



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### February 20, 2024

730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER (7:03 pm)

The meeting was opened in the memory of former Councilmember Gloria Sanyika of census tract 4603.01. The Council Member, who died suddenly in December, 2023, served for 6 years and was an advocate for community beautification and food sustainability and was on the Colaborate Pasadena leadership Council. A moment of silence was observed.

1.1 Flag Salute \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Boyd, Altadena Sheriff Station

1.2 Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen

Present: Victoria Knapp, Connor Cipolla, Nic Arnzen, Kim Yu, Dorothy Wong, Melissa Marona, Chris O'Malley, Jon Carmody, Japhena Hall, Pat Sutherlen, Reginald Williams, Doug Colliflower, Diane Marcussen, Sylvia Vega.

Absent: Rod Bryce, Alan Peck

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 February 13. Since that date the following changes have occurred: cancel items 3.4, 4.3, 8.2, 6.3, switch items 6.1 and 6.2, and change presenter for Safe Streets Committee to Tom Riley.

Approval Unanimous

#### 2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp

Chair Victoria Knapp acknowledged the many contributions made by Altadeneans. For a complete list of the events scheduled during February, go to the Library website calendar.

The Film Committee has been reactivated and Dr. Reginald Williams has been appointed Chair. Kim Yu will be a member of the committee. Any residents interested in joining may contact Dr. Williams, his contact information is on the ATC website.

- 2.2 Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen  
Council Member Arnzen commented on Black History events that have already occurred in February - the Black History Parade and the 40th anniversary celebration of Altadena Baptist Church.
- 2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Minutes for the January 16, 2024 meeting were approved as presented, unanimous with 1 abstention.
- 2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley  
Ending account balance at January 31 was \$1,043.98
- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong  
Council Member Wong commented on upcoming events. This information is on the ATC website. If residents have events to share, email to [dorothy.wong@altadenatowncouncil.org](mailto:dorothy.wong@altadenatowncouncil.org) so that the events can be added to the website. She also thanked those who participated in the Altadena Homeless Count, results will be distributed this summer.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 Altadena Sheriff Station \_\_\_\_\_ Lt Batee  
Many of the crime stats are down. Reminded residents to lock cars and do not leave valuables in plain sight. Residential burglaries are up, suggested the use of cameras, improve lighting and report suspicious activity. There will be a drug take back event on April 27. Stressed the use of the on-line reporting system
- 3.2 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Boyd  
Introduction of the new Altadena Captain Santiago. There were 27 incidents during January. They include 6 with injuries, 4 hit & runs. Tips when driving in rainy weather, pay attention to tire treads and speed, at 30 mph there is a danger of hydroplaning. HP has programs available to teach safe pedestrian safety.
- 3.3 LA County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Grycan  
There were 389 responses in January, including 319 medical and 11 collisions. Safety tip - avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, all fuel burning devices must be vented to the outside, never leave a car running in the garage.

### 4. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 4.1 Parks and Rec \_\_\_\_\_ Guillermo Portillo  
Due to weather, Mr. Portillo was not able to attend. A powerpoint presentation of upcoming events at the parks has been provided and is posted on the ATC website.

- 4.2 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Matthews  
Due to weather, Mrs Mathews was not able to attend. Visit the Chamber website for upcoming events, [altadenachamber.org](http://altadenachamber.org)

## 5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 Washington/Altadena Dr Road Improvement Project \_\_\_\_\_ Chuck Vosicka &  
This 2 mile project will reconstruct failing pavements Lisa Woung  
on Altadena Dr and Washington Blvd. Attention will Public Works  
focus on signals, a storm drain extension and crosswalks  
which will be changed to continental crosswalks. Watch  
for temporary lane closures and traffic delays. The project  
will begin in the summer of 2024 and is expected to take  
1 year to complete. Future projects will address bike  
lanes and safety improvements

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Riley  
This committee is working to put together a wish list for  
the development of the LA County Bike Master Plan.  
Possibilities were discussed.
- 6.2 Land Use \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen  
There are no current Action Items. The Owen Brown gravesite has been  
restored and will be considered for a designation as an LA County  
landmark at the Supervisor meeting on February 27. The site will be  
protected and the public will have access.
- 6.3 Communication \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen  
The Committee endeavors to improve interaction with the Altadena community  
and welcomes those residents who are interested in joining.

## 7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- 7.1 Veronica Badon - Badon Tennis Academy at Lona Alta park  
Ronny Winn - Charles White Park  
James Willis - State Water Control Board  
Daryl Gay - Loma Alta Park  
Karen Gibson - Forum for 5th District Supervisor candidates  
Wendy Silva - Elliot Arts Benefit Auction (read into the record  
by Victoria Knapp

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

8.1 4602 Altadena Pride events on June 8  
Tribute to Mary Faulkingham

## **9. ADJOURNMENT (8:26)**