



## ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Altadena Community Center  
730 East Altadena Drive  
Altadena, California 91001

### Meeting Minutes July 16, 2019

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:07 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Fiona Small, Sheriff's  
Explorer Introduced by Victoria Knapp

1.2 Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones

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

Nick Santangelo (newly elected)

1.3 Approve July 16, 2019 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen

Motion was made to accept the July 16, 2019 agenda with the following additions:  
Census tract reports: 4612 and 4602

#### 2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

Chairman Ezieme opening remarks thanked the community for collectively working with the Town Council for the good of Altadena. The increased collaboration between the Town Council and the community has worked successfully to make a better community. The engagement will continue through the work of the Altadena Town Council committees.

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

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Councilmember Sutherlen gave instructions on how to participate in public comment. Councilmember Sutherlen pointed out there are two chances for Public Comment, one after Public Safety reports and again after the Land Use Report.

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

A motion was made that the June 19, 2019 minutes be approved as presented. The motion was approved with the abstention of Councilmembers Gloria Sanyika.

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

Treasurer Lee reported that the checking account is in good standing with \$2,376.74. The Treasurer's complete report will be attached to the minutes and placed on the web-site for public view. The Donations are used to fund this account.

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

Councilmember Wong reported that the web-site design will include a new community calendar. The web-site will have a new look soon.

**3. SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RECOGNITONS**

3.1 Swearing in of Council Members \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Supervisor Barger thanked the Council members for their service to the community. The Supervisor administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected council members for 2019-2021 term. The newly elected members:

- CT 4601 Victoria Knapp
- CT 4602 Billy Malone
- CT 4603.01 Dorothy Wong
- CT 4610 Veronica Jones
- CT 4611 Nick Santangelo
- CT 4612 Reginald Wilkins
- CT 4613 Sylvia Vega

3.2. Recognitions \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Supervisor Barger, Congresswoman Chu,  
Senator Portantino, Assemblymember Holden, Captain Jacobs

Outgoing council members, Dr. Sandra Thomas and Justin Robinson were presented with certificates of recognition from Offices of Supervisor Barger, Congresswoman Chu, Senator Portantio, Assemblymember Holden, Captain Jacobs. Each were thanked for their service and dedication to our community.

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Outgoing Chair Okorie Ezieme was presented with certificates from the Office of Supervisor Barger, Congresswoman Chu, Senator Portantino, Assemblymember Holden and the Altadena Town Council for his leadership of Chair of the Altadena Town Council.

**4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

4.1. Slate Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_ Justin Roberson

Election committee chair presented the slate of new offices as listed below:

Chair, Billy Malone  
Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen  
Treasurer, Jennifer Lee  
Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones  
Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Wong

The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. The floor was closed with no additional nominations. Gloria Sanyika expressed a wish to nominate Okorie Ezieme. Mr. Ezieme has expressed earlier in the meeting he could not continue as chair due to his schedule. Ms. Sanyika thanked him for his guidance that led to the opening the door for community engagement.

The council voted on the election slate of the officers of the Executive Committee. The slate was voted on and accepted uncontested. The following were appointed as the Executive Committee for 2019-2020:

Chair, Billy Malone  
Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen  
Treasurer, Jennifer Lee  
Recording Secretary, Veronica Jones  
Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Wong

Mr. Robinson thanked the Election Committee for their diligence and work on the Election committee.

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

5.1. California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Stephanie Norton

Officer Norton reported that in the month of July there were 28 collisions, 6 hit and runs, two DUI collisions but no fatalities. Officer Norton asked everyone to take extra care in preparing for vacation. Have extra water and money and check tires before heading out on vacation.

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Information on traffic collision is available at the web site:  
<https://www.chp.ca.gov/traffic>

5.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Jacobs

Altadena's new captain, Capt. Marjorie Jacobs presented the report for the month of July. The L.A. County Supervisors has added two additional officers for the summer in Altadena to help with the increase in crime over the summer. The Sheriff is sponsoring National Night Out on August 6 at Farmsworth Park. The Community had a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July with the help of L.A. County Fire and Forestry Departments.

