



Altadena Town Council

Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2025

Start time – 7:01 pm, End time – 8:43pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – meeting called to order at 7:01pm – Victoria Knapp, Chair

1.1 Presentation of colors and pledge of Allegiance – Altadena Scout Troop 4

1.2 Roll Call - Kim Yu, Recording Secretary

1.2.1 The following Councilmembers were present: Victoria Knapp, Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Isis Moulden, Pat Sutherlen, Kim Yu, Diane Marcussen, Japhena Musson, Sylvia Vega, Justin Mahramas, Darlene Greene, Jon Carmody, Reggie Wilkins and Connor Cipolla

1.2.2 Excused Absences – Vi-Yvette Stewart Gordon

1.2.3 Approve December 16, 2025, Meeting Agenda - Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair

1.2.4 Meeting agenda was approved with the following changes: add 8.1 – CT 4603.01 Report

1.2.5 Motion – Arnzen, second – Cipolla, all approved

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair - Victoria Knapp

2.1.1 Joined ATC in 2017 because she cared about Altadena.

2.1.2 Learned about the role of being on the ATC and about what the role was and what it wasn't.

2.1.3 Worked on restoring the Mount Lowe Median and collaborating with Supervisor Barger's office.

2.1.4 Canvassed many homes for CUPs for El Caporal, Miya Thai, Bulgarini, and Nancy's Greek Cafe.

2.1.5 Eaton Fire changed the scale of the work the council did. Roles became about crisis responses, recovery, advocacy and often listening.

2.1.6 Acknowledged people and partners-Rose Bowl, Dominick Correy, Pasadena Media, Congresswoman Chu, Pasadena Tournament of Roses, Senator Perez, Assemblyman Harabedian, Public Safety

Officers, Community Partners, Sussy Neemer, Anish Saraiya, Amy Bodeck, Ciara Barnett, Mitch Glasser, Chris Shepard, Julian Garcia

2.1.7 Thanked Supervisor Barger for her care and compassion, thanked the executive committee, council and the residents of Altadena

2.2 Vice Chairs Report – Nic Arnzen

2.2.1 Acknowledged and thanked the Chair for her leadership

2.2.2 Shared that we (residents) are in this together and to find ways to communicate and hold each other up during challenging times.

2.3 Corresponding Secretary - Connor Cipolla

2.3.1 December 5, 2025 ATC sent a letter of support to the Eaton Fire Survivor's Network

2.3.2 The letter was read for the record

2.4 Recording Secretary- Kim Yu Approve November 2025 meeting minutes

2.4.1 Minutes approved with one name correction.

2.4.1.1 Abstained due to absences — Carmondy

2.5 Treasurer - Milissa Marona

2.5.1 Opening balance: \$6,170.00

2.5.2 Spent \$385 in website fees, printing and name tags

2.5.3 received \$90.00 in donations

2.5.4 Closing balance is: \$5,884.67

3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff's Station - Captain Ethan Marquez

3.1.1 Crime still at historically low levels in Altadena. Altadena had the highest number of burglaries in January 2025 due to people coming into the community to due harm. In the first quarter of 2025 the number of burglaries were in the 60's, then 40's, then 30's and November of 2025 they were down to 4.

3.1.2 2,005 runners are registered for the January 4, 2026 Altadena Forever Run

3.1.3 Sempra Gas is a title 1 sponsor and is donating \$50,000

3.1.4 67% of donations will go to Eaton Fire Relief and 33% will go to Sheriff Support Group of Altadena

3.1.5 Lt of Operations was introduced- Lt. Dustin Wieman
dlweiman@lasd.org

3.1.6 Altadena Home Check is still in operation. Homeowners can email the home check program and a deputy will come out to meet with

the homeowner and contractor to take safe measures to secure the property.

3.1.7 Councilmember Carmondy thanked Captain Marquez for touring him and Councilmember Greene after the fire as they were able to let neighbors know the status of their homes.

3.1.8 California Highway Patrol - Captain Mariano "March" Santiago spoke about being there for Altadena. Officer Keller reported that CHIPS for kids collected 2,000 toys that were distributed to 20 non-profit organizations in Altadena.

3.2 L.A. County Fire – Maria Grycan

3.2.1 November: 175 total calls; two small fires; 134 EMS (111 patients transported); 5 - traffic collisions – One with a pedestrian and one with a cyclist. Two fires in October. Homeowner burning vegetation and trash in the front yard. Second a small brush fire on a trail on Loma Alta and Tanoble. Helicopter dropped to put out fire and camp crews dispatched to ensure fire was out.

3.2.2 Nov 15 a tree fell onto an unoccupied vehicle on Allen/Meadowbrook

3.2.3 Keep your tree watered if a real tree, keep away from all heat sources. Check all holiday lights and make sure they aren't warm or frayed. No wrapping paper in the fireplace.

