

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Agua Dulce Women's Club
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, CA

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Scott Griffin (SG)–Secretary Pro-Tem, Ed Porter (EP), Alan DiFatta (AD).
Dave Aiello (DA)-Treasurer joined the meeting in progress at 6:18 pm.

Absent: Donal MacAdam (DM), Lianne Swanson (LS)

Community Members: About 15 community members in attendance

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Vote</i>
<i>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:16 PM</i>		
1. Call to order		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda	M: EP S: AD	5-0-0
3. Minutes: a. Approval of Regular Meeting of January 11, 2012	M:AD S:EP	5-0-0
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. Feb. 22 - Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission Hearing: To consider an ordinance amending Title 22 of the County Code to revise the Agua Dulce Community Standards District; To consider a Negative Declaration of the Agua Dulce Community Standards District, in accordance with CEQA reporting requirements.		
b. National Park Service extends comment period on Draft San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study to Feb. 13.		
c. Board of Supervisors Public Hearing, Tues. Feb. 28, Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update. Are there any changes in OVOV that we are aware of-none according to Mary Johnson. The County is responding to public comments. New maps are on the web site.		
d. Board of Supervisors Public Hearing, Tues. Feb. 28, County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan.		
e. Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District, Feb. 13: invitation to Don Henry to attend 'California School to Watch' assembly.		
f. High Desert Corridor Project Update Community Meetings were held on Jan. 24, 26, 31, and Feb. 1 in Palmdale, Victorville, and Adelanto, respectively.		
g. Web mail-none		
2.) Outgoing Correspondence		
a. Responses to webmail		
b. Other		
B. High Speed Rail update-the I-5 Corridor is out and the Antelope Valley route was selected by the Board. More discussion follows in Community Meeting below.		
C. ARTC Update-discussions took place on solar development in the Antelope Valley.		
D. Secretary Report-no report		
E. Treasurer Report-\$714.03 in the bank.		

F. Other		
5. Committee Reports		
A. Water Committee-DH distributed the County's response to the public meeting on Hauled Water. The Committee requested changes in Item #5, but the County still added a comment on complying with applicable codes, which concerns us. Also on Item #8- "No water on property" was requested to be changed to "Insufficient water on property." On #16-again "sufficient water" is available. The public comment period is open. Post on the TC website.		
B. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee-See Community meeting notes.		
C. Disaster Planning-see Community meeting.		
D. Parks and Trails: Vasquez Interpretive Center Update-Judy Bartlett reported the Committee held a meeting and Dave McCord has prepared a photographic record of the construction project. The well has been drilled and 6-inch well pipe was installed. The Park will be closed from March 12-16 to work on the road.		
E. Ways and Means: Fundraiser Update-deferred to next meeting		
F. Charter/Bylaws		
G. Film		
H. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison-EP reported-Friday night is a Valentine's dance. The "California School to Watch Assembly" will be held on Feb. 13. The school is grappling with funding reductions from the State, including the need to shorten the school year by 4 days.		
I. Acton Town Council Liaison-SG attended the January High Speed Rail Board meeting with two members of the Acton Town council.		
6. Other Business		
<i>COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: 7:00 PM</i>		
7. Call to order—Pledge of Allegiance		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton just returned from Sacramento DUI instructor training. There were 16 traffic collisions in January with one motorcycle fatality on Bouquet Canyon-who went over double yellows. Two of the traffic collisions were DUI involved. Driving while abusing prescribed drugs is on the increase. Officer Burton is also a drug recognition expert (DRE), and he described some of the erratic behavior of people abusing prescription drugs. Sunday there was a hit and run on Sunnybrook Lane and the driver may have been under the influence of a drug.		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy: Deputy Scott Short-there were 10 calls in January: 1 burglary, 1 grand theft vehicle, 1 arrest for a drug, 1 disorderly conduct and others. There was a 68% increase in burglaries last year. Because of this the Dept. has set up a burglary task force. The thieves are taking construction tools and equipment for resale. Acton had a fire in a storage yard from a car fire.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English		
9. 5 th District Report – Rosalind Wayman-Regional Planning hearing on the		

<p>22nd will be on the AD CSD and OVOV will be on Feb. 28. Supervisors' State of the County Address will be on May 2nd in Valencia at the Hyatt. California counties are not receiving funding from the state, so Gov. Brown attached permanent funding to his tax increase bill. Dark Skies ordinance passed-it is not retroactive-it only applies going forward. However, non-conforming lighting has to be corrected in three years.</p>		
<p>10. Committees</p>		
<p>A. Election Committee-Lorna Leslie reported no applicants have submitted their applications as of now-the deadline is Feb. 22nd. Procedures for replacing only part of the TC membership are not clear in the by-laws. Members must stay seated until replaced. This issue may have to be addressed in the by-laws by the TC.</p>		
<p>B. Water Committee-Final response by the County to the public meeting on hauled water has been received, and the Task Force has responded with their comments. Changes were made in the wording for questionable areas. The TC solicits comments from the community. We wanted 11 items changed and 9 of 11 were changed by the County. DH went through the key changes. The issue of how deep a well must be drilled to show insufficient water was not clear. The revised report is expected to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors during the 1st or 2nd quarters 2012. If an EIR is required approval of an ordinance may take two years.</p>		
<p>C. Land Use/CSD: Transportation to RPC Hearing –Mary Johnson presented a list of drivers and riders for car pooling. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Women's Club. At the hearing, staff will give their report first and then the CSD Committee will give a 5-10 minute presentation on the five main issues of disagreement with the staff.</p>		
<p>D. Disaster Planning Committee-Gary Hebdon reported that Bill Morton passed away on Christmas morning. The Civic will donate a brick in his memory. CERT training will be held at the Shepherd of the Hills church first three weeks in March.</p>		
<p>E. Other Committee Highlights-High Speed Rail-Ken Wipf from Acton TC spoke. There is some activity to follow the right-of-way and to lower the speed, but no one knows if this is possible. At 220 mph and 12 trains per hour, the impact upon the community is horrendous. Ken would like to form a joint committee to develop a survey of the community on their attitude towards High Speed Rail. Also if the community decides to sue High Speed Rail, fund-raising will be needed. SG and DA to work on the committee with Ken and his team.</p>		
<p>11. Announcements-Matt Rose announced on the 13th at 6:00 there will be a social networking program at the Library: Feb. 28 at 5:00 there will be a talk by a local author Joan Fry. Alene Griffin for the Friends of the Library discussed Acton-Agua Dulce reads program. There will be a contest and discussion groups on "The Hunger Games".</p> <p>12. Vasquez Rocks Project-Dave McCord presented his photos of the building of the Interpretive Center. Expected completion date is end of summer.</p>		
<p>13. Open Forum</p>		
<p>14. Unfinished Business</p>		
<p>15. New Business-The County is implementing on July 1st a Non-Exclusive Commercial Solid Waste Collection Franchise and will discuss this at the next TC meeting. The County letter will be posted on the TC website.</p>		
<p>16. Future Agenda Items-Women's Club presentation on the building project.</p>		
<p>17. Adjournment-9:10 PM</p>	<p>M: EP S:AD</p>	<p>5-0-0</p>