

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 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), Ed Porter (EP), Scott Griffin (SG) – Secretary pro tem, Dave Aiello (DA)-Treasurer

Absent: Lianne Swanson (LS) –Secretary, Donal MacAdam (DM)  
Community Members: About 8 community members in attendance

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Vote</i>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:</b> Regular Council Operations: 6:08 PM		
1. Call to order		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda	M: EP S: DA	5-0-0
3. Minutes: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011	M:SG S: DA	5-0-0
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. Regional Planning Commission Agenda:		
i. Sept. 21-Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance-first component is rural lighting district. Comments from the community indicate concerns with this ordinance. Mary Johnson will give the TC a comparison next month of what was proposed in our CSD with the County ordinance.		
ii. Sept. 28-One Valley One Vision update		
iii. Oct. 14 (changed from Sept. 14) To amend Title 22 (Zoning ordinance) to repeal the currently adopted Agua Dulce Community Standards District (CSD) and to adopt a revised Agua Dulce CSD-Latest note representatives from Regional Planning (Emma Howard and Edel Vizcara) will visit the TC at the October meeting to notify us of any changes they propose to make. They are concerned with the sections on number of dogs, number of containers, and parking of commercial trucks. Mary Johnson discussed phone conversations she had with Edel and Emma. She did not want to reduce the number of dogs from 7 to 5 as the County wanted. The County wants to change the number of containers allowed without fee to 2 for 1-5 acres, 3 for greater than 5 acres. If three or more neighbors complain, the property owner has to file a minor use permit (cost is \$1,500). The County is opposed to allowing any commercial trucks without a minor use permit. The County is concerned about the wording to allow a home recording and film studio business. Also they would like the animal training home business to be more specific. The community does not agree-we want the language to remain non-specific.		

<p>iv. Nov. 21-To amend Title 22 (Zoning ordinance) to repeal the currently adopted Agua Dulce Community Standards District (CSD) and to adopt a revised Agua Dulce CSD/ to consider a Negative Declaration for the revision of the Agua Dulce Community Standards District, in accordance with CEQA reporting requirements.</p>		
<p>b. Copied on 8 letters sent to Philip Estes at Regional Planning by neighbors in opposition to the proposed wind turbine project at 7747 Valley Sage Road in Agua Dulce. As it stands now there is no action unless the property owner requests a public hearing.</p>		
<p>c. Dept. of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles: Notice of Availability of Draft EIS/EIR for the Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (SCH # 2008041038). Draft EIS/EIR is available for review at the Acton-Agua Dulce Library, and a public meeting will be conducted on Sept. 27, at the Agua Dulce Elementary School (5:30-8:30 PM). Comments on the draft EIS/EIR from the public may be submitted by Oct. 25, 2011. It is important that the community attend this meeting.</p>		
<p>d. Web mail-Mr. James A. Lee of Acton sent an e-mail in favor of wind turbines on private property and cited various State laws supporting their use.</p>		
<p>2.) Outgoing Correspondence</p>		
<p>a. Other</p>		
<p>B. High Speed Rail update-nothing</p>		
<p>C. ARTC Update-next meeting in September</p>		
<p>D. Secretary Report-nothing</p>		
<p>E. Treasurer Report-\$1,627.99 in bank account.</p>		
<p>F. Election Committee, Upcoming Election-Rosie Hefley has volunteered to serve on the committee. Annette Stuckey is also interested and will contact Lorna Leslie.</p>		
<p>G. Other</p>		
<p>5. Committee Reports</p>		
<p>A. Water Committee-tomorrow is a meeting on the hauled water and the TAC groups</p>		
<p>B. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee-see comments under Regional Planning Agenda, a. iii. Above.</p>		
<p>C. Disaster Planning-deferred to the community meeting</p>		
<p>D. Parks and Trails: Vasquez Interpretive Center Update</p>		
<p>E. Ways and Means: Fundraiser Discussion-Airport fund raiser on October 23rd will include \$1000 for the TC after the first \$7500 for the Booster Club.</p>		
<p>F. Charter/Bylaws</p>		
<p>G. Film-DA reported there is unpermitted filming going on.</p>		
<p>H. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison-see Dr. Woodard's presentation below</p>		
<p>6. Other Business-Rosie Hefley reported on the reaction from Regional Planning on their request to be included in the Agua Dulce CSDs. This issue will be carried forward and clarification is needed on the issue of OVOV vs. Town and Country, and the boundaries of Mrs. Hefley's property. Mrs. Hefley requested a letter of support from the ADTC.</p>		

<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 –need to get residents to slow down, last month 14 traffic collisions including one fatal accident, compared to 23 accidents last month. On Aug. 13 a fatality occurred to Agua Dulce resident Lori Lindlief as she and her fiancé were walking on the White Fox Lane. Officer Burton described the accident caused by a DUI driver who was arrested. Officer Burton gave several safe walking tips such as walking against traffic, stay off the road, use the buddy system, and wear reflective clothing at night. Also carry a cell phone. Call CHP if you see unsafe driving: 1-800-835-5247. Officer Burton offered to provide safety information on motorcycle riding by calling 1-877-RIDE411. CHP will handle traffic control and safety during the upcoming AD parade. A resident brought up the issue of driving a horse and buggy on the streets of AD. It is important not to impede the flow of traffic and have a triangle on the back plus flashing lights at night.		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy: Deputy Scott Short-there were 9 crime reports last month including possession of drugs, furnishing tobacco to minors, attempted suicide, one mentally ill person, stolen boat and trailer from one of the storage facilities (owner lives out-of-state so the report of the theft was delayed). Some confusion on the Wagon Wheel Fire-sheriff’s personnel carry out evacuations at the request of the Fire IC.		
C. Los Angeles Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English-she was at the IC on the Wagon Wheel Fire. The complication with evacuation of horses was the large number of horse trailers present doing volunteer evacuations. Animal Control was not requested by the IC to evacuate horses. AD gave great water support to the fire fighters. Countywide a high frequency of fires this year is expected. Fires between 300-500 acre fires quickly go up to 6000 acre fires. We have about six red-flag days on average per year. A CERT structure is going to be provided for Acton and Agua Dulce by the Fire and Sheriff’s Departments at Shepherd of the Hills Church- Sept. 29, 6:00 PM.		
9. 5 <sup>th</sup> District Report – Rosalind Wayman-improvement project on Escondido Road, not related to the Interpretive Center project. At the next TC meeting Sree Kumar and Gil Garcia will be here to report on the project. OVOV at Regional Planning on Sept. 28. On Sept. 27, the supervisors redistricting project will be at the Board meeting.		
10. Dr. Brent Woodard (Superintendent AADUSD) – presentation regarding the progress and status of the Vasquez High School construction. The project architect, Gary Christofi, was present. This is a long process (step 39 of about 427 steps in the design and approval) required to carry out the project. Highlights are: all environmental studies are complete, educational specifications are complete, and construction documents are complete and submitted to DSA as a full package. The project is designed to accommodate approx. 800 students. All stakeholders were consulted and the Acton CSDs were adhered to. Currently on schedule. The entrance will be on Escondido Canyon Road and the school will be elevated above the entrance. The students will be able to stay in their current classrooms during construction. After completion the existing buildings including the gym must		

<p>be removed, and they are trying actively to sell the gym to prospective users. The buildings will be eco-friendly, use earth tones, and will be high-tech, for example the library will have very few books and students will access their study and reference materials via iPads. Intention is to go to a General Contractor for the project. Total project with state matching funds is \$27+ million. After DSA gives their approval, the project will be in line for approval of state matching funds. Construction time is estimated to be 18 months once all funding is approved. The construction will not be modular but full stick construction. EP explained the excellent work done by Dr. Woodard in being able to move this project along in addition to his normal duties as District Superintendent.</p>		
11. Committees		
A. Water Committee-hauled water and TAC committee meeting tomorrow, with updated revisions to be presented to the Town Councils.		
B. Land Use/CSD –see above		
C. Disaster Planning Committee-Gary Hebdon–this is National Preparedness Month. The neighborhood disaster plan is the best way to prevent a disaster. The committee has completed a plan template and committee members are testing it now. This includes a site plan for every neighbor which neighbors share with one another. The disaster plan will be presented to the TC. The next CERT class is on Sept. 16 in Lancaster behind Station 129 (3 days). Watch the web site for links and posting on any local incidents.		
D. Other Committee Highlights		
12. Announcements-Country Fair this weekend, parade at 4:00 and goes to 11:00.		
13. Open Forum		
14. Unfinished Business		
15. New Business		
16. Future Agenda Items-(1) Regional Planning to discuss issues with our CSD revision, and (2) County Transportation to report on the Escondido road project.		
17. Adjournment	M: DA S: SG	5-0-0