



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES September 17, 2024

730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened in memory of Sheriff Deputy Klinkenbrumer on the one year anniversary of his death due to an ambush as he sat in his patrol car.

1.1 Flag Salute \_\_\_\_\_ Feranda Morales  
In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Ms. Morales is Head of the Latina Club at Marshal Secondary School.

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

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 Sept. 9. Since then the following changes have been made: add 6.6 WSGVAP, add 8.3 4603.01

## 2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Knapp  
Mention was given to Council Members Sylvia Vega and Chris O'Malley in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month

2.2 Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen  
No report in order to save time

2.3 Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen  
Minutes for the August 20, 2024 meeting were approved as presented. Unanimous with 3 abstentions.

2.4 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Chris O'Malley  
Bank balance is reported as \$1,429.

- 2.5 Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong  
Reminder was made of the slide show at the beginning of the meeting and recorded on UTube, flyers are provided by Community organizations. Additional mention by Rotary of the pancake breakfast hosted by Grocery Outlet on October 5, proceeds to assist Altadena Mountain Rescue.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- 3.1 LA County Sheriff \_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff Robert Luna  
Sheriff Luna offered thanks to the ATC and the Altadena Sheriff Station staff for their support. He discussed County crime strategies and efforts to increase staffing and retain current employees. He wants to build relationships with County departments and focus on training and increased technology.
- 3.2 Altadena Sheriff Station \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Jabari Williams  
Some crime statistics: violent crimes are down 19%, property crimes are down 7%. Deputies are working with Neighborhood Watch groups which has helped.  
Upcoming events - Pizza of Venice, portion of sales that day will go to the Station. Community Conversation /Town Hall will be held at the Mausaleum on Sept. 26
- 3.3 California Highway Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Keller  
21 collisions investigated in August - 5 hit/runs/ 1 DUI, 11 injuries, 1 medical emergency. There have been many traffic complaints regarding incidents around schools.  
Warning to parents to stay off your cel phones while driving your children. HP is working on a pamphlet with e-bike information and rules.
- 3.4 LA County Fire \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Grycan  
August responses - 396, of that were 297 medical calls, 253 transports, 8 collisions, 1 fire.  
“Watch Duty” is an app for tracking fires (select the free version)  
Altadena residents need to know that if there is ever a fire that presents a threat to Altadena, residents will receive notification from the Fire Dept  
  
Asst.Fire Chief Sprengle  
Reported on the Bridge Fire. LA County Fire was responsible for providing assistance to Wrightwood and Mt. Baldy.

3.5 Road Project Updates \_\_\_\_\_ Julian Garcia  
Principal Engineer  
Public Works

Reported on current major road construction, road maintenance and traffic safety projects

#### 4. COMMUNITY REPORTS

4.1 Altadena Libraries \_\_\_\_\_ Nikki Winslow, Director  
Bob Lucas remodel is 37% complete and expected to finish May 2025.  
2nd Saturday events are back. See the Library EVENTS page for the many things happening at the Library.

4.2 Friends of the Altadena Senior Center \_\_\_\_\_ Dale LaCasella, Co-President  
Discussion of various events, open house Sept 25, trip to the Getty Center, Halloween Party on October 31, Hot lunches are available, 11:30 daily, \$3.00 for seniors, \$5.00 for non seniors, free if unable to pay. Sign up at the Center. Meals on Wheels is also available, sign up at the Center. Volunteers are always welcome.

4.3 Altadena Historical Society \_\_\_\_\_ Narmeen Nasseem  
The Historical Society was formed in 1935. It gathers and catalogues information and shows what life was like in Altadena past. Members know that a knowledge of history is valuable and share the information freely. Visitors are welcome on Mondays from 4:30 to 7:30 and on Fridays from 10 to 1. Volunteers are welcome.

#### 5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Sidewalk Vending Enforcement \_\_\_\_\_ Gale Morrison, Public Health  
Specialized Food Inspection

Public health has visited 25 sites in Altadena, issued many violations and disposed of 5700 pounds of food. They also check on food warehouses that supply food to these unpermitted sidewalk vendors. A report may be made to a Call Center 888-700-9995 or call 626-430-5500

5.2 LAHSA \_\_\_\_\_ Derick Blackshere, Supervisor  
Community Relations

A discussion of the results of the annual Homeless Count. Results are encouraging even if not yet OK. 49% of non housed are deemed to be the result of domestic violence, 54% of newly homeless is because of economic hardship. They feel that what is currently being done is working.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 6.1 Land Use \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Marcussen, Chair  
The October Land Use meeting presented an internal review of 8 upcoming projects.
- 6.2 Communication \_\_\_\_\_ Nic Arnzen, Chair  
Report yielded for time.
- 6.3 Safe Streets \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Wong, Chair  
Meetings via Zoom are on the 4th Thursday each month.  
Upcoming events are Clean Air Day and Walk to School Day.
- 6.4 Education \_\_\_\_\_ Isis Moulden  
Education Committee will take the responsibility of the intern program from the Communication Committee.  
Host of a forum for PUSD area 2 candidates on Oct. 16
- 6.5 Election \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Sutherlen, Chair  
ATC elections will be on Nov. 9 with early voting on Nov. 5.  
Application packages will be on the ATC website on Sept 20, due to be returned by Oct 11. Candidates will present their qualifications at the October ATC meeting.
- 6.6 West San Gabriel Valley Action Plan \_\_\_\_\_ Milissa Marona Chair  
This is a Land Use and Zoning Plan. Residents may make comments at upcoming hearing on Sept 25 either in person or call in

## **7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 7.1 Karen Gibson - Altadena Library Board Candidate Forum  
Tom Reilly - Road projects  
David Skibinski - Polytechnic Project

## **8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

- 8.1 #4601 - Connor Cipolla - replacement plaque on Mt. Lowe median, Altadena Drive traffic issues
- 8.2 #4610 - Isis Moulden - Thanks to Veronica Jones for her part in getting the American flags on Lincoln Ave.
- 8,3 #4603.01 = Dorothy Wong - Cheney Trail issues

## **9. ADJOURNMENT 9.29**

