



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES July 16, 2024

730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER (7.04)

1.1 Flag Salute _____ Matilda Pearce
Matilda a member of the National Honor Society, placed Blair High School
1st out of 350 students in the National Sports Medicine
Competition.

1.2 Roll Call _____ Pat Sutherlen
Present: Victoria Knapp, Connor Cipolla, Nic Arnzen, Kim Yu,
Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Jon Carmody, Sylvia Vega,
Japhena Hall, Isis Moulden, Pat Sutherlen, ViE Stewart-Gordon,
Reginald Williams,
Absent, excused: Doug Colliflower, Diane Marcussen, Chris O'Malley

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 July 9. Since then the following
changes have been made: cancel #2.4, add 8.2 census tract report.

2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair _____ Victoria Knapp
It was noted that July is National Ice Cream Month. Students
serving as interns for the ATC served ice cream to the audience.

ATC annual election will be held in November, Council Member
Sutherlen has been appointed Chair of the Election Committee.
Council Members who are not running for re-election will be
encouraged to volunteer.

Council Member Sylvia Vega has been named to succeed
Chair Knapp as Chair of the Education Committee.

Dominic Corey was recognized for his service as the district
representative for Senator Portantino and wished all the best

in his new position as the Director of Community Outreach for the Rose Bowl. Lisa Broult was introduced as Dominic's successor in the Senator's office.

2.2 Vice Chair _____ Nic Arnzen
Interns were recognized and thanked for their work with the ATC and for sharing their perspectives with the council members.

2.3 Recording Secretary _____ Pat Sutherlen
Minutes for the June 18, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.
Unanimous with 2 abstentions.

2.4 Treasurer _____ Chris O'Malley
No Report

2.5 Corresponding Secretary _____ Dorothy Wong
Highlight of upcoming events. These are also found on the ATC website under "Calendar"

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 L A County Fire _____ Marie Grycan
Fire Dept responded to 383 incidents in June, 294 of them were emergencies with 217 transports to the hospital. Safety tip for June - protect yourself from heat related injuries.

3.2 Altadena Sheriff Station _____ Captain Jabari Williams
In general, crime is down in Altadena, violent crime down 33%, property crime down 5%. Increased attention is being given to Neighborhood Watch. Business Watch group met, ideas led to discussion with owners of Mt. View Cemetery and issues in that area.
Deputies assisted the Health Dept to enforce the law for food vendors that were not in compliance with County codes. 1400 pounds of food was confiscated from 16 vendors.
Reminder to make use of the online reporting system for minor crimes. go to lasd.org and search for SORTS.

3.3 California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Bay
HP investigated 19 crashes in June - 10 with property damage, 4 DUIs, 3 Hit and runs, 2 with injuries. Officers will be around the schools in August at the beginning of the school year.

3.4 CERT

Deb Halberstadt

Report on the 2nd Quarter meeting held July 10. Discussion about wildfires and reacting to emergencies in Altadena - possible use of telephone trees, air horns . Good App is WATCHDUTY for info on fires. Red Cross blood drive will be held at the Community Center on September 9.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.1. State Water Tour Recap

Gary Bryant, District 1 Director
Nina Jazmadarian, General Mgr

Report on the tour taken by Council Members Nic Arnzen and Dorothy Wong along with representatives from several local cities and towns. The goal was to familiarize themselves with the way that water is provided to Southern California and by the Metropolitan Water District.

4.2 Charles White Park Development Plans

Allen Compton

Presentation was made of the current plans for changes to the park. According to the architect, the general theme is “where Nature Meets the City”. Changes will be made around the edge of the park, not to the center. These enhancements will include ADA pathways, water retention, outdoor classroom area, park offices, picnic benches, exercise area, pickle ball courts.

It is believed that this is the only park in the U.S. named for an artist. Qualifications are currently being reviewed from artists to produce free standing art work in the park.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Library

Director Nikki Winslow

Bob Lucas branch is closed for remodeling. For updates see altadenalibrary.org.next-chapter. The next book sale will be on October 5. Discussion of many events at the library including the first event with the 2 new poet laureates on Aug 21 and the Stuffed Animal Tea Party on August 15.

The Library District and the Altadena Town Council partnered to create a Community Quilt along with artist in residence Linda Luminarti. The quilt was created in panels representing each census tract over in workshops over an 8 week period. The quilt is now hung in the Community Room at the Community Center. Special thanks was given to Barry Pen, Deb Halberstadt, Hester Bell and Veronica Jones.

5.2 Chamber of Commerce _____ Judy Matthews
Upcoming events were presented to include webinars and chamber meetings. For complete information see altadenachamber.org.

5.3 Eaton Canyon Nature Center _____ Kenia Estrella
Discussion of events at the park, including monthly walks, plant walks, Bark Ranger program. See details at ecnca.org.
Volunteers are welcomed.

5.4 Altadena Historical Society _____ Dawn Smith
Discussed recent events including tours, the event on Meadowbrook Road with the Altadena Guild of Huntington Hospital. In the Fall, watch for an interview with the Woodbury Family and the 90th anniversary of the Historical Society. Visit the Historical Society website for many details, altadenahistoricalsociety.org.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 WSGVAP _____-Melissa Marona, Chair
(West San Gabriel Valley Action Plan)
This plan is primarily regarding Land Use and Zoning changes.
The plan is currently in draft form.

6.2 Film Committee _____ Kim Yu, Council Member
The Film Committee met with members of the LA County Film Office regarding updates to the new County Ordinance. This will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for a vote in early September. Until this ordinance becomes final, there are FAQs on the ATC website that were prepared in 2020.

6.3 Safe Streets Committee _____ Dorothy Wong, Chair
This committee meets monthly on the 4th Thursday. It is receiving tools to be able to present a “street story”. Upcoming walk and bike to school events in October.

6.4 Legislative Committee _____ Melissa Marona, Chair
there will be proposed regulations for cannabis management . The Board of Supervisors has proposed a charter amendment for a new government structure for the Board.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- 7.1 Anna Newell Brown - need for speed cushions on 500 block of Figueroa
- Ronnie Winn - lights in Charles White Park
- Ann Higginbottom - announced Assemblyman Chris Holden's annual Block Party on August 3

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

- 8.1 Stolen placque for Mt. Lowe Railway
Argument between residents

- 8.2 SCE Cheney Trail pole replacement has been postponed
Upcoming Lincoln Ave. Board of Directors tour

9. ADJOURNMENT