

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 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, Alan DiFatta (AD), Ed Porter (EP), David Aiello – Treasurer (DA), Scott Griffin (SG), Donal MacAdam (DM).

Donal MacAdam (DM) left the meeting in progress.

Community Members: About 30 community members in attendance

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:00 PM	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Vote</i>
1. Call to order 6:04 pm		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda – as amended to include civil rights update in Other, and web email issues within the Secretary Report.	M: DM S: SG	7-0-0
3. Minutes: a. Approval of Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010 - Ed Porter had a change to the minutes. MSP: Minutes approved as amended. SG, DM, DA abstained due to absence.	M: DH S: EP	4-0-3
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. Boy Scouts of America; Matthew Nores earned rank of Eagle Scout. We could not be present at awards, but wish him congratulations. Will answer the letter with a letter of congratulations. MSP we will send a letter of congratulations.	M: SG S: AD	7-0-0
b. Crab Crack in Palmdale. Invitation arrived.		
c. OVOV Update – Draft area plan released. 60-day comment period over. Final EIR will be released after March 23 2011 and County will request continuance to May 25, 2011.		
d. Green Building Technical Manual notice from the County. March 23 rd Hearing.- can place a link to Green Building on our website.		
e. Miscellaneous correspondence from website.		
2) Outgoing Correspondence		
3)		
B. Secretary Report – Policy re: email box. Secretary will check our email box on a monthly basis, with a standard response per prior email policy. Put a note on website about emails not being answered immediately. Emailed items should be put on agenda and answered in a public forum.		
C. Treasurer Report – Balance same as last month, \$2608 – no expenses, no deposits this past month. Question about Women's Club yearly rent (\$486.00) being due in February. MSP: Motion to pay the 2011 yearly invoice #3911 to the ADWC to exercise the discount for rental. \$486 includes 10% discount for 2011 rent Jan 1-Dec 1.	M: LS S: AD	7-0-0
D. 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.		
5. Committee Reports		
A. Water Committee – no report		
B. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee – no report		
C. Disaster Planning – Gary Hebdon not present. Scott Short will give report during 7 pm portion of meeting.		
D. Parks and Trails: Vasquez Interpretive Center Update – Judy Bartlett. Next meeting 26 th at 2 pm Vasquez Rocks Ranger Station. Just had a meeting with a presentation showing footprint for new building. Meeting next Weds with Arts Commission to show arts plan and fountain prototype. Timeframe should be asked of Sandy and Parks people. They were supposed to have started. Trees are staying. Tana mentioned Sapphos Report costs for EIR for interpretive center: \$536,000. Minutes for Vasquez Interpretive Center were discussed. The Vasquez Rocks		

Interpretive Center committee is a community-based ad hoc committee not a Town Council committee, and it is only an investigative committee. Lorene said it formed at the Town Council, but it was never voted on. Tana would like to make it an ADTC Committee. Judy Bartlett will also give report during 7 pm portion of meeting.		
E. Ways and Means: Fundraiser Discussion for next month. No report.		
F. Charter/Bylaws – no report		
G. Film – Dave Aiello. Got calls that people were filming on Sierra Hwy, no permit, no notice, they were asked to move and told there was an official process.		
H. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison – Ed Porter. Budget meetings are concentrating on reducing operating costs, preparing for worst-case scenario. California School Board association asked their help to pass tax extensions for schools but they declined. Looking for alternate funding sources, i.e. home-schoolers, etc. Feb 24 th meeting, main thing to report is that there is a new baseball coach at Vasquez, amid controversy over non-renewal of last coach. Supporting the superintendent.		
6. Other Business - Dave had a discussion with SCE about getting detailed maps showing where the gasline runs in Agua Dulce. 27-inch main. When obtained, we will put it on website.		
-- DM LEFT THE MEETING IN PROGRESS --		
<i>COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: 7:04 PM</i>		
7. Call to order — Pledge of Allegiance		
8. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton – Has been attending special detective training, and officer safety training (instructor). Flyers in back of room: Teens Talk on Drugs, DUI Safety Corridor for traffic on the 14, Stats for January were an improvement. Stats for February continued to decrease. CHP overview: prevent loss of life, injury and property damage through education - citation fines help community. Try to get out and educate. If they don't ticket you they educate. Assistance to allied agencies, manage traffic and emergency incidents, protect public and state assets, and improve departmental efficiency. Call 911 if you see very unsafe driving or DUI drivers. 323 982-4905 is for nonemergency calls. Highway conditions 1 800 427 ROAD.		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy: Deputy Scott Short - 4 occurrences last month. Burglary of "other" structure, 1 grand theft from yard, 1 petty theft from a building, 1 Grand Theft auto/motorcycle at the 14. Issue with marijuana raids around here – growing weed is still a felony. Call sheriff's station for mailbox vandalism, they give it to the post office. Cellphones and 911 – your address does not show up and it may take a while to find you, so keep your landline.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English – on vacation. Not present.		
9. 5 th District Report – Rosalind Wayman not present. 5th District Report –Edel Vizcarra introduced himself, new planning deputy for supervisor Antonovich. Out of downtown office, will be accessible for planning/public works questions/issues.		
10. Report on OVOV, with Special Guest Mitch Glaser – last time he was out here was September 2009. OVOV is zoning for a master long-range plan for Santa Clarita, which includes Agua Dulce. Santa Clarita is working with the County on this. Draft has been released, and a DEIR, started public hearing process, sent notices to every parcel in the area. Had hearings, heard lots of people, got letters, etc. and made changes to the plan. Water issues, state attorney general's office said State Laws regarding climate change needed to be in the plan. Had to adjust plan and EIR to comply. Released revised plan and EIR in		

