



Altadena Town Council

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021

7:00 p.m.
(Virtual)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER _____ 7:02 PM
- 1.1 INTRODUCTION _____ Chairman Malone
- 1.2 ROLL CALL _____

Council member Wong called roll. The following council members were present: Dorothy Wong, Billy Malone, Victoria Knapp, Diane Marcussen, Veronica Jones, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Sylvia Vega, Reginald Wilkins, Doug Colliflower, Alan Peck, Darrell Aranda, Chris O'Malley, Hannah Petrie, Nic Arnzen, Amy Lyford. There were 15 members present.

- 1.3 APPROVE April 20, 2021 AGENDA _____ Veronica Jones

Added an item 6.2 Land Use. Chris O'Malley asked to have an item for certificate of recognition. Added as item 4.3. Victoria asked that the election of new member be moved up in the Agenda. In addition, she verified that there was someone on the meeting to swear the person in. There is so the item will be added as item 2.6. Vote to approve final agenda.

Ayes: 14
No:
Abstaining:

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

- 2.1 Chairman _____ Billy Malone

Chairman Malone announced that he has a certificate of recognition from Supervisor Barger for Nick Santangelo for his service as ATC member. He also asked that in light of Asian hate crimes the ATC make a public statement against these crimes. Statement read in to the record.

- 2.2 Vice Chairman _____ Veronica Jones

Councilmember Jones commented on the George Floyd verdict and asked for a moment of silence and a request to end the hate and become kinder to each other. Chairman Malone asked that the ATC reissue the public statement made last year against injustice.

Ayes: 14
No:
Abstaining:

- 2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Nick Santangelo

2.3.1. Approve March 16, 2021 meeting Minutes.

The minutes were approved unanimously, and will be available on the web-site.

- 2.4 Treasurer _____ Diane Marcussen
Treasurer Marcussen stated that we have \$1,999.26 in the account as of January 27.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong

Corresponding Secretary Wong informed the Council of events and happenings in the community. Street sweeping schedule changes will be made by 5/1/2021. Major street once a week and other once a month. Save the date 5/25 is the AXONA meeting. SCE, parking enforcement and drought will be discussed.

Altadena Community events can be view on the web-site: altadenatowncouncil.org

2.6 Two new potential new council members made statements (Patricia Sutherlen and Madalyn Barber). The Council voted and Madalyn Barber was elected to fill Nick Santangelo's seat. 81% of the members voted for Madalyn Barber.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Cooper

There will be a new representative from CHP attending our meetings instead of Officer Cooper. His name is Officer Keller. In May another community office will be added so there will be two. As of July 1, 2021 you will have a point on your driver's license on your second and subsequent violation of distracted driving due to cell phone use.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Lt. Skaggs

No member from Altadena Sheriff Station was present so Billy Malone reported info from Lt. Skaggs. Crime is down 10% from last year at this time. Biggest issue is theft of car parts. Please park your cars in your driveways, lock your cars.

3.3. Altadena Fire _____ Maria Grycan

In March there was a total of 301 responses in Altadena, 243 of which were medical calls, with 198 patients transported. There was 1 fire, 2 gas leaks, 8 traffic collisions.

3.4 CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt

Please look at the current LASD Active Shooter video on youtube. We are expecting a very dry and bad fire season. You should harden your home against fire. Continue to wear a mask during the pandemic.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.1 LA County Regional Planning – Housing Element Zoning Update - Zoe Axelrod/Ayala Scott

Department of Regional Planning explained the housing shortage and what will be included in the new Housing Element Proposal. Citizens will have an opportunity to provide comments when the draft is published.

4.2. 2439-2445 Lincoln Avenue Senior Apartments _____ Shonda Herold

Affirmed Housing Group made a presentation about the building they will be building at the above address. The building will be 5 stories. That height will supersede the Altadena CSD because they are doing the project through a density bonus incentive. Half of the units will be reserved for very low-income seniors that have experienced homelessness. Construction will begin in the latter part of next year and open 2024. This project will go in by right so will not come before the ATC for recommendation to Regional Planning

4.3 Chris O'Malley moved that the Council present Mr. Matt Dubiel with a certificate of appreciation for the installation of "slow down" signs on Altadena streets. The Council voted unanimously to present the certificate.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Altadena Library _____ Nikki Winslow, Director

The library opened the beginning of the month and many services are available. Check the Library website for more information. Weekly story reading and meetings will be held through Ramadan. The "This is Altadena" podcast was held on April 2 which covered the Farmer's Market and Altadena Seed Market.

5.2 Altadena Chamber of Commerce _____ Doug Colliflower

The Chamber is working with the library on Read Local, Shop Local program. There will be a member appreciate mixer scheduled for June. More info will be coming. It appears as if the Chamber fundraiser and installation event will be held at the Altadena Country Club in July or August. Amara Kitchen will open on April 29. It is located on Mariposa.

5.3. Los Angeles County Parks and Rec _____ Sam Estrada

Construction at Farnsworth Park continues, batting cages completed. Parking lot on Lake is done. Summer session starts on June 1 and reservations will start on May 15. Free sports program every Saturday. Check the website for days and times. Park reservations will open on May 1. Please check website for timing. Reservations will be outdoor only.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Safe Streets _____ Dorothy Wong

There is a new prototype of a walking loop around Loma Alta Park. Some are traffic calming measures. Lines and crosswalks are temporary while the work is being evaluated and public comment is provided. Some of the work is helping with safe access to trail heads as well. April 10, 2021 there was a community event to raise awareness.

6.2 Land Use _____ Diane Marcussen

The effort to restore the Owen Brown gravesite as started. Committee members include a representative of the ATC (Diane Marcussen), a resident familiar with Altadena trails (Marietta Kruells), a member from Altadena Heritage (Michele Zack) and a representative from the Meadows (John Burton). Agendas can be accessed at

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ester Sung/Bradley Adams – Supports Slow Street efforts/Loma Alta loop
Heavenly Hughes – My Tribe Rise thanks the Altadena Town Council Nic Arnzen, Billy Malone, Dr. Sandra Thomas and Dorothy Wong for efforts toward environmental, mobility and social justice.
Paul Livingstone – Support for Dorothy Wong and advocacy for safety and unity message.

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

4603.01 - Hannah Petrie – on 4/21/21 will be a census tract meeting all are invited to attend.
Dorothy Wong – showed photos from community march.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Daryll Aranda, seconded by Council member Jones to adjourn meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. The entire meeting is available for viewing on YouTube.

Diane Marcussen for Nick Santangelo, Recording Secretary