

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 9, 2013 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), Clerk: Scott Keller (SK), Ed Porter (EP), Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent: Matt Wooten (MW)

Community Members: About 45 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:		
1. Call to order at: 6:14		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: EP S: SK	6-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of September 11, 2013 as submitted	M: LV S: EP	6-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
• Land Sea Air Agua Dulce Airport Agenda Response		
• eSolutions Invoice Dispute		
b. Secretary Report: Nothing to report		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1291.37		
ii. Approval of Invoices: State Farm Insurance Invoice: \$252.96 due October 9, 2013 MSP: Move to pay liability insurance payment of \$252.96.	M: MJ S: TF	6-0-0
iii. AV Bank changing authorized signatures. Still pending		
iv. AV Bank service charge resolution: Still pending		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: MJ did not attend. ADTC is not receiving any notification. DH to investigate.		
e. Other: EP gave School Board report-See Item 11.j. DH gave Water Stewardship report-See Item 11.g.ii. EP gave Land Use report-See Item 11.e. LL gave Election Committee Report-See Item 11.c.		
5. Other Business: Text message received from M. Lafferty indicating he will be unable to attend meeting based on traffic.		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations:		
6. Call to order at 7:10 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargus September Stats: Collisions-33, 14 with injuries, 0 fatal, 4 DUI (3 with injuries). DUI arrests-21. Felonies-0. 2 DUI arrests from Agua Dulce Parade (on horseback)		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: August Stats-4reports. September Stats-7 reports: 1 strong arm robbery, 2 narcotics (felonies), 1 identity theft, 1 lost property, 1 mentally ill, 1 found license plate.		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: Fire Season is in full swing-Oct, Nov,		

Dec. Last weekend was the biggest wind event for the last 7 years. Small fire at Interstate 5 and 14 Freeway was contained to only 15 acres. LACoFD hit hard and fast. "Ready, Set, Go" brochure. Oct 17 is CA Great Shakeout for earthquake preparedness awareness. September Stats: 0-Structures, 2-Mobile Property, 1-Natural Vegetation, 13-emergency medical services, 5-good intent, 2 false alarms. Total of 23 runs. 2013 to date=299 responses		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey: Horse gate installed to keep horses contained by the hitching post. Friends of Library Semi-Annual Book Sale: Oct 26 and 27. Members have access on Oct 25. Junk in the Trunk parking lot sale on Oct 27. \$20 per space. Announcement of programs and services. Hoopla is a new service for streaming videos, music, and audiobooks.		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Antonovich Trail ride Nov 3 at Vasquez Rocks. Dedication of Darrell Readmond memorial on Nov 20 at 11:00 at Vasquez Rocks. Proposed AD Airport Modifications to Special Permit 1404—nothing has been filed. CSD-RP and County Counsel are fine tuning language. MJ is reviewing all changes. Should be in front of BOS for final approval before the end of the year. TAC meeting October 24. Environmental Health to present to ADTC at November meeting. Prisoner realignment: BOS took action to lease 512 beds for serious offenders allowing prisoners to serve their full sentences. Estimate of 1700 inmates on parole have disappeared. Of those there is a 40% recidivism rate.		
9. President's Report		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action: None		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice		
i. Susan Tarr—Umbria Estates		
c. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
10. Presentations/Discussions		
a. Sierra Highway Safety Audit:		
i. Pete Flores - Civil Engineer; Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Gilbert Tsoi - Associate Civil Engineer; Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Ed Ed Miller - Consultant; Advantec Consulting Engineers Introduced Josephine Gutierrez, North County Regional Engineer replacing Mark Caddick. Contact info: 626-458-7135 jgutierrez@dpw.lacounty.gov Primary Concerns: Speeding, Unsafe passing/tailgating, possible widening of Sierra Highway. Results: No widening, no new passing lanes, realigning existing passing lanes to transition lanes. New signage: 78 (54 in Agua Dulce) Intersection warning signs, curve warning signs, 2 new report drunk driving signs, new guide sign. Modified passing lane northbound at Davenport Road to right turn pocket only. 2 Driver Feedback signs will be completed by December 2013. Recessed pavement markers will be completed by February 2014. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHP: Indicates they will target specific areas and times and will follow up on dangerous drivers with license plate numbers. • Sleepy Valley representative indicated their thanks to RW, Council, Public Works, and consultant. 		
b. Umbria Estates:		
i. Michael Lafferty of Lafferty Development & Hunsaker Consultants Tentative Map #70758: 70 acre/30 lot residential development adjacent to Agua Dulce Airport (Mr. Lafferty communicated via text that he was stuck in a traffic jam and unable to attend the meeting.) Request for support of the project and letter of recommendation to be sent by Council to Regional Planning Commission Community Comments and Input on proposed project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Freeman: All private land will be developed. Is opposed to high density low income development. Looking for a project with no water impact, no traffic impact. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julianne Feuerhelm: Umbria Estates is a beautiful planned development concept. Over time, 3 developers, Asher Ranch, Larwin Estates, and Sierra Colony all indicated the development had plenty of water. Currently, all 3 of those developments are suffering from lack of water. As a community we need to look at long term remedies for the water shortage. Residents who used hauled water cannot sell their home with a lender because lenders won't loan on hauled water. • Billy Alch: 30 home development does not make a big difference. All individuals have right to build and make profit. Personal issue if 30 homes go in, will he be forced to invest money to drill a new well. Horse trails should not be required. Council should be more concerned about getting County water than worrying about 30 homes. Water table may not be able to support the new development and allow the existing home owners to use the water we have. Council should not send a letter of support or against. They should stay out of it. Presenter's absence indicates he doesn't care about our opinion or is on a failed project. • Gary Hebdon: Opposes gated communities. Served on CSD Committee to keep AD rural. Gating horse trails is not good. Council approved trail preservation in CSD. Council needs to support continued trail preservation. Council should have a neutral vote on trails for project. Water is a limited resource. The existing community members need to be considered and make sure there is not a burden of water shortage place on existing property owners. • EP wanted to clarify what kind of letter the Council will write. DH indicated that the Council cannot write a letter of any sort until the Council and community hear from the developer and have a meaningful discussion where the presