

ACONA Meeting Notes  
January 24, 2017

Following introductions these topics were covered:

### **Altadena Library**

Mindy Kittay, Director, went over the history of the library, which was established 100 years ago and recognized as a separate library district 90 years ago. The current library building was designed by Boyd Georgi.

"The library is about more than books." Community events and entertainment, technology, programs for children including sensory story time, reading out loud, creative play. Largest event is summer reading, which helps children retain what they learned in school. Special programs have included a year-long program on Latino Americans funded by a grant. Hope to do more cultural awareness programs.

Have created a teen space. Grant-funded teen programs on technology. Inspiration stations: pop-up areas throughout the library for hands-on activities. Second Saturdays is an entertainment program with food and beverages for sale. This program is designed to draw people into the library; community-building.

Community engagement includes a grant-funded water conservation demonstration garden. A second grant funded an information kiosk inside the library giving information on water conservation.

Maintenance and operating costs continue to rise. There is a need to raise revenue through taxes and outside contributions. Long-term goals include expansion of the library, both in terms of square footage and library materials.

Community conversations (the Harwood Method) are being held all over Altadena to do some visioning on the future of the library. If you want to take part in the conversation, you can email Mindy: [mkittay@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:mkittay@altadenalibrary.org).

Renovations will start right after Second Saturday in March (March 11). The library will be closed for six weeks, reopening on May 1, with a reopening celebration on June 10.

### **Pasadena Unified School District Update**

Kim Kenne, President, PUSD Board of Trustees, and representative of District 1 (West Altadena – covers Jackson Elementary, Altadena Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Eliot MS, Focus Point Academy, Aveson Global Leadership Academy 6-12 on Lincoln).

Special programs include dual language immersion programs, International Baccalaureate, Magnet schools, and career pathway high school programs.

Student outcomes: have improved slightly in English language arts and math, but there is still a gap between low income students and other students. High School graduation rate was down slightly in previous two years, but data are not available for 2016 yet. California accountability tests align with new Federal requirements. The state is working on using multiple measures of success, not just test scores.

Education funding: Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) planning process is progressing. There will be requisite community input and feedback, which will happen in April and May.

Funding is based on average daily attendance, not enrollment. Enrollment has decreased over 27% in the last 16 years. Charter schools also take money from the PUSD. There were 1,314 students in charter schools last school year. There will be a new charter school -- Alma Fuerte -- on the Edison campus.

Facilities: Properties that are declared surplus can be leased to outside entities (private schools, e.g.) which will bring income to the district. About 60% of Measure TT bond funds have been expended. Discussing adding more classrooms at Jackson, but possibility that Franklin will be used instead, since not all its classrooms are in use.

Collaborate Pasadena (formerly School/City/Community Workplan) has three workgroups that have been meeting for over a year: Healthy Families, Supportive Communities, Student Success. Hired a full time executive director this year, co-funded by Pasadena and PUSD, \$75K each. Will make a presentation at the joint Pasadena City Council/PUSD meeting on February 16, 6pm at City Hall in the City Council chambers.