

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes

November 15th, 2022 7:00 PM – 8:47 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

1.1 In honor of Veterans Day the flag was presented by the Blair High School JROTC under direction of Sgt. Betsy Cuevas. Flag Salute was lead by Andrew Trusdale, Army Veteran and Howard Smith, Air Force Veteran.

1.2 Councilmember Wong called role.

Attending - Victoria Knapp, Amy Lyford, Billy Malone, Dorothy Wong, Veronica Jones, Nic Arnzen, Diane Marcussen, Reginald Wilkins, Chris O'Malley, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Darrell Aranda, Pat Sutherlen, Doug Colliflower, Sylvia Vega. Councilmembers, Alan Peck and Hannah Petrie were excused. Moved forward with a quorum.

1.3 Vice Chair Knapp made motion to approve November 15th, 2022 meeting Agenda with the following changes; Library was removed from Community Reports, 4610 Census Tract report was added. Approved unanimously.

2.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair Veronica Jones thanked voters, candidates, and volunteers for their engagement in recent election.

2.2 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp noted native American Heritage month and that the local land was originally inhabited by the Tongva peoples. That tribe has yet to be officially recognized nationally and we aim to change that.

2.3 Recording Secretary Nic Arnzen motioned to approve October 18th, 2022 Minutes with correction of two abstentions from vote to approve minutes. Approved with one abstention by Councilmember Marcussen.

2.4 Treasurer Chris O'Malley reported the September bank balance was \$872.57. \$282 in deposits.. Deducted expenses of \$13.99 deduction for website fee with GoDaddy.com, \$12 bank fee. The current balance is \$1128.58.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary Wong made special announcements that can be seen on the ATC website.

3.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Altadena Elliot Arts update by Dr. Benita Scheckel.

3.2 Altadena Main Library Renovation and Expansion presentation by Katie Clark and architect Mark Schuman with Anderson Brule.

3.3 CA Dept of Insurance presentation by representative Armine Sargsyan

4.0 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

4.1 California Highway Patrol Report by Officer Keller. October had 24 collisions, 4 involved injuries, 4 hit and runs. Still patrolling schools for traffic issues at pick up and drop off. Citations for mostly speeding and cell phone usage. Collecting Christmas Toy donations, text "Toys" to 276278 for more info

4.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Jabari Williams reported 39 incidents, mainly property. Brought in more resources and man power leading to a dramatic increase last week. 9 incidents of aggravated assaults, mostly have been domestic violence issues. No shootings in past two weeks. Shooting at Fair Oaks Burger, warrants served and two suspects apprehended. Fentanyl issues continue and parents asked to stay vigilant.

4.3 L.A. County Fire Altadena spokesperson Maria Grycan reported 361 responses, 273 medical, 3 fire calls (1 accidental structure, 1 cooking, 1 trash)

5.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Parks and Rec representative Ryan Hicks reported on upcoming events.

5.2 Dr. Sandra Thomas from Chamber of Commerce reported on upcoming events including the Sip and Shop in Mariposa Junction on December 3rd from 12-4, Christmas Tree Lane Lighting ceremony on December 10th. Citizen and Business of the Year awards nominations now being taken.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Election Committee Chair Vega thanked committee members for help. Tuesday elections were slimmed down to one location due to rain, that was at the Main Library Community Room. Thanks to Nikki Winslow and Main Library, Bob Lucas, and Patticakes.

6.1.1 Elected to office: CT 4602 Nic Arnzen, CT 4603.02 Chris O'Malley, CT 4610 Roderick Anthony Bryce, CT 4611 Alan Peck, CT 4612 Doug Colliflower, CT 4613 Diane Marcussen. Winners will be sworn in at December 20th ATC meeting. Motion to approve and certify election results was unanimously approved.

6.1.2 Special Election will be held at January meeting to fill empty spots in CT 4601 and 4603.01. Applications are now being accepted.

6.2 Land Use Committee Chair Diane Marcussen reported Tuesday, November 1st meeting included presentations about Historic Highlands proposal to create an historical district, and a new 4 story low-income housing project at 2052 Lake Ave.

6.3 Education Chair Victoria Knapp reported Pasadena Unified School Board District 1 participated in recent election, incumbent Kim Kenny was re elected. Education Committee is hosting an upcoming Town Hall meeting at Elliot Arts Magnet concerning their two campus structure on Wednesday November 30th.

6.4 Communication Committee Chair Nic Arnzen announced distribution of New Neighbor Packs project. Also reached out to fellow Council and residents to join Committee.

6.5 Safe Streets Committee Chair Dorothy Wong reported on their recent meeting and noted that on December 11th the Metro service in the area will increase service on some lines.

6.6 Holiday Party Chair Victoria Knapp announced return of ATC Holiday Party on December 20th.

7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents near the future Poly Tech site spoke. They included Lauren Markel, Mchael Bikay, Barry Penn, Grace Lee and Justin. Council also heard from Aveson Executive Director who commented on a student hit by a car, third one in a year and half and on traffic safety and appeal for Council to move forward anything to help ease the number of incidents. David Lawrence from Historic Highlands spoke of looking to do craftsman style painted billboards showcasing local businesses. Councilmember Wilkins shared public comment from Rick Keaton commenting on filming. Mr. Keaton asked for better signage to avoid congested areas due to filming. Daniel Stewart expressed he thought fees going to homes where filming is taking place should be shared with nearby community also affected due to loss of parking, congestion, porta-potty placement... and David Mather expressed dismay and frustration with filming annoyance and safety issues.

8.0 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1 4610 Councilmember Jones reported that Jackson Elementary School is announcing name change later in the month.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones called for adjournment at 8:47pm