



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES November 19, 2024

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03

1.1 Flag Salute \_\_\_\_\_ Shelley Mitchell  
Chair Knapp reminds us that there are still 35 families, Meals on Wheels  
even with Meals on Wheels, that still need assistance.

1.2 Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Present: Victoria Knapp, Connor Cipolla, Kim Yu, Nic Arnzen,  
Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Chris O'Malley, Jon Carmody,  
Japhena Hall, Isis Moulden, Pat Sutherlen, ViE Stewart-Gordon,  
Reginald Wilkins, Doug Colliflower, Diane Marcussen, 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 November 11. Since then the following  
changes have been made: Move Special Presentations to Item 3,  
add 8.1 Census Tract report for #4611

## 2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp  
Reminder that November 11 was Veteran's Day. Please support  
our veterans.  
Doug Colliflower has been appointed Chair of the Election Slate  
committee. All Council Members will receive communications  
from Doug regarding selection of the Executive Committee for 2025.

2.2 Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen  
2024 has seen the largest amount of anti trans & LGBTQ+ attacks  
and this will continue. We must stand beside this community  
and show that we support them.

2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Minutes for the October 15, 2024 meeting were approved  
as presented. Unanimous with 2 abstentions.

2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley  
Bank balance is reported as \$1,434.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong  
Reports on many current and future activities in Altadena especially with Thanksgiving and Winter holidays coming up. See the ATC website, Calendar tab for links to these activities.

### **3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Chair Knapp recognized both State officials for coming and for everything they have done for Altadena

3.1 Senator Anthony Portantino  
The senator recognized Altadena as a community with a sense of pride and discussed his legislative accomplishments, including Gun Safety Laws, Education and Student Health, Dyslexia Screening and Autism Care and Mental Health Support.

3.2 AssemblyMember Chris Holden  
The AssemblyMember discussed his accomplishments in the areas of Trail and Library Improvements, Transportation, and Dual Enrollment in Schools. He presented the ATC with a resolution which recognized the Altadena Community.

### **4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

4.1 Altadena Sheriff Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Jabari Williams  
Year to date, aggravated assaults are down 24%, property crimes are down 12%, residential burglaries are up 44% but this is a decrease from earlier in the year.  
Recently there was a deceased hiker on the trails. Remember to be prepared when hiking, let family know where you are hiking, if possible, do not hike alone  
Captain Williams introduced Deputy Taylor, new to the Station.. The Sheriff Support Group is looking for new members. If you are interested, contact the Station (626-798-1131) and ask for Deputy Balyan.

4.2 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Keller  
In October the HP investigated 21 crashes, including 2 hit/runs, 7 with injuries, and 1 DUI. There were no pedestrian or bike crashes. However many crashes occurred at 4 way stops so be careful. Officers Keller and Bay are focussing on areas around the schools.

4.3 LA County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Asst.Fire Chief Sprengel  
For October there were 370 total responses, including 286 medical care with 237 residents transported, 2 resident fires 67 for good intent calls, and 6 accidents.

4.4 Forestry \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Ranger Kidd  
Ranger Kidd presented a map showing a current fuel reduction project, 50 acres of cutting and clearing of brush. He is also requesting funding to replace the rest rooms at the Millard camping area.

## 5. COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Altadena Library \_\_\_\_\_ Nikki Winslow, Director  
A progress report was given, with pictures, of the Bob Lucas remodel which should be completed Spring of 2025. Events for Native American Heritage Month were discussed also the Library Early Literacy Resources, the Art Exhibit of Eaton Canyon and the Library of Things.  
Director Winslow also expressed her thanks to Senator Portantino and AssemblyMember Holden for all the help that they have provided for the Library.

5.2 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Matthews President  
Upcoming events were noted to keep the community informed including a Webinar for future businesses, and an Open Session of the Board Meeting. On Dec.5 expect a Sip & Shop at Mariposa Junction with a Country Western theme.

5.3 Christmas Tree Lane \_\_\_\_\_ Scott Wardlaw President  
Mr. Wardlaw thanked all community members, public safety and political members who have volunteered time over the years. This year, the Lane will open on Dec. 7, a week earlier than in past years at the request of the community. All volunteers of any age are welcomed every year.

5.4 ACONA \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen, Chair  
A meeting is scheduled on November 19 with Regional Planning for clarification and discussion of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. After hearing from residents the ATC will prepare a recommendation on the plan to be given to Supervisor Barger.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen, Chair  
Jon Carmody, Council Member

6.1.1 Action Item RPPL2024003312 June Bug Tattoo, 2549 Fair Oaks Ave  
Project needs a CUP due to the nature of the project and to  
determine that the residents are in agreement. 40 nearby  
residents were contacted, all were in favor. Vote to send  
to Regional Planning with a recommendation to approve  
without conditions. Vote was unanimous.

6.1.1.1 Public Comment - None

6.2 Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong, Chair  
Committee meets the 4th Thursday of each month. In honor  
World Day of Remembrance, Chair Wong requested a moment  
of silence in memory of the 7 Altadena residents who died in  
traffic accidents during the past 2 years.

6.3 WSGVAP (West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan) \_\_\_\_\_ Milissa Marona, Chair  
LA Planning held a public hearing on Sept. 25 to consider the Plan and  
forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to consider at the Dec. 10 Board  
meeting. Comments can be sent directly to Supervisor Barger's office.

6.4 Election Report \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen, Chair  
Report for the 2024 Altadena Town Council election was certified.  
Schedule A is attached.

6.5 Communication \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen, Chair  
The Committee is currently working on producing a master  
email list, a monthly blast that can be sent to residents and is  
actively seeking volunteers.

6.6 Holiday Party \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp, Chair  
The ATC's usual December meeting and swearing in of new  
Council Members will be held this year at the Rose Bowl with our  
partners The Altadena Library, Altadena Rotary, and Altadena  
Chamber of Commerce. Tours of the Rose Bowl will be offered.  
Thanks to Dominic Corey for organizing and to Pasadena Media for  
accommodating this event.

6.7 Education \_\_\_\_\_ Sylvia Vega, Chair  
Thanks to the Library for hosting a tour for our interns and to

El Patron for providing lunch. Other restaurants who would like to contribute may contact Sylvia or Isis Moulden. Discussed PUSD election results and school programs for Eliot and Jackson schools

6.8 Legislative \_\_\_\_\_ Milissa Marona, Chair  
Discussed the Board of Supervisor's approval of the annexation of several properties into LA Sewer district.

6.9 By Laws \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley, Chair  
Minor changes had been provided to the Council Members and were approved unanimously

## **7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

7.1 Ann Erhard - VOC complaint against neighbor  
Veronica Jones - Pies for Union Station Homeless Shelter  
Alan Zorthian - WSGVAP  
Chris Romulotis - WSGVAP

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

8.1 Census Tract 4611 - Licenses are required for your pets. County officers are visiting Altadena residents and will either collect the annual fee or provide residents with the information to do so.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**