

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2011

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

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Alan DiFatta (AD), Scott Griffin (SG) , Lianne Swanson (LS) –Secretary, Dave Aiello (DA)-Treasurer

Absent: Donal MacAdam (DM), Ed Porter (EP)

Community Members: About 10 community members in attendance

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Vote</i>
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:</u>		
1. Call to order 6:06 pm		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda.	M: SG S: AD	5-0-2
3. Minutes: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2011	M:AD S: SG	5-0-2
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. Regional Planning Hearing Officer Hearing, Dec. 6, 2011, A conditional use permit to allow the operation of a water distribution facility, Andel Engineering, 33314 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd – referring to the well behind the hardware store has to be permitted this way.		
b. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing, Feb. 22, 2012, 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. LS to contact Rosalind Wayman's office and make formal request (This will be our 2011 bus).		
c. Other Correspondence, informational:		
i. LA County Dept. of Regional Planning, Notice of Public Hearing, construction of a wireless telecommunication facility at 37071 Tovey Ave., Palmdale-outside of ADTC area of interest.		
ii. Civil War Commemorative 2012 Calendar from the office of Congressman Buck McKeon.		
iii. Other announcements – none within our district.		
d. Web mail		
i. Correspondence re: neighbor dispute. Letter was read out loud. It was suggested she talk to her neighbor, referring to animal control regulations is correct, and we cannot address neighbor disputes, per our charter. She is welcome to come and present her case to the community and get their opinions at our next town council meeting. LS will		

answer the correspondence per consensus.		
2.) Outgoing Correspondence		
a. Review of Drafted Letter regarding Acton/Agua Dulce border. Letter was read out loud. Motion to approve: MSP LS SG - Letter be approved as written, passed. Letter to be sent.	M: LS S: SG	5-0-2
B. High Speed Rail update – no updates, article concerning costs of HSR project. Antonovich involved in talks about I-5 corridor. AD attended SFV PAC meeting and they did not support HSR.		
C. ARTC Update – Meeting was not held due to holiday, no meeting this month.		
D. Secretary Report – no report		
E. Treasurer Report – 1330.15 is our balance.		
F. Election Committee: January Special Election – Judy Bartlett gave a report. On Weds Jan 4 th the election committee will meet at Maria Bonita's and will post the meeting, and accept new members. At that time they will set the date for a special election to be held February. New Council could seat by March. No candidates have come forward; ideas were discussed about attracting qualified candidates.		
G. Other - none		
5. Committee Reports		
A. Water Committee – meeting last Wednesday and the health depts. Were told to show the reasons for their requirements, and they showed up with 2 pieces of paper. Dropped astm, and only holding onto some form of disinfection between the tank and the house. At this point we were all pretty much in agreement that we could live with this. Will release Q&A to the Town Councils, and then once that gets approval it can be released to community for input over a 30 day period. Then they will proceed to taking it before the BOS for adoption as the policy.		
B. Disaster Planning – no report		
C. Parks and Trails: Vasquez Interpretive Center Update – Judy Bartlett said there was a lot of action. Building retaining wall and waiting for water tank. Structure for roof being built. Ranger house being done by different contractor. Doing water testing. Ranger house will be complete by end of February. Docent training will start January 11 th .		
D. Charter/Bylaws – no report		
E. Film – busy busy busy in town. Airport, winery, more and more filming.		
F. Acton/Agua Dulce Schools – no report		
6. Other Business		
A. Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project: removed		
B. Escondido Cyn improvements – review of response to Council letter. Will bring this up at the general meeting.		
C. Reyes Winery got their permit, CUP said they had to pave their access road.		
<u>COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: 7:00 PM</u>		
7. Call to order—Pledge of Allegiance 7:10 pm		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton – not present		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy: Deputy Scott Short – 6 reports last month. Grand theft vehicle, found narcotics, misdemeanor vandalism, one petty theft (fire gate), abandoned boat. vehicle burglary (computer)		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English – Wished us all happy holidays and said fire season was not too bad this year. Smoke alarms, carbon		

monoxide detectors are now the law. Can be battery powered. Christmas tree safety, electrical safety. CERT class coming up again in March.		
9. 5 th District Report – Rosalind Wayman – brought a letter regarding our Escondido Rd letter that indicated DPW would only create a right-turn pocket and a resurfacing, as requested by the Town Council. LS to post the letter on the website. Super scoopers stayed an extra month. So they are still here. Proposal for amnesty plan for traffic tickets older than 2009 to pay only 50%, not applying to those who made partial payments. County is working with the state on siting a new courthouse for Santa Clarita, 55000 sq feet, money is being accumulated through court fees. Location is at the 5/126 junction W at Castaic Junction. May be a sheriff's station built next door. Construction in 2014. Laura's Law lifted prohibition on judges/physicians/etc compelling mentally ill into treatment. State is closing mental hospitals.		
10. Election of Officers for 2012-2013 interim: MSP that current officers stay in place until special election. M: SG S: AD 5-0-2	M:SG S: AD	5-0-2
11. Committees		
A. Water Committee – There is now agreement on policy. To haul water, new construction only: certification by hydrologist that there is no water on the property, plan of the water system must be submitted, between tank and house, water must be sterilized. No inspections after approval. Next step Q&A will be released to councils, then to community, then back to hauled water task force with community input, and then to BOS for incorporation into policy.		
B. Land Use/CSD – No response from letter sent last month to Edel/Mitch. Hearing Feb 22 nd will get a bus.		
C. Election Committee – Judy Bartlett - On Weds Jan 4 th the election committee will meet at Maria Bonita's and will post the meeting, and accept new members. At that time, they will set the date for a special election to be held February. New Council could seat by March. They are looking for candidates.		
D. Disaster Planning Committee – no report		
E. Ways and Means: Fundraiser – discussion about fundraising idea of having an outdoor movie benefit this summer. Maybe the Saturday night the time changes. Movies filmed in Agua Dulce. Ask Vasquez/Parks and Rec (Sandy?) to partner with us.		
F. Other Committee Highlights		
12. Announcements – candidates for town council needed		
13. Open Forum – none		
14. Unfinished Business – none		
15. New Business -		
16. Future Agenda Items – more discussion about fundraiser, answer back on the bus, discuss publicity on bus trip.		
17. Adjournment MSP M: LS S:DA Adjourned 8 pm	M:LS S: DA	5-0-2