



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES October 15, 2024

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:06

1.1 Flag Salute \_\_\_\_\_ Carrie Eastman  
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month Cancer Survivor

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

1.3 Meeting Agenda \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp  
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 October 7th. Since then the following changes have been made: Add 4.4 to Community Reports, Eliminate 6.6 from Committee Reports, Add Action item to 6.6.1 Agenda approved as amended, unanimous.

## 2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp  
Chair Knapp recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and asked for a moment of silence to lift up those known to have had this disease.  
Vice Chair, Nic Arnzen, is absent. Students from Aveson Elementary School were invited to visit the Community Center to learn how government works and how it is applied in Altadena. 6th grade students held an election between Cow and Wolf, the candidates made their speeches and the students voted. Wolf won and was elected to sit in Vice Chair Arnzen's chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2.2 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Minutes for the September 17, 2024 meeting were approved as presented. Unanimous with 2 abstentions.

2.3 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley

Bank balance is reported as \$1,429.

- 2.4 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong  
Reports on many current and future activities in Altadena.  
See the ATC website for links to these activities.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 Altadena Sheriff Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Jabari Williams  
Some statistics - Aggravated assaults trending down at 24%, burglaries down 40% but not as low as he would like, robberies up 23% but detectives are solving more crimes. Currently the most stolen cars are Infinitis.  
Coming events in October are Neighborhood Watch meeting, Drug take back, and Trunk or Treat on Halloween at Farnsworth Park.  
Captain Williams thanks the community on the date of his third year anniversary in Altadena.
- 3.2 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Captain March  
Officer Bey  
Capt. March discussed freeway shootings, usually due to aggressive drivers. Public should call 911, hopefully with a license number, when they see aggressive driver.  
He introduced Lt. Sam Burbin new to the station.  
HP investigated 19 crashes in Sept - 5 injuries, 1 DUI, 3 Hit and Runs. Make sure children are seen on Halloween.  
CHP is giving attention to Jackson and Elliot schools due to double parking and not obeying the crossing guards.  
Information is pending regarding e bikes but be aware that under 18 a helmet is required and maximum speed is 28 mph
- 3.3 LA County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Wilson  
The Fire Dept responded to 377 calls. Of these 274 were medical and of these 234 individuals were transported to the hospital. Several safety tips for the month were shared regarding Halloween.
- 3.4 CERT \_\_\_\_\_ Deb Halberstadt  
Report on CERT's final quarterly meeting for 2024 included wildfires, fire extinguishers, vegetation management, apps available for phones. Planning is for a team refresher course in 2025. The next quarterly CERT meeting will be on January 8, 2025.

#### 4. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 4.1 Parks and Rec \_\_\_\_\_ Guillermo Portillo  
Presentation and discussion of upcoming events at Charles White, Loma Alta, and Farnsworth Parks.
- 4.2 Chamber of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Matthews  
Discussion of upcoming events and meetings. Included are a Power Breakfast, Board Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month, Webinars, and the annual holiday Sip & Shop on December 6 at the Mariposa Junction., See details at [altadenachamber.org](http://altadenachamber.org)
- 4.3 Eaton Canyon Nature Center \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Smart, Park Superintendent  
Discussion of park improvements, including installation of 4 bear trash cans and more coming, also coming will be a bathroom at the trail head. Beginning November 1, winter hours will be observed, 8 am to 5 pm, Tuesday thru Sunday
- 4.4 Senator Portantino \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Brault  
Brief description of current legislation. More detailed information will be provided at the Nov.19 ATC meeting by Senator Portantino District Representative

#### 5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 PCC Board of Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ James Aragon, Trustee  
Discussion included the relationship with PUSD via the early college magnet at John Muir, traditional housing for foster youth, dual enrollment with Glendale Community College (started with 262 students, now have 956), Women's Business Center at the Foothill campus. There are currently 9,000 students at PCC

#### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Land Use \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen, Chair  
The Land Use Committee met on October 1st, no Action Items. There were 2 presentations which are expected to come for a vote soon. The Polyfields project has been withdrawn. Work is being done on Altadena Dr north of New York Dr so be very careful driving that area.
- 6.2 Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong, Chair

Committee meets the 4th Thursday of each month. The Time changes soon and it is dark earlier, be careful. World Day of remembrance is celebrated in November. Council Members Yu, Moulden and Stewart-Gordon participated in Clean Air Day/Walk to School Day on Oct 2 with 8 schools and 400 students and families.

6.3 WSGVAP (West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan) \_\_\_\_\_ Milissa Marona, Chair  
LA Planning held a public hearing on Sept. 25 to consider the Plan and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to consider at the Dec. 10 Board meeting. Due to concerns voiced at the ATC Land Use Meeting, a fact sheet will be coming from LA Planning. It should be known that the plan proposes no density increases in high fire areas. Additional comments can be sent directly to Supervisor Barger's office.

6.4 Holiday Party \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp, Chair  
The ATC's usual December meeting and swearing in of new Council Members will be held this at the Rose Bowl with our partners The Altadena Library, Altadena Rotary, and Altadena Chamber of Commerce. Tours of the Rose Bowl will be offered. Detailed information will be forthcoming.

6.5 Education \_\_\_\_\_ Sylvia Vega, Chair  
Upcoming October events are Oct. 16 Dr. Blanco will discuss Measures R and EE and NBBA will host the Candidate forum for PUSD candidates in District 2, on Oct.22 a Middle School Parent Panel, and on Oct 27 a Zoom program on Pasadena High School options.

6.6 Election \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen, Chair  
6.6.1 Candidate Statements were made by Candidates running for election or re-election in all census tracts in Altadena  
6.6.2 Candidate slate was approved, unanimous.

## **7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

7.1 Ann Erhard - VOC complaint against neighbor  
Alan Zorthian - WSGVAP  
Chris Romulotis - WSGVAP

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

8.1 Tract 4603.01 - SCE Wapello 4KV circuit  
8.2 Tract 4610 - Charles White Park improvements

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

