



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance _____ Franklin Elementary School
Councilmember Jennifer Lee

1.2 Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones

Present: Antonio Becerra, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Sylvia Vega, Jeff Simmonds, Arron Tschida, Gloria Sanyika, Justin Robertson, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Victoria Knapp, Billy Malone, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen. (all present)

1.3 Approve April 16, 2019 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen

The April 16, 2019 agenda was accepted with the following addition of the census tract a report for 4603.02.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme

Chairman Ezieme thanked the community for being supported of the Town Council by attending meetings. He stressed the fact that council members are here for the residents. The Town Council is the voice of the community and should not let personal agendas interfere with decisions regarding the community. The Chair asked the community to consider volunteering for the upcoming town council election.

2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen

Councilmember Sutherlen instructed the audience on how to participate in public comment.

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2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

A motion was made that the March 19, 2019 minutes be approved with as presented. The motion was approved with the abstention of Councilmembers Lee, Wilkins, Malone, Sanyika, Marcussen and Vega.

2.4. Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Council member Lee reported that the checking account is in good standing with \$2,172.97. Donations are used to fund this account.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported that Council meetings can be view on YouTube. The meetings start with January 2017.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Stephanie Norton

CHP report was unavailable at the time of the meeting.

Information on traffic collision is available at the web site:

<https://www.chp.ca.gov/traffic>

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Lt. Alex Canchola

Lt. Canchola reported had been an increase in the number of assaults among individuals during the month of March and vehicles burglaries are on the rise. Lt. Canchola stressed that prevention is the key to lower crime. Locking your car, parking off the street and not leaving belongings on the car seats will help to discourage crime. Communication between neighbors is another key factor in reducing crime in neighborhoods. Lt. Canchola introduced Deputy Dan to the community. Deputy Dan specializes in building relationships between the community and the Sheriffs through communication and outreach.

3.3. County Fire _____ Anderson Mackey

Ms. Gryan reported that there were 323 responses by the fire department for the month of March. Full report can be found at: www.fire.lacounty.gov

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4. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

4.1 Altadena Library _____ Terry Andrues
Library Board Member

Library Board member Terry Andrues reported on the library is gearing up for the summer reading program “Universe of Stories” beginning in mid-May. The annual “Friends of the Library Book Sale” is being held on May 18 and 19th.

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

4.2. Collaborate PASadena _____ Gloria Sanyika
Town Councilmember

Councilmember Sanyika gave an update on the meeting March of Collaborate PASadena. The organization will have an opening on the Board of Collaborate PASadena with the resignation of Meredith Miller. Recruitment of a new Board member is underway. The organization is looking to get more youth involve in the program.

More information at: www.collaaboratepasadena.org

4.3 LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec _____ Sam Estrada
Parks Director

Parks Director, Sam Estrada highlighted upcoming community spring and summer events at Altadena parks. Parks After Dark will continue. Loma Alta park will be having parent orientation for the summer camp on June 5th.

More information on parks can be found at: parks.lacounty.gov

4. 4 Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower
President

Chamber President Doug Colliflower reported on Chamber events for the month of April and March. There will be a mixer on April 25 at Grocery Outlet and a Power Breakfast on March 20 at the Altadena Country Club. A pancake breakfast will be held at Grocer Outlet. All monies from the breakfast will go to the Altadena Mountain Rescue team.

More details can be found at: www.altadenachamber.org

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5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The following residents gave comments:

- Karen Gibson – NBBA Candidate Forum on May 29th at the Altadena Center
- Jazmine Hernandez – Day One, May is National Alcohol Month
- Catalina Gonzalez – Day One, National Take Back Day – safe disposal of unused
Medicine and Earth Day – April 20th
- Anne Chomyn – Altadena Heritage Third Thursday event on March 18th regarding
Urban Heat Island effect and public health
- Alma Livingston – Soul Force Music Sacred Festival – April 26th -28th
- Barbie _____ - LA County Sustainability Plan
- Jay Walters – Leaf blowers
- Elizabeth (Bore) Southern California Edison and tree trimming

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 6.1 Interim Construction on Lincoln Ave. _____ Carey Jenkins, Manager
Economic Development

Mr. Jenkins reported that Southern California Gas Company would be using County properties located on N. Lincoln Ave. for staging of trucks and equipment during a pipeline enhancement project. The project could last up to 4 months. The Town Council agreed and suggested that more information regarding the project were needed and information with details needed to be communicated to the community surrounding the project.

- 6.2 Altadena Farmers Market _____ Stacey Whitney, Manager

Ms. Whitney presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Altadena Farmers Market. The market is new and improved, with 40 vendors including fresh produce, food, art and yoga. The market is open on Wednesdays from 4-8 p.m. There is aggressive movement to move the market towards zero waste.
For more information on the market go to: altadenafarmersmarket.com

- 6.3 Los Angeles County Sustainability Plan _____ Kristen Pawling, Chief
Sustainability Office

Ms. Pawling gave an overview of the County’s efforts to draft a sustainability plan that seeks to balance growth with environment, equity and economy. The plan will address

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climate change, water energy resource management, land use transportation open space bio-diversity and more. The County is seeking input from the community for this plan. More information can be found at: sustainability@lacounty.gov

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen

Councilmember Marcussen reported:

Due to lack of building activity Land Use Committee was cancelled for the month of April. The Palm Street Project will be presented at Regional Planning Commission on April 2, 2019. The New York Drive project is moving to the south side of the street. This is the second phase of the project.

7.2 Safe Streets Mobility Committee _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported the follow:

Safe Streets Committee submitted comments and suggestions to Los Angeles County on the Vision Zero Plan.

April 26-29th is City Nature Challenge. May is National Bike Month.
The next meeting of the Safe Streets Committee is April 17th.

7.4 Election Committee _____ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee reported:

June 4 and June 8 will be the days for voting for the Altadena Town Council. Each census tract has one councilmember up for re-election. Census Tracts 4601, 4611 and 4613 have open seats. Volunteers will be needed at the polls. Applications will be on the web-site on April 19th. All applications must be turned in by May 10th deadline.

8. Census Tract Reports

4610 _____ Antonio Bercerra

Councilmember Antonio Bercerra thanked the community for coming to the Town Hall March 23, 2019.

4601 _____ Dorothy Wong

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Councilmember Wong reported on her tour of the Lincoln Ave. Water Company and encouraged everyone to take a tour of the water company.

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All business completed motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.

Received and filed