4 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Pasadena Tournament of Roses– President Mark Leavens and Director of Communications Candy Carlson

4.1.1 TOR is offering a complimentary ticket program to bring moments of joy/hope to the community.

4.1.2 1,000 Rose Parade tickets will be given to fire impacted residents along with 10,000 complimentary tickets to FloatFest.

4.1.3 Limited complimentary tickets to the Rose Bowl game, Equestfest, Bandfest and the decorating event will be made available.

4.2 Rose Bowl-Dominick Correy

4.2.1 Welcomed all to the Rose Bowl

4.2.2 Mandy introduced the "Rising Together" float, sponsored by the California Community Foundation and the Black Freedom Fund, and shared a rendering of the design.

5 DIGNITARY PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Senator Sasha Perez

5.1.1 A Resolution of Recognition was presented to Chair Knapp

5.2 Assemblyman John Harabedian

- 5.2.1 Thanked Chair Knapp and the council for their leadership.
- 5.3 Supervisor Kathryn Barger
 - 5.3.1 Acknowledged how vital the ATC is to Altadena
 - 5.3.2 Thanked Councilmember Musson for her dedication and gave her a proclamation from the 5th district
 - 5.3.3 Thanked Chair Knapp for her leadership and the depth of knowledge she brought to the role.
- 5.4 Enrique Rose, District Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Judy Chu
 - 5.4.1 Thanked the ATC for its leadership and then went on to thank Councilmember Musson and Chair Knapp for their service and providing both of them with Certificates of Congressional Recognition on behalf of Congresswoman Judy Chu
- 5.5 Maria Grycan, Community Services Liaison Los Angeles County Fire
 - 5.5.1 Presented Certificates of Recognition from Los Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone to Councilwoman Musson and Chair Knapp
- 6 COMMUNITY REPORTS
 - 6.1 Supervisor Kathryn Barger
 - 6.1.1 Newly elected Anton Anderson and Morgan Whirledge were sworn in along with re-elected Kim Yu, Dorothy Wong, Jon Carmondy, Reggie Wilkins, Pat Sutherlen and Sylvia Vega
 - 6.2 Chair [Victoria Knapp](#)
 - 6.2.1 Slate Chair Cipolla- Thanked fellow slate committee members Councilman Wilkins and Councilwoman Marcussen
 - 6.2.2 Presented the slate of officers-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Milissa Marona, Treasurer Darlene Greene, Corresponding Secretary Kim Yu and Recording Secretary Sylvia Vega
 - 6.2.3 No nominations were made from the floor for Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - 6.2.4 Councilwoman Moulden nominated Vi-Yvette Stewart Gordon for Treasurer from the floor. Councilman Whirledge nominated Councilwoman Moulden for Corresponding Secretary from the floor and Councilwoman Moulden nominated Vi-Yvette Stewart Gordon for Recording Secretary.
 - 6.2.5 Chair Arnzen and Vice-Chair Marona were seated as there were no other nominations from the floor.
 - 6.2.6 Chair Arnzen then handed out cards and council members were asked to write the name of either Councilmember Greene or Councilmember Stewart Gordon for Treasurer.

- 6.2.7 Chair Arnzen then handed out cards and council members were asked to write the name of either Councilmember Yu or Councilmember Moulden for Corresponding Secretary
- 6.2.8 Chair Arnzen then handed out cards and council members were asked to write the name of either Councilmember Vega or Councilmember Stewart Gordon for Recording Secretary.
- 6.2.9 Councilmember Cipolla and Councilwoman Marcussen tallied the following votes. For Treasurer, Councilmember Greene received 11 votes, Councilmember Stewart Gordon received 3 and Diane Marcussen received 1. Councilmember Greene was elected to Treasurer.
- 6.2.10 Councilmember Cipolla and Councilwoman Marcussen tallied the following votes. For Corresponding Secretary, Councilmember Yu received 12 votes, Councilmember Moulden received 3 votes. Councilmember Yu was elected to Corresponding Secretary.
- 6.2.11 Councilmember Cipolla and Councilwoman Marcussen tallied the following votes. For Recording Secretary, Councilmember Vega received 12 votes, Councilmember Stewart Gordon received 3 votes. Councilmember Vega was elected to Recording Secretary.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 7.1.1 Kim Hallinger, graduate of John Muir High School and a professional magician and member of the Hall of Fame of Magic. She is looking for someone to donate a stage so a magic show can be performed for Altadenans.
- 7.1.2 Stephanie Landregan, Director of Altadena Green and she is concerned about the trees. She wants trees to be inspected by specialists and have them mitigated instead of cutting them down. Would like the county have a group to assess the trees and offer treatment vs total removal of mature trees. Altadena Green is offering free tree assessments to Altadenans.

8 ADJOURN – 8:43pm