



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Altadena Community Center
730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

Meeting Minutes June 18, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance _____ Justin Robinson

1.2 Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones

Present: Antonio Becerra, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Patricia Sutherlen, Dorothy Wong, Jeff Simmonds, Arron Tschida, Gloria Sanyika, Justin Robertson, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Victoria Knapp, Billy Malone, Dr. Reginald Wilkins, Jennifer Lee, Diane Marcussen. (15 present) Sylvia Vega (1 excused absent)

1.3 Approve June 18, 2019 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen

On June 11, 2019 the Executive Committee met and prepared the draft agenda for June 18, 2019 meeting. The agenda was voted on and accepted as presented by the Executive Committee with no changes.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme

Chairman Ezieme opening remarks thanked the community for attending the council meetings. He expressed the need for and importance of the community to be active in the local politics. The work of the Altadena Town Council has to include the community. The Chair spoke of the recent shooting and killing of a 19-year-old male in Altadena. Acts of violence in our community are uncommon but do happen. A moment of silence was observed in memorial of the 19-year-old victim.

2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen

Councilmember Sutherlen gave instructions on how to participate in public comment. Councilmember Sutherlen pointed out tonight's Public Comment will be after the Community Reports as listed on the agenda. Public Comment is rotated each month on the agenda.

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2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Veronica Jones

A motion was made that the May 21, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

2.4. Treasurer _____ Jennifer Lee

Council member Lee reported that the checking account is in good standing with \$2,406.98. Donations are used to fund this account.

2.5. Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported that the web-site design is moving forward with an emphasis on community communications.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Stephanie Norton

Officer Norton reported that the month of May had a slight increase in traffic collisions. There were 28 collisions compared to 26 from last month. Woodbury seems to be have a high number of traffic collisions. Officer Norton emphasis the importance wearing of seat belts and noted that the CHP will install your child car seats to make sure they are installed properly in your car at the Altadena Office. (2130 Windsor Ave.)

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 (acting Captain) introduced Deputy Fatah to the community. Deputy Fatah has been with the department for 14 years and serves as early morning watch deputy. Crimes stats were down for the month of May compared to last month. There was an attempted murder on May 29 on Altadena Drive. It had been reported that a homeless individual was responsible for the crime but that proved to be false information. On June 10, 2019 there were gunshots, leaving one victim dead. A suspect was apprehended. The recruitment for a new Altadena captain has been completed. Our new captain will be Capt. Marjory Jacobs. Her first day on as Altadena Captain will be June 23.

3.3. County Fire _____ Mary Grycan

Chief Mackey provided the monthly activity reported for L.A. County Fire. L. A. County Fire responded to 345 calls of which 291 were medical emergencies, 11 collisions, 3 fires. Full report can be found at: <https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/reports/>

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3.4 CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt

Ms. Halberstadt reported that members of the Altadena CERT team attended the 2019 California for ALL CERT and Listos Emergency Training Conference in May. Gov. Newsom has allocated \$50m for emergency preparedness. Listos is an organization that reaches out to Spanish speaking population to help prepare for disasters.

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

4.1 Lincoln Ave. Development Update _____ Carey Jenkins,
Economic Development

Mr. Jenkins of LA County Development Authority presented information regarding development on Los Angeles County vacant lots located on N. Lincoln Ave. The County is in the process of reviewing responses to Request for Statement of Qualifications from interested developers. The responders with the best qualifications will be invited to submit a Request for Proposals (RFP). The community is invited to participate in the planning process at a meeting on July 13 from 9:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. at the Business Technology Center located at 2400 N. Lincoln Ave. RSVP is necessary due to limited spaces. More information can be found at:
<https://waltoutreach.eventbrite.com>

4.2 Altadena Pipeline Project _____ Helen Shaw, Public Affairs, Mgr.,
Eric Rivas Project Outreach Mgr.,
SoCalGas Company

Representative of SoCalGas Company outlined plans for testing and upgrading Gas Company pipelines located at Crosby and Lincoln Ave. This work is required by the California Public Utilities Commission. The project is scheduled to take approximately 12 weeks. Traffic in the immediate area will be affected. SoCalGas Company will do public outreach and noticing to residents about the project.

4.3 Collaborate PASadena Update _____ Introduction Gloria Sanyika
Dr. Donald Grant, Executive Director

The Executive Director of the Center for Community and Social Impact at Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena present information on a plan for a community partnership in education, early childhood education, social justice, and research. Dr. Grant is seeking to build a partnership with the community to work on solutions for social issues in our community.

More information on Collaborate PASadena can be found at:
<https://www.collaboratepasadena.org>.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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5.1 Land Use Committee _____ Justin Robertson

Councilmember Robertson reported:

At the June 4th meeting of the Land Use Committee a presentation regarding Conditional Use Permit renewal for the existing Verizon Wireless facility at 2235 N. Lake Ave. Council member Robertson shared information on the County's tree planting campaign to plant trees "free" in residents parkway.

More information regarding the free trees can be found at:
<https://apps.dwp.lacounty.gov/parkwaytrees/TreePlanting.aspx>

5.2 Safe Streets Mobility Committee _____ Dorothy Wong

Councilmember Wong reported the follow:

The Safe Streets Committee is planning a Bike Assessment at Jackson Elementary and a fun event at the library is being planned. Date to be announced soon.

5.3 Election Committee _____ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee reported:

Voting was held on June 4th and June 8th. There was a total of 234 votes cast among the 7 of the 8-census tracts. Newly elected council members will be sworn into office at the July Town Council meeting.

Election results were presented and are available on the Town Council's web site:
<http://altadenatowncouncil.org>

A Slate Committee has been formed to investigate and present a slate of new officers to be considered and voted on at the July Town Council meeting. The Slate Committee consists of Councilmembers, Vega, Robertson, Becerra and Wilkins.

6. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

6.1 Altadena Library _____ Cindy Cleary,
Interim District Director

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

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

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Parks Director, Sam Estrada highlighted upcoming community spring and summer events at Altadena parks. The Parks After Dark had over 200 residents in attendance and will be continued. The summer program at Loma Alta Park includes a STEM program and program designed for teens. Renovations at park locations are underway.

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

4. 4 Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower

Doug Colliflower presented information on Chamber events. There will be a Chamber event in August. The Chamber along with the Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive on September 5th. Mr. Colliflower requested that the community start thinking about the Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year nominees. (more information to follow).

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

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The following residents gave comments:

Sandra Fettes- Illegal burning of materials by neighbor

8. Census Tract Reports

4610 _____ Veronica Jones
Councilmember

Councilmember Jones reported that a new tenant is taking up residence at the old Walmart building located on Lincoln Ave. The tenant is a private contractor with JPL.

All business completed motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:04 p.m.

Received and filed:



Veronica L. Jones, Recording Secretary