



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Land Use Minutes

January 6, 2026

730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. Call to Order: Diane Marcussen

2. Roll Call: Pat Sutherlen

Present: Morgan Whirledge, Connor Cipolla, Kim Yu, Nic Arnzen, Dorothy Wong, Milissa Marona, Darlene Greene, Jon Carmody, Anton Anderson, Isis Moulden, Pat Sutherlen, Vi Stewart-Gordon, Justin Maharajas, Dan Harlow, Diane Marcussen, Sylvia Vega

3. Approve Meeting Agenda, January 6, 2026 Diane Marcussen

Approved as presented, unanimous

4. Approve November 4,, 2025 Minutes Pat Sutherlen

Approved as presented, unanimous with 3 Abstentions

5. Chairman Report: Diane Marcussen

Chair Marcussen thanked Land Use members for the work in 2025. A lot of work is expected in 2026.

6. PRESENTATION -

6.1 West San Gabriel Valley Plan - what zoning and land use maps will allow in Altadena

Clark Taylor explained the long range projects, plans, and policies that Planning is working on. Planning Dept is looking for community input regarding long range projects, capital improvements while hoping to clarify some of the fears of residents who are having to re-build after the Fire.

Clark Taylor
Sr Regional Planner
Community Studies, East Area

6.1.1 Public Comment

None

6.2 RPPL2019006453 - CUP Application for use of a single family residence as a place of meditation and learning.

Sylvia Vega
Diane Marcussen

This request originally came to the Committee 2 years ago. It is a challenging request - a single family residence on a private road to use the residence as a religious dwelling. Of the 15 original homes, only 3 remain after the fire. The committee is still gathering information from the residents who are very concerned about the narrow road and minimum parking.

6.2.1 Public Comment
None

7. ACTION ITEM

7.1 Altadena Main Library RPPL2023000666. CUP for the expansion of an existing Library building to increase its footprint by approximately 700 sq. feet to update the building for seismic and zoning requirements. Pat Sutherlen
ViE Stewart-Gorden

There are many empty lots in the neighborhood due to the fire. Neighbors have been canvassed, 38 people have been spoken to with positive responses, 102 flyers were left at standing homes.

7.1.1 Public Comment
Mark Marisol - In favor of changes
Joan Repack - in favor of changes

Unanimous vote, with 1 Abstention to send the project to the Altadena Town Council with a recommendation to send to Regional Planning with no Conditions.

8. General Public Comment

Kent Johnson, CT 4611 - Altadena needs an emergency warning system.

9. Census Tract Reports

CT 4603.01 - Dorothy Wong - Reminder of annual Homeless Count for 2026 will be on January 21.

10. Adjournment