



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES January 16, 2024

730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:03 pm)

1.1 Flag Salute _____ Lt. Batee, Altadena Sheriff Station
In honor of Deputy Charlene Roller, Altadena's first female patrol officer who died on duty, on the anniversary of her death in order to let her family know that she is not forgotten.

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.

Absent, Approved: Rod Bryce, Alan Peck, 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 January 9. Since that date, changes and additions are: item 4.1 Doug Colliflower will present for Rotary Club, item 6.3 Communication Committee report is added. Unanimous approval of the Agenda as amended.

2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair _____ Victoria Knapp
Chair Knapp thanks everyone who made the December Holiday Party a success. At the new Calendar year, the chairs of the ATC committees are named. They are Land Use (Diane Marcussen), Communications (Nic Arnzen), Safe Streets (Dorothy Wong) and Education (Victoria Knapp). Milissa Marona will chair a new Legislation Committee which will report on national, state and county legislation that will affect Altadena. If a resident wishes to join this new committee, contact Milissa Marona.

2.2 Vice Chair _____ Nic Arnzen

Orientation for new Council Members is being organized. Updated ByLaws are being posted on the ATC website. The Film Committee, currently inactive, is being reactivated since there is now more filming activity in Altadena and changes have been made by Film LA to the process.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Pat Sutherlen
Minutes for the December 19, 2023 meeting were approved as presented, unanimous with 1 abstention.

2.4 Treasurer _____ Chris O'Malley
December financial report was presented with a year end balance of \$1,173. Detailed financial report for 2023 will be provided and attached to the January Minutes.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong
A lot of information can be found on the ATC website under Resources, check County services for care and obtaining trees for the parkway where space is available. Presentation was made by Foothill Municipal Water District about the pending shutdown of the system for repairs to affect residents beginning Feb. 5 for 5 days.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff Station _____ Lt Batee
Last month there was an increase in property crimes, especially package thefts and catalytic converters especially from Toyotas. Deputies have been giving attention to areas around hiking trails which was successful and may be tried in other areas.

3.2 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Bay
Crash investigations for November/December - 13 Injuries, 8 Hit & Runs, 2 DUIs, 18 Property damage only. The most accidents occurred during dawn or dusk. Be aware of new traffic pattern at Woodbury & Santa Rosa and new stop signs at Windsor, south of Ventura.

3.3 LA County Fire _____ Maria Grycan
There were 433 responses in December, 335 of those were medical calls, of those 3 were pedestrians hit by cars while crossing the street. Safety tip - prepare for the rain, sand bags are available at the fire stations, do not drive thru standing water.

3.4 CERT _____ Deb Halberstadt
Meetings are quarterly at 5:30 at the Community Center. Recent items covered included earthquakes, how to become a ham radio operator, the Red 5 Law regarding gun violence restraining orders, and mutual aid fires.

4. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 4.1 Rotary Club _____ Doug Colliflower
Reported on immediate upcoming events. In June watch for a Pancake Breakfast on June 1 at Grocery Outlet and the beginning of the Summer Concert Series on June 29 at Farnsworth Park.
- 4.2 Altadena Library _____ Nikki Winslow
Dates to be aware of - February 19 closed for President's Day, February 24 Book Sale in the parking lot. Progress on the Bob Lucas project - the design has been approved by the Board of Trustees, there are naming opportunities for various areas of the project. Visit altadenalibrary.org/next-chapter for updates. Continuing events - Second Saturdays, Art at the Library. Lots of information at altadenalibrary.org.
- 4.3 Chamber of Commerce _____ Judy Matthews
Reported on upcoming events. This includes celebrating the 2023 Citizen of the Year, Doug Colliflower and the Business of the Year, El Patron.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan _____ Adrine Arakelian
LA County Planning
This is a 20 year plan regarding land use, zoning, use of open space, public facilities, preservation, what is working, what needs to be revised. Public input is being solicited so watch for notifications.
- 5.2 Metro Micro _____ Monica Waggoner &
Wayne Wassell
Discussion of Metro/Micro history and testing of various plans to meet ridership service goals. Performance is measured and proposed fare structure is being developed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Land Use _____ Diane Marcussen
6.1.1 Bernee Restaurant, 875 E. Mariposa, request to sell beer and wine for on site consumption with meals. Due diligence has been done. the request was approved unanimously to send the request to Regional Planning with the recommendation to approve with Conditions. _____ Nic Arnzen, Kim Yu

6.2 Safe Streets _____ Dorothy Wong
Meetings are held the 4th Thursday every month. Current discussions include pedestrian safety, the bicycle master plan. Meetings are Zoom and instructions appear on the ATC website.

6.3 Communication _____ Nic Arnzen
New Welcome Packs are being prepared. Interested residents contact Nic Arnzen if you wish to join the committee. Current projects include putting a package together in Spanish and expanding the program to renters.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Patrick Gauthier - against a potential \$\$ General store on Fair Oaks
Tamala Ivie - against a potential \$\$ General store on Fair Oaks
Jonah Kinner - Altadena Drive/Washington Blvd project
Phlunte Riddle - Candidate for California State Assembly

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1 4601- Victoria Knapp reports that complaints have been received regarding the clearing of trees on a property on North Altadena Drive at Crescent. An investigation showed that the trees are a species that is not protected by law and the protected oak trees on the property have not been destroyed.

9. ADJOURNMENT