



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 16, 2024

730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER (7.04)

1.1 Flag Salute _____ Fay Haslett

A sophomore at Muir High School, Ms Haslett was a finalist for Congresswoman Judy Chu's annual Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition.

1.2 Roll Call _____ Pat Sutherlen

Present: Victoria Knapp, Connor Cipolla, Nic Arnzen, Kim Yu, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Chris O'Malley, Jon Carmody, Japhena Hall, Pat Sutherlen, Reginald Williams, Doug Colliflower, Diane Marcussen, Sylvia Vega.

Absent: Rod Bryce,

1.3 Meeting Agenda _____ Nic Arnzen

Copies of the Agenda and Public Comment cards are available in the back of the room. The Agenda was approved by the Executive Committee on April 9. Changes at the meeting delete Items 4.2 and 6.4. Approval unanimous with changes. Later in the meeting 6.4 was added back for a report from Chris O'Malley on a Special Election

2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair _____ Victoria Knapp

Chair Knapp spoke to the extended absences of 2 Council Members. She has received and accepted the resignation of Council Member Alan Peck, census track 4611 and there will be a special election to fill his position. Chris O'Malley will chair the special election There will be a special committee regarding the West San Gabriel Valley Plan which will report on proposed items that will most affect Altadena. Chair will be Milissa Marona.

2.2 Vice Chair _____ Nic Arnzen

The Executive Committee addressed upcoming community events which will include the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast, some of the funds raised will be for the ATC. October 2025 will be the 50th

anniversary of the Altadena Town Council, committee chair for the event is needed. Upcoming events that will need Council Members to sign up to represent the ATC include the Altadena Guild Tour, Sheriff Open House and Rotary Pancake Breakfast.

The Executive Committee also discussed the extended absences of the 2 Council Members. Council Member Peck has resigned his position and a special election will be held to fill the position. Council Member Bryce has declined to resign. The Executive Committee feels it is unfair to the residents of census tract 4610 to be without full representation and listed the ATC guidelines for this situation.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Pat Sutherlen
Minutes for the March 19, 2024 meeting were approved as presented, unanimous with 2 abstentions

2.4 Treasurer _____ Chris O'Malley
Bank account is in good standing, balance \$1,629.94

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong
Reported on April community updates including the ground breaking for the renovation of the Bob Lucas Library.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff Station _____ Captain Jabari Williams

Violent crimes and property crimes are down, however residential burglaries are up by 92% over last year. A crew is targeting homes mostly during the day, home cameras indicate a white Nissan is involved. Extra patrols will be added to address the problem. Residents, be aware and report any suspicious activity.

Up coming events - Drug Take Back on April 27, expect this to occur every 6 months. Open House at the Station is on May 4.

3.2 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Bey

Crashes investigated in March - 26. 3 Hit/run, 1 DUI, 7 with injuries, 15 with property damage only. April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month so pay attention to your driving. Upcoming in May - E-Bike event at the Arcadia Library. May will be Bike-to-school month. He is still trying to get the speed trailer to use on Altadena Drive.

3.3 LA County Fire _____ Maria Grycan

Fire Dept responded to 396 incidents in March including 251 medical and 5 fires. On March 14 due to the terrific wind, there were 38 instances of power lines down, arcing wires or wires down. Annual pouch inspections in appropriate areas will begin on May 1. There have been single sightings of a bear and a mountain lion. It is baby rattlesnake time of the year, note that the babies are more dangerous than the adults.

4. COMMUNITY REPORTS

4.1 Parks and Recreation _____ Guillermo Portilo

Presentation of events occurring at both Charles Farnsworth and Loma Alta Parks. In many cases events are held at both parks just at different times. Ongoing events include Cinco de Mayo, sports, programs for girls, and dance classes. See details at parks.lacounty.gov.

4.2 Eaton Canyon Nature Center _____ Kenia Estrella

The Rec Supervisor at Eaton Canyon presented information about activities and events available to all, both weekend and monthly activities. Special June events - June is Bark Ranger Month (with your dog), and "A Day in Nature" on June 22. And remember, Eaton Canyon is a wildlife preserve so everyone try to keep everything as it is.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Advertising bus shelter replacement, Phase 1 _____ Nuraddin Sadr

Project is to address aging bus stops in UnIncorporated Los Angeles County. There are 9 locations scheduled for Altadena, along Lake and Fair Oaks, to improve the shelters and add lighting, benches, trash receptacles and bike racks. Construction should start in December, 2024. Additional phases will address possible additional sites.

Project Manager
Public Works

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use _____ Diane Marcussen

The Land Use Committee did not meet in April but Chair Marcussen provided information on the Washington Blvd/ Altadena Drive project. the project should start the beginning of May. The intersection of Altadena Dr and New York Drive is not part of the project but there will be safety improvements for that intersection that will be worked on separately. Also Public Works will be planting additional trees along Washington Blvd as part of the project.

6.2 Safe Streets _____ Dorothy Wong

If you want to receive notice of the meetings, see the ATC website for instructions to sign up. May events - Master Plan, phase 3, town Hall will be held. Bike to School day will occur.

6.3 Communication _____ Nic Arnzen

The Communication Committee has created a community engagement project to encourage local youth to interact with their community. Every Friday we host high school students, they go on tours, listen to speakers, brainstorm ways to connect with their community. They learn what it takes to support their community.

6.4 Special Election Committee _____ Chris O'Malley

Instructions for residents in Census Tract #4611 to apply for the open seat on the Altadena Town Council due to the resignation of Council Member Alan Peck. Voting and swearing in will be held at the May ATC meeting.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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| 7.1 | Marian Grider | Traffic on Ventura between Lincoln & Fair Oaks |
| | Russell Hurst | Oversize trucks on Altadena Drive |
| | George McGouder | Oversize trucks on Altadena Drive |
| | Dale Lacasezla | Altadena Senior Center |
| | Ben Zoritz | Donating to the Altadena Town Council |

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT (8:40)