



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019

Altadena Community Center 730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:08 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Altadena Cub Scouts, Pack 1, Tiger Den
Councilmember Arron Tschida

1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones

Present: Antonio Bercerra, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Sylvia Vega, Jeff Simmonds, Arron Tschida, Gloria Sanyika, Justin Robertson, Dr. Sandra Thomas, (11 present)

Excused absents: Victoria Knapp, Billy Malone, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen. (5 absent)

2. Approve March 19, 2019 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen

The March 19, 2019 agenda was accepted with the following additions: 6.1.2 Public Comment for Land Use will be presented by Councilmember Sutherlen; 9.2 Council member Jones will be presenting the report for the Chamber of Commerce and the addition of census tract report 4603.02.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1. Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme

Chairman Ezieme recognized the month of March as Women's History Month. The Chair emphasized that we celebrate all woman. The Chairman read into record a proclamation for the American Red Cross. The proclamation details the mission of the Red Cross. This proclamation will be a documented part of the Altadena Town Council's March meeting. The community was encouraged to keep being engaged and the for the

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Town Council members were praised for the good work they are doing in the community and to continue the work.

2.2. Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen

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. The Councilmember mentioned Alcona's meeting of March 25th being of particular interest to those having issues with tree trimming by the Edison Company.

2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

2.3.1. A motion was made that the February 19, 2019 minutes be approved with as presented. The motion was approved with the abstention of Councilmembers Tschida and Sanyika.

2.4. Treasurer _____ Pat Sutherlen

Vice Chair Sutherlen reported the Altadena Town Council checking account is in good standing. 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 soon.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Stephanie Norton

Officer Norton provided traffic statistics for the month of February. Half of all citations were for speeding and stop sign violations. Officer Norton emphasized that March is "Distracted Driving Month". Everyone was encourage to discontinue use of their cell phones while driving.

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More detailed traffic information is available at: <https://www.chp.ca.gov/traffic>

3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Captain Vicki Stuckey

Captain Stuckey will be retiring in March after 33 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. The Captain received a commendations and gifts from the Altadena Town Council and certificates from Senator Anthony Portantino and Assemblyman Chris Holden's office.

Captain Stuckey reminded everyone make sure their gardeners were keeping their equipment and trucks locked at all times . Crime stats were sent to Council members by e-mail.

3.3. County Fire _____ Maria Grycan

Ms. Grycan reported that there were 390 responses by the fire department for the month of February. That number included 191 transported, 266 medical responses, four fires and 123 traffic collisions. Full report can be found at: www.fire.lacounty.gov

3.4. CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt

Ms. Halberstadt reported CERT's events of the first quarter of the year. CERT participated in a drill in Sylmar, CA along with LA Fire Department. CERT will be attending training with LA Sheriff's department in March. CERT and the Red Cross will be participating in a drill on April 10, 2018. Ms. Halberstadt requested a digital copy of the census tract map for Altadena.

3.5. MAP Your Neighborhood _____ Karen Gibson

Reported 10% of Altadena has been participated in MAP Your Neighborhood training including neighborhood watch groups. The next training is May 19th at the Altadena Town and Country Club. More information can be found at: MYNRSVP2@gmail.com

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Chomyn – Damage caused by leaf blowers, leaf blower government program: www.aqmd.gov. Altadena Heritage Event on April 6, Altadena Main Library, “Alta-Ditty”. Altadena Heritage Third Thursday event on March 18th regarding Urban Heat Island effect and public health.

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5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5.1 Vision Zero Action Plan _____ Matthew Dubiel, Sr.Civil Engineer

Mr. Dubiel from the Department of Public Works gave an overview on the County’s draft plan of Vision Zero. This plan is to help eliminate traffic-related severe injuries and deaths. Three streets in Altadena noted on the list of Collision Concentration Corridors. The three Altadena locations are not receiving attention according to this first draft of the Vision Zero plan.

After questions regarding the low number of goals set in the action plan, the funding sources to help reduce/eliminate traffic deaths and injuries in Altadena with an emphasis on “Safe Routes to School the Council voted to give direction to the Safe Streets Committee to submit research and comments on the draft action plan by March 31st deadline. The comments will have emphasis on the importance of putting Altadena as a priority and include ideas to make the plan more productive and efficient.

Vision Zero Action Plan can found at: www.VisionZeroLACounty.com

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Land Use Committee _____ Pat Sutherlen
There was no land use committee this month.

6.3. Safe Streets Mobility Committee _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported on the upcoming events for the Safe Streets Committee. Planning is beginning for a Spring Walk and Roll event focusing on active transportation. Next meeting is March 14, 2018.

6.4. Election Committee _____ Pat Sutherlen

Councilmember Sutherlen announced June 4 and June 8 will be the days for voting for the Altadena Town Council. Each census tract has one councilmember up for reelection. Census Tracts 4601, 4611 and 4613 have open seats. Volunteers will be needed at the polls.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

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7.1 Altadena Library _____ Cindy Cleary
Interim District Director

Interim Director Cindy Cleary introduced herself and highlighted upcoming and current events at the library. April 7-13 is National Library Week. Director Cleary noted the passing of 30-year library employee Felipe Avila.

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

7.2. Collaborate PASadena _____ Gloria Sanyika

Councilmember Sanyika reported on the meeting of Collaborate PASadena. There was a presentation by Heritage Housing Partners. The idea of what a community means to the development of a child was discussed. The type of community a child grows up is important not just parenting alone was discussed.

More information at: www.collaaboratepasadena.org

7.3. 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 _____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones reported for the Chamber. The next meeting of the Chamber will be April 2, 2019 at 9 a.m. This meeting will include a presentation by the County regarding new sidewalk vending laws. There will be a power breakfast on April 17, 2019 at the Altadena Country Club. There will be a mixer on April 25 at Grocery Outlet. More detail: www.altadenachamber.org

8. 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. The town hall will take place at the new Union Station Homeless Service Center in Altadena.

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4603.02 _____ Gloria Sanyika

Councilmember Sanyika invited the community to Census Tract Yard Sale sponsored by Town Square Real Estate Partners on March 30th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. It is a neighborhood yard sale and includes the entire census tract of 4603.02. Any unsold items will be picked-up by Rescue Mission Alliance.

Councilmember Sanyika stated there had been many complaints of horses poop on side-walks. She ended the meeting on a funny note with her “horse poop catcher”.

All business completed motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.

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