



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES June 18, 2024

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER (7.05)

1.1 Flag Salute \_\_\_\_\_ Clyde Haslet  
Central Altadena Little League Yankees  
The Yankees are the winner of the District 17 2024 Championship

1.2 Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Present: Victoria Knapp, Connor Cipolla, Nic Arnzen, Kim Yu,  
Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Jon Carmody, Chris O'Malley,  
Japhena Hall, Isis Moulden, Pat Sutherlen, ViE Stewart-Gordon,  
Reginald Williams, Doug Colliflower, Diane Marcussen  
Absent, excused: Sylvia Vega

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 June 10. Since then, changes are:  
remove item 6.4, add CT4611 as item 8.2. Approved Unanim

## 2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp  
Chair Knapp gave the time to resident Che Che Yancy who read  
an inspirational poem she wrote in honor of Pride Month and  
Juneteenth.

2.2 Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen  
Vice Chair Arnzen thanked Altadena Rotary for the pancake  
brackfast that raised money for various Altadena organizations.  
The Altadena Town Council was a recipient of \$600 which will  
be used for community outreach efforts.  
He also spoke about the discriminations and challenges that the  
LGBTQ+ community faces. He appreciates the acceptance  
offered by the ATC and the steps they have taken. He has also  
been appointed by Supervisor Barger to the LGBTQ+ Committee

- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Minutes for the May 21, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.  
Unanimous with 2 abstentions.
- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley  
Beginning May balance was \$1,694.41, Go Daddy expense  
was \$180.80 leaving an ending balance of \$1513.61.
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong  
Concerts in the Park starts at Farnsworth Park on July 10.  
Lots of events and programs at the Library. Contact  
dorothy.wong@altadenatowncouncil.org to announce events.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 Altadena Sheriff Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Jabari Williams  
Sgt. Salazar was introduced as the Operations sgt for the Station. At a  
Business Watch meeting on July 11, Capt Williams will meet with  
Altadena Business owners to collaborate on working together.  
Number of robberies are down, Grand Theft Auto (GTA) is currently  
up 70% from last year, cars mostly stolen overnight when parked on  
the street. Free clubs for the steering wheel may be obtained at the  
Station, contact Lt Bayan.. Arrest has been made of a crew working in  
Altadena/Pasadena/Monrovia/Upland. Fire works are illegal,  
deputies recently confiscated 650 lbs of illegal fireworks.
- 3.2 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Keller  
During May, HP investigated 20 collisions, including 2 hit and  
runs, 1 DUI, with no pedestrian hits. Be vigilant - school is out,  
more children are on the streets during the day. The Altadena Office  
will install child car seats and provide education on using.  
This is usually done on Wednesdays, contact the station.

### 4. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 4.1 Parks and Rec \_\_\_\_\_ Guillermo Portillo  
There are many regular events and programs at both Loma Alta  
and Farnsworth Parks. They include many park concerts, park  
after dark events, and senior projects. From now to August,  
from 6 pm to 10 pm, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, there  
will be events at the parks. And every Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm,  
don't forget the Farmers Market at Loma Alta.

4.2 ACCAB \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

While ACCAB has several projects underway, 3 have recently been completed. The lighting around the outside of the Community Center has been increased. The parking lot has been freshly striped. New curtains have been installed in the Community Room.

4.3 Historical Society \_\_\_\_\_ Narmeen Nasseem

The Society is sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration on June 19 at Farnsworth Park. 2 scholarships will be presented to high school students in honor of Ellen Garrison.

4.4 Owen Brown \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley

Thanks were given to Council Member Diane Marcussen who has represented the Town Council on the committee from the beginning.

The gravesite property has now been turned over to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservatory and will be protected in perpetuity from development. It will be designated an LA County Landmark by the Landmark Commission at its meeting on July 28.

## 5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Public Works Project Updates \_\_\_\_\_ Julian Garcia  
Principal Engineer

Full reconstruction is necessary of the intersection of New York Dr and Altadena Dr. and can take several years to complete. Temporary improvements were discussed. Also a list of current approved and completed projects were provided

5.2 UWS Update \_\_\_\_\_ Khaled Alqam  
Public Works

Rate adjustments and a comparison with costs for several cities near Altadena were discussed. There was a review of the services provided. Complaints were discussed. Public Works is tracking complaints. The fastest way to resolve a problem is to contact UWS but if a problem is not resolved, Public Works wants to know.

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Public Works (888) CLEAN-LA/(888) 253-2652  
[trash@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:trash@pw.lacounty.gov)

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 6.1 Special Election \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley

Isis Moulden presented her application to fill the empty Council seat in Census Tract 4610. The vote to accept the application was unanimous. The new Council Member was sworn in by Captain Williams and took her seat on the Council.

### 6.2 Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong

May was Bike 2 School month with 8 Altadena schools participating. the committee is facilitating walk audits with Public works.

### 6.3 Communication \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen

Council Member Moulden discussed the Internship program the ATC has with area high school students and introduced interns Graham Simkins and Jared Levine from Pasadena High School.

## **7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 7.1 Dave Skibinsky - Polytechnic, potential low income housing in the empty building at Mariposa and Lake
- Dale LaCassella - events at the Altadena Senior Center
- Dani Sanders - Altadena Pride events report
- Ethan Carver - new mobile car wash business

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

- 8.1 4610 - updates regarding traffic safety, bus stop, and housing at Lincoln/Figueroa, all in the census tract
- 8.2 4611 = Webster's ribbon cutting at new location at Lake/Calavaras

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**