

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Lianne Swanson (LS) –Secretary and Ed Porter (EP), Alan DiFatta (AD), Ed Porter (EP)

Absent: Donal MacAdam (DM), David Aiello – Treasurer (DA), Scott Griffin (SG)

Community Members: About 20 community members in attendance

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:00 PM</u>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Vote</i>
1. Call to order 6:04 pm		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda – added agenda request re additional speaker Bill King before open forum.	M: AD S: DH	4-0-0
3. Minutes: a. Approval of Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010	M: AD S: EP	4-0-0
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. Land Sea Air Letter semi-annual regarding airport discussion item –MSP letter answered similar to last letter. 4-0-0 passed. Secretary will send letter.	M: LS S: EP	4-0-0
b. Other		
2) Outgoing Correspondence		
a.		
3) Assoc of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) – Wayne Argo is planning on retiring as director of ARTC. Suggestion that Mary Johnson would be good at it. We will mention it to her. New director seated by summer. Battling solar generation plants; concern is “green energy” is getting EIR waivers, etc.		
4) Other:		
B. Secretary Report – no report		
C. Treasurer Report – DA is absent. Question about Women's Club yearly rent.		
D. Other		
5. Committee Reports		
A. Water Committee – no word from County regarding Hauled Water policy. Other agencies may be involved in the silence. Sewage issue: they are trying to come up with a waiver for existing homes with failed sewage systems that cannot afford the “new” systems. “Legal nonconforming” is what they are trying to institute.		
B. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee - got final revision back from County, says “dark skies” will supersede our CSD modification of the lighting issue. Got some decent concessions on trails. Would like to open a dialogue with Santa Clarita and asked that the land use committee be tasked with opening fact-finding conversation with them regarding annexation. Area along Davenport has one-acre parcels that must be addressed in the CSD. MSP: Move that CSD Land Use open a dialogue with Santa Clarita for information purposes only. M: LS S: DH. Motion Failed. Additional info on Dark Skies from Gary Hebdon: transition period is 3 years and it affects all.	M: LS S: DH	2-2-0
C. Disaster Planning – bank balance = \$670.85. CERT classes scheduled March/April in Agua Dulce, starting March 2 nd at Shepherd of the Hills church. Wind advisory tonight, brush fires are possible. Will meet end of month.		
D. Parks and Trails: Vasquez Interpretive Center Update – next meeting 26 th at 2 pm Vasquez Rocks Ranger Station.		
E. Ways and Means: Fundraiser Discussion – no report, reagenda for next month.		
F. Charter/Bylaws – no report		
G. Film – no report		
H. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison – report of things that happened last few school board meetings. A new Director of Educational Services, i.e. ROP, Testing, Professional Development for Teachers, Technology, etc. Agenda Cindy Fernandes		

for April agenda to talk about what she does. Valedictorian controversy. District attendance is down by a large percent, causing budget issues. Showed renderings on new high school building. Safety & security committee has been formed for site guidelines for security procedures and emergency planning. Needs volunteers for construction oversight committee and high speed rail liaison. Rodeo team forming. AD School just got 70 new Dells.		
6. Other Business		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: 7:04 PM		
7. Call to order—Pledge of Allegiance (AD)		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton – no report		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy: Deputy Scott Short – recent marijuana busts in Agua Dulce/Acton area. 7 incidents: 2 ID theft (card cloning at gas stations), narcotics arrest, 1 misc felony, 1 missing juvenile, 1 repo, 1 possible criminal activity.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English – 1 structure fire, 15 emergency medical calls, 11 false alarms, 8 others = 35 calls for January in Agua Dulce. Daryl Osby is the new Fire Chief. Brush fire today Sierra Hwy/Davenport. St. Baldrick's Day is coming up in May. Upcoming CERT class mentioned, very good training.		
9. 5th District Report – Rosalind Wayman - Supervisor's Trail Ride in May is at Castaic Lake. The County is providing free property tax seminars. State of County address this year on May 18 th 11:45-2pm Hyatt Santa Clarita. Hauled Water brainstorming meeting this afternoon, still trying for a solution that balances 3 rd /5 th Districts.		
10. Report on California High Speed Rail Project, with Special Guest Sara M. Costin, Vice President, Consensus Inc. and public question/answer period – Dan Templis, Project Manager Palmdale-LA segment – also Project Mgr of Palmdale-LA segment. Dan gave history and background. EIR early 2012. 42 billion dollars total cost. Public comments were taken. Tana Lampton, Ed Porter, Lianne Swanson, someone from ATC, Terry Leonard all expressed concern about routes, noise, schools, etc. Board mtg March 3 rd downtown LA, webinar on Ustream. Sara Costin gave her Phone#: 213 438.1755. email: sara.costin@consensusinc.com.		
11. Committees		
A. Water Committee – still at a standstill re hauled water.		
B. Land Use/CSD – no report		
C. Disaster Planning Committee – CERT training		
D. Other Committee Highlights		
12. Bill King – spoke on severe problems with County regarding alleged zoning violations and procedural inconsistencies. Chris Ball – spoke afterward about fixing county government asking the Town Council to take a stand.		
13. Announcements		
14. Open Forum		
15. Unfinished Business -		
16. New Business		
17. Future Agenda Items – OVOV with Regional Planning Mitch Glaser. Follow-up on Bill King with the county, Civil Rights Discussion. For April: School Board Cindy Fernandes Director of Education and Student Services. Code enforcement		
18. Adjournment MSP: M: AD S: EP vote 4-0-0. Adjourned at 9:01 PM.	M: AD S: EP	4-0-0