<p>November, and sent notices again, had a 60 day comment period – and they are now preparing the final draft documents. Final documents will be presented and he will ask for time to May 25th. Hopefully it will be adopted by the end of this year. Affect in Agua Dulce: (on website OVOV) Agua Dulce is designated as rural land, RL-2 (1 unit 2 acres). Even lower density RL-10 and RL-20 in special areas. Some commercial where existing commercial is. Some industrial where industrial is..i.e. Davenport. Agua Dulce will continue rural pattern, low density. Relationship between OVOV and our CSD: Will not change the CSD. CSD is an overlay in the zoning code. Planning Commission has five members and reviews these plans. Only 2 official requests from the ADTC, one being the ADWC zoning updating from R3 and A2 to Commercial. Staff agreed, commission agreed and included property to North – connecting that zoning to shopping center. 2nd request: Rezoning/Land Use: state law says you have to rezone to match plan. RR (resort/recreational) zoning in AD going away in favor of rural A1 and A2 zoning. -- planning.lacounty.gov/OVOV is the website –</p> <p>Public Q and A: Q -Dave McCord: OVOV will not allow places like White Rock so what happens? A: They will not make any current uses nonconforming. Q: 20-acre parcels that are RL-20 cannot be split/subdivided? A: Yes, pretty much.</p>		
<p>11. Committees</p>		
<p>A. Water Committee - TAC did not meet in February. Will meet in 2 weeks.</p>		
<p>B. Land Use/CSD - no report</p>		
<p>C. Disaster Planning Committee - Scott Short – election of officers re-elected Gary Hebdon as Chair, templates for evacuation planning in progress.</p>		
<p>D. Other Committee Highlights – Vasquez Interpretive Center – Judy Bartlett. Had a report by the Park Ranger, Sandy is here tonight. Showed a map. Pictographs will be protected. Surveyed 932 acres in park. And along Escondido there will be a separate turn lane into Park, will change Park Entrance. Trees will be saved. Lights will be shielded. Pillars will remain. Horse trails will stay where they are. The EIR (Sapphos) cost \$556,500. No plans for a security system for artifacts yet, no ranger living there.</p>		
<p>12. Announcements - Palmdale COC 70th anniversary in Palmdale March 25th.</p>		
<p>13. Open Forum - Tana Lampton spoke on Vasquez Interpretive Center. Was there ever a resolution taken by the ADTC to have a community vote on an interpretive center? It is an issue of government deciding for us that we want this. Who voted to have an interpretive center? Why did the BOS okay this without asking Agua Dulce? There may be more traffic, more dust, negative impacts. Lillian answered that it is County property. There was a ballot issue where the Vasquez Rocks center was called out and funds allocated...Prop A was voted on by the entire county and passed. It is a county park in our neighborhood. Tana wants to form a committee to find out how it started and what they can do about it. Ranger Sandy say she has been hearing about it for almost 20 years.</p> <p>Dave McCord – spoke on proposal about working with the city of Santa Clarita. Motion was brought up at last ADTC meeting to find out what we needed to know about annexation to Santa Clarita but the motion was defeated, and the Land Use committee has declined to pursue. Anyone can do this on an individual basis and bring their findings to the Town Council. Dave McCord feels it should be researched.</p> <p>Lorene Cangiano – background is that county kept superseding the CSD and wondered if they could pit the County and Santa Clarita against each other, eventually they stayed with the county but got concessions. That was why they brought it up. It became unpleasant and they decided to withdraw the motion.</p> <p>Mark Dyer – preserving our mountain biking at Vasquez Rocks park. Concerned that sign in kiosk states bikes in parking lots and main roads only, not trails. There is no ordinance that states we cannot ride in Vasquez Rocks, requested sign be removed. No trail maps that designate what the trails are for. Bikes are not allowed on PCT. Request removal of sign from the kiosk. PCT will be relocated on Friday. 6 bike trails in park. Relocation of PCT affects every single</p>		

<p>mountain bike trail and affects bike access. Mary Johnson asked, what about the EIR process? He has ridden there for 33 years and there has never been a case of horse problem or damage with a bike. Estimates 50 riders will be affected by this. Agendize for next meeting. Anitra Koss is the rep responsible at SPCTA. All the new backbone trails should be multiuse no motorized. Regional parks rep here and answered the questions saying the sign was there to align with PCT policy. Will have a discussion with parks and rec supervisor about trails and address the issue. Rosalind will help them make a presentation.</p>		
<p>14. Unfinished Business - High Speed Rail SG got report that Acton AD communities have raised objection to the route. Conference call on Feb 23rd discussed our route, person has been contacted for access. The board did not take input on the routes through here. Consultants will do more homework.</p> <p>Followup on Bill King: Met with Rosalind, Oscar Gomez, etc from Regional Planning and they have provided him with a work plan to clear complaints. They have not clarified the zoning. They have agreed to drop the fines. DH attended meeting with them.</p>		
<p>15. New Business - none</p>		
<p>16. Future Agenda Items - April 13th School Board Cindy Fernandes Director of Education and Student Services. Code enforcement – Ed will remind.</p>		
<p>17. Adjournment MSP DA AD adjourned at 9:01</p>	<p>M: DA S: AD</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>