmember Victoria Knapp shared that Allen Ave. and Mariposa was nearing the end of the resurfacing project. New handicap access sides walks were being constructed in the census tract.

All business completed motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.

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