Crime is down in Altadena for the month of June by 1.3%. There was one homicide, one rape, 7 burglaries, 11 vehicle thefts. Arrests for narcotics has double from 11 to 22. Captain Jacobs answered questions regarding specific census tracts.

5.3. County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Mackey

Chief Mackey provided the monthly activity reported for L.A. County Fire. L. A. County Fire responded to 348 calls of which 300 were medical emergencies, 7 fires, 12 good intent calls and 222 transported by ambulance. Full report can be found at:  
[www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov)

5.4 MAP Your Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Karen Gibson

Ms. Gibson explained the mission of MAP Your Neighborhood is to help prepare neighborhoods for disasters. Training will be held on July 20, 2019 to help concerned neighbors prepare to engage their neighborhoods in diaster training.

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.

**6. General Public Comment**

Ann Hickambottom-Assemblyman Chris Holden's Office invited the community to the Annual Block Party hosted by the Assemblyman. The event is to be held on August 3, 2019.

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**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

7.1.1 CUP 2018001418, Project 2018-001303. \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Renewal of Verizon wireless rooftop facility at 2235 N. Lake

John Detrick gave an overview of the Verizon renewal. The original permit was permitted 15 years ago. There were no requests made for changes to the original permit.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sutherlen that the permit process be moved forwarded with the following conditions: All work must be completed during the hours of 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. FCC rules must apply and the design should complement the building.

Motion to move the permit process forward was made and accepted with the noted statements. The motion carried with no opposition.

7.1.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.2 Election Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Lee

Councilmember Lee reported that there would be a special election due to the vacancy in census tract 4603.02. Dr. Sandra Thomas and Christopher O'Malley will be running for the vacant seat in census tract 4603.02. Councilmembers will be voting at the next scheduled meeting of the Town Council.

**8. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS**

8.1 Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Cindy Cleary, Interim District Director

Ms. Cleary highlighted library events. The summer reading program is ending in August. In September there will be a big push for new sign-ups. The recruitment for a new library directory should be completed in September.

More information can be found at: [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org)

8.2 LA County Dept. of Parks and Rec \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Estrada, Parks Director

Parks Director, Sam Estrada highlighted upcoming community events at Altadena

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parcs. The summer program at Loma Alta Park, STEM program and program designed for teens have been very successful. Renovations at parks locations are underway. Farmsworth is getting new tennis courts. Summer concerts are being well attended by the community. There will be community meetings regarding renovation of the play area at Farmsworth park will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 29 and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

More information on park events can be found at: [parks.lacounty.gov](http://parks.lacounty.gov)

8.3 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Doug Colliflower

Chair Malone provided information on new scholarships the Chamber has given to two Altadena students, for a total of four scholarships this year.

More details can be found at: [www.altadenachamber.org](http://www.altadenachamber.org)

9. Census Tract Reports

4610 \_\_\_\_\_ Becerra/Jones  
Councilmembers

The County held a community meeting in Census Tract 4610 on July 13th regarding the Lincoln Project. There were about 70 residents in attending the two meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to engage the community in the decisions on what happens to the open County lots in Census Tract 4610.

Councilmembers Becerra and Jones reported an upcoming event in census tract 4610, a community “ice cream social”. All are invited to hear “oral histories”.

4602 \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Malone

Councilmember Malone reported the “Palm Street Project” hearing will be held at the Regional Planning Department on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Comments can be made at the hearing.

4612 \_\_\_\_\_ Reginald Wilkins

Councilmember Wilkins invited everyone to an astronomy event at Farmsworth Park on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the event is to get children excited about astronomy.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

All business completed motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:04 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

By: *Veronica L. Jones*  
Veronica L. Jones, Recording Secretary  
Councilmember Census Tract 4610