



# Altadena Town Council

Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2025

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQ4ln4aKTIA>

Start time – 7:01pm – 9:10pm

## 1. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Victoria Knapp, Chair.
- B. Flag Salute – Los Angeles County Firefighter Christian Flint.
- C. Roll Call , Kim Yu
  - i. The following councilmembers were present:  
Dorothy Wong, Darlene Greene, Jon Carmody, Japhena Hall, Isis Moulden, Pat Sutherlen, ViEyvette Stewart-Gordon, Reginald Wilkins, Adam Vourvoulis, Sylvia Vega, Victoria Knapp, Nic Arnzen, Connor Cipolla, Milissa Marona, Kim Yu, Diane Marcussen
- D. Meeting Agenda, Nic Arnzen

- i. Meeting agenda was unanimously approved with the following changes:
    - 1. Strike Section 2.5 Corresponding Secretary Report
    - 2. Maria Grycan in place of Assistant Chief Pat Sprengel
    - 3. Replacing Amy Bodek will be Mitch Glazer

## 2. Officer Reports

- A. Chair- Victoria Knapp
  - i. Announcement of the formation of the Altadena Eaton Fire Relief Fund through Gofundme.org
    - 1. Fund is designed to go directly to Altadena residents who have been affected by the fire.
  - ii. Announcement of the formation of the Renters Protection and Recover Committee to be chaired by Councilmember Darlene Green
- B. Vice Chair – Nic Arnzen
  - i. A motion was put forth to suspend ethical standards clause 6.1 only as it pertains to fire relief aid through the end of the 2025 calendar year.
    - 1. Motion was approved by all members with 1 member abstaining
  - ii. Reminder to get your Right of Entry (ROE) submitted. The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Recording Secretary – Kim Yu
  - i. Approval of December 2024 and January 2025 meeting minutes

1. January minutes approved with one correction;  
December minutes approved with no changes
- D. Treasurer – Milissa Marona
  - i. Collected \$209.00 at December meeting
  - ii. Balance is around \$1491 by end of January – will provide updated balance by next meeting
3. Public Safety Reports
  - A. LA County Sheriffs – Captain Jabari Williams
    - i. Home check program – [altadenahomecheckasd.org](http://altadenahomecheckasd.org)
      1. A program for residents who may not be able to come back to their home or stay in their home or is displaced for any reason – can get the home checked on a regular basis by the sheriffs department.
    - ii. Increase in burglaries in January but has decreased significantly in February due to increased visibility and home checks program efforts
    - iii. Trespassing Signs – Form 602
      1. A resident and fill out the 602 form and indicate designated persons who are allowed to be on ones property or whether no ones supposed to be on that property.
      2. Trespassing sign is then posted and sheriffs can take action without contacting property owner and allows for swifter enforcement.
  - B. California Highway Patrol – Officer Keller
    - i. Minimum of 4 units deployed in Altadena for crime suppression daily
    - ii. Also assisting utilities as needed
  - C. LA County Fire – Maria Grycan
    - i. Anyone in the community who needs anything please come by Station 11 or 12 and let the firefighters know what you need and they are happy to help in any way
    - ii. LA County and Cal Fire are the two agencies leading the investigation into the fire
    - iii. Total of 9,418 structures destroy and of that, 6,018 were single family dwellings, 96 were multifamily dwellings
4. Community Reports
  - A. USEPA – Julia Giarmoleo
    - i. Worked started on January 28 and at this point – at 82% completed or deferred – anticipate will complete work ahead of timeline
    - ii. EPA workers in the field don Level C PPE and should have a red or blue badge that ay EPA staff or contractor.
  - B. US Army Corps of Engineers – Colonel Eric Swenson
    - i. Introduce Colonel Sonny Avichal
    - ii. Discussed debris removal and timeline for completion

- iii. ROE forms get processed and verified by the LACoDPW, then sent to US Army Corps then out to the contractors
  - iv. Also briefly discussed various tree markings
  - v. Trees will be cut if they are deemed in the way of the debris removal, or pose a safety hazard
- C. LA County Dept of Public Works – Ciara Barnett
- i. Public Works announces opening of One Stop Center for rebuilding permits – located within the same area as the Disaster Recovery Center located at 540 W Woodbury Rd.
    - 1. People can also get free advice on fire resistant building materials, defensible space requirements etc.

- D. LA County Regional Planning – Mitch Glazer
- i. Permits for temporary housing and like for like build application permits are available to the public
    - 1. Can be approved with modifications if it does not increase the size, height or building footprint by more than 10%
    - 2. Information can be found on recovery, lacounty.gov
    - 3. If debris is not fully cleared and/or there is still debris on the adjacent properties, you are still allowed to place temporary housing on the property as long as it isn't placed on any existing debris

5. General Public Comment

- A. Due to the Q and A nature of this meeting, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQ4ln4aKTIA> for a complete recording of this meeting. Councilmembers worked to ask questions posted on the chat on both YouTube and Zoom to ensure that all questions were asked.
- i. The public was encouraged to post questions in the YouTube live chat and councilmembers monitoring the chats ensured that all questions were answered.