

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 14, 2015 APPROVED MINUTES

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

Council Members Present: President: Don Henry (DH), Secretary: Mary Johnson (MJ), Treasurer: Troy Fosberg (TF), Ed Porter (EP), Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent: Clerk: Steve Cummings (SC), Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 7 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	DECISION/ RESULT
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:		
1. Call to order at 6:36		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda moving 7.c. LA County Fire to beginning of Agency reports	M: EP S: TF	5-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 10, 2014 as submitted	M: EP S: LV	5-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General:		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence: None		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 9.a., b., and 9.c.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail: CA Water Bills from Assemblyman Wilk. EP: How do these bills affect our water rights as individuals? DH: Bills refer to "basins." Agua Dulce area has not been identified with "basins." So far it isn't affecting private wells. Large volume users, farmers, municipalities will be affected more with rationing because they have had to monitor their wells. So far, private wells are not required to be monitored. They may require "operators permits" that involve fees, inspections, testings, and filings.		
b. Secretary Report:		
i. Official Roster: Ready to be distributed		
ii. Conflict of Interest Statement 2015: Signed by those in attendance.		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$9.30, donation from Agua Dulce Airport Community Day, \$2500. DH to be reimbursed \$60.		
ii. Overdraft/Fees: TF is researching Union Bank for no fee checking. He has not been able to connect with CA Bank and Trust in Acton.		
iii. On-Line Banking: MJ was able to get access to online banking. All statements from 2014 were given to TF.		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: January 28, 2015: MJ to attend.		
e. Other: Emergency Disaster Coalition: January 27, 8:30 to 12:30 at Marriott Burbank Airport : Gary Hebdon to attend with others from his committee.		
5. Other Business		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations:		
6. Call to order at 7:03 PM: Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Agency Reports		

a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargas: December Stats: 33 Collisions: 11 with injuries, 1 DUI related. Arrests: 7 DUI, 2 hit and run, 1 warrant, 1 felony child endangerment. Introduction of new Commander: Captain Krusey of Newhall district. Newhall is his home town so glad to be working in the area.		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: December: 1 report: grand theft motorcycle Year End: 32 reports: 6 aggravated assaults, 11 burglaries, 11 theft, 4 auto theft. 20% reduction in crime. Off road patrol grant was renewed and they are out on patrol.		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: 2014: 431 responses: 3 structure fires, 18 mobile property fire, 5 natural vegetation fire, 1 special outside fire, 1 explosion, 267 emergency medical responses, 6 hazardous materials, 4 hazardous conditions, 12 service, 57 good intent, 50 false alarms, 2 special incidents. Fatality at Rowher Flats last week. Multi agency response.		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey: Announcement of January programs and activities. Library is available for meetings.		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Absent		
9. President's Report		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action: None		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Angeles National Forest proposed project to restore and improve riparian habitat and to restore flow capacity to Bouquet Creek in Bouquet Canyon. Public scoping comments to help identify concerns and issues to be considered in the environmental analysis and decision must be received by February 2, 2015. Comments to be sent to: Bob Blount, District Ranger, Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District, 3708 Crown Valley Road, Acton, CA 93510 or via email to: comments-pacificsouthwest-angeles@fs.fed.us For more information on the proposed project: http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/angeles/landmanagement/projects		
c. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings: None		
10. Presentations/Discussions		
a. Bylaws Review		
i. Election Procedures for unopposed candidates: MJ read her proposed changes eliminating elections for unopposed candidates as long as there are no write-in candidates. Vacancies created by lack of a full slate of candidates will be filled with a special election. MJ to distribute proposed changes to Council members for community announcement and discussion in February. A vote to change bylaws will be taken at the March meeting.		
ii. Term Limits: Members, Officers: EP: Topic brought up by SC. Perception of "too much power" for officers. The ADTC doesn't really have the ability for abuse of power. MSP: Move to table further discussion until February when SC is in attendance.	M: MJ S: EP	5-0-0
b. Student Representative(s): EP: There may be some liability issues with a student with an "official" position. SC not in attendance and he requested this be discussed. MSP: Move to table until February when SC is in attendance.	M: MJ S: EP	5-0-0
i. Purpose & Selection Process of Student Representative		
c. Survey of Heffley area residents to determine if clear majority want to be included within the Agua Dulce CSD boundaries. MJ: Meeting with Edel Vizcarra and Regional Planning staff indicated if a boundary change was agreeable		

to both the Acton and Agua Dulce Town Councils, RP would process the change within an 18 to 24 month process. DH: how do we determine what addresses to survey. MJ: If we identify the sections of the affected property owners, we should be able to contact the registrar of voters to obtain addresses to survey. Does the Council want to tackle this or does the Council wish to have the CSD Revision Committee take the lead? The survey needs to come from the Council, but the Committee can administer. MJ to contact Committee members to come up with a game plan. Activate the Committee to survey and present results only for the Heffley area.		
i. Sections to be surveyed		
ii. Survey wording		
iii. Timeline		
iv. How to approach Acton Town Council		
Container questions from Mitch Glazer, Regional Planning: Are containers allowed on unimproved properties? LV: Not allowed on unimproved properties. Lillian Smith concurred. DH: Containers allowed as homes? ADTC does not want to be involved with any approval or disapproval for containers as homes.		
11. Committee Reports		
a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: See item 10.a.		
b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller: See item 10.c.		
c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie		
i. Final written report from Election Committee: MJ received a written report. Have not received materials.		
ii. Election materials for storage: Not received.		
d. Film: Steve Cummings: Absent		
e. Land Use: Ed Porter: Nothing to report		
f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Nothing to report		
i. Hauled Water		
ii. TAC Health Dept		
h. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Year 3 Coalition Convening: January 27, 2015 8:30-12:30 LA County Community Disaster Resilience		
j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: VHS construction ahead of schedule. First permanent building is up. Second hearing on Einstein school: 4-1 to maintain the charter.		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Working on a Checklist for development. CSD revision soliciting community participation.		
l. Other		
12. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin:		
a. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting January 12, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. 400-500 residents have received letters requesting permit to enter property. EP: school district got a letter and they refused access. Recommend to send a certified letter refusing access. "No trespassing" signs should be posted. Monthly meetings at library: next meeting: Second Mondays February 9 and March 9: 6-8 pm. Foothill communities are highly organized. Sunland/Tujunga, Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, Kagel Canyon, La Tuna Canyon, Sun Valley. They want the "forest route" eliminated from consideration. National monument designation. Request to have Agua Dulce stand shoulder to shoulder with the Coalition. wolterpam@aol.com It's difficult to compete with a much larger community with lots more resources and people to fight the cause.		
13. Open Forum: None		

14. Announcements		
a. Association of Rural Town Councils: January 28, 2015, 7:00 PM		
b. Next regular ADTC meeting: February 11, 2015		
c. Albert Einstein Academy Family Fun Day, Saturday, February 7 from 9 am to noon		
15. Unfinished Business: None		
16. New Business: None		
17. Future Agenda Items:		
a. Discussion of SB1319, SB1168, and AB1739 and how the bills will directly or indirectly affect private well owners in our area.		
18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 8:30 PM	M: LV S: EP	5-0-0

Respectfully submitted: Mary Johnson, Secretary 2015
APPROVED: February 11, 2015

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