

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes

April 18th, 2023 7:00 PM – 8:57 PM

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

1.1 Recognition of Te'yana Brown who received a \$50,000 scholarship from SCE

1.2 Councilmember Wong called role.

Attending – Victoria Knapp, Connor Cippola, Billy Malone, Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Chris O'Malley, Veronica Jones, Diane Marcussen, Reginald Wilkins, Pat Sutherlen, Doug Colliflower, and Sylvia Vega. Councilmembers Rod Bryce, Alan Peck, and Sandra Thomas were excused. Moved forward with a quorum.

1.3 Vice Chair Knapp made motion to approve April 18th, 2023 meeting as presented. Changes were noted- Steven Gutierrez will be presenting on item 4.2, Striking item 3.3. Chair Jones yielded time to Alex Gonez. Councilmember Sutherlen eliminated ACAAB report in interest of time. Moved unanimously.

2.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair Veronica Jones yielded her time for Alex Gonez with LA County dept. of aging and disability. Mr. Gonez introduced himself as overseeing our local Senior Center.

2.2 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp yielded her report in the interest of time.

2.3 Recording Secretary Nic Arnzen moved to approve March 21st, 2023 Minutes by unanimous consent. Chair approved.

2.4 Treasurer Chris O'Malley gave January report. Started \$2444.78. Deposits of \$96, funds of \$565.03 primarily for annual retreat and holiday party reimbursement. Ended with balance of \$1975.75.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary Wong made special announcements that can be seen on the ATC website. Included pitch for residents to support Farmer's Market.

3.0 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol Report by Officer Bay. March had 21 collisions, of those - 3 involved injuries, 7 hit and runs, 1 vehicle vs bicyclist, 1 DUI.

Captain Moulton also popped in and said hello.

Councilmember Arnzen requested follow up on death of Edward Bronstein in CHP custody and potential retraining of officers. No info available.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Williams reported aggravated assaults increased by 11%, property crimes were down 14%, theft from vehicles were down 34%. There was a homicide on March 22nd; Burglary call in La Vina and one person had been shot. Was not random act and was isolated. Another incident on Altadena and Lincoln of a minor being groped, suspect was apprehended. Suspect still in custody. Landscaping thefts reports have lead to an arrest and multiple tools were discovered.

4.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Charles White Park improvement presentation given by Project Manager Daniel Abratte and Division Chief Chester Kano and follow up by LA County Public Works reps Felicia Yin and Stormwater Ping.

4.2 Street Sweeping presentation by LA County Public Works Rep Steven Gutierrez.

5.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Parks and Rec representative Guillermo Portilla reported on upcoming events.

5.2 Nikki Winslow reported on activities at the Altadena Libraries.

5.3 Judy Matthews of the Chamber of Commerce was not present.

5.4 ACCAB rep Pat Sutherlen yielded her report in the interest of time.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use Chair Diane Marcussen introduced Councilmember Sutherlen with project.

6.1.1 **Action Item** CUP #RPPL2022003002, Project #PRJ2022-0010488-[5] El Caporal Mexican Food, 2100 Fair Oaks Ave was presented by Councilmember Sutherlen. Project received approval for recommendation by Land Use Committee. Councilmember made motion to approve with conditions. The request is to grant approval for a license to sell beer and wine when food is served. Proposal was to send the request to Regional Planning with a recommendation to approve the request with conditions.

6.1.2 There were no public comments and the proposal was unanimously approved.

6.2 Communication Committee chair reported on ongoing and new projects.

6.2 Safe Streets report by Chair Dorothy Wong. Meetings are always 4th Thursday of each month.

6.3 Education Committee Chair report given by Chair Victoria Knapp.

7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Due to high volume of comment cards submitted minutes will not reflect individual commentors. Comments were given and are available for viewing on the ATC website and YouTube.

8.0 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1 4603.01 Councilmember Marona spoke of SCE upgrades.

8.2 4603.02 Councilmember O'Malley reported on the community survey concerning the Unincorporated Coffee mural. Majority of responses were negative and a higher percentage showed support for the Council to formally request the mural to be replaced. The Councilmember also reported on a meeting he moderated between the neighbors and the coffee shop owners. Owners chose to not make any concessions and leave the mural up for the full year.

8.3 4612 Councilmember Reggie Wilkins noted that in his census tract there is overwhelming objection to street sweeping.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones called for adjournment at 8:57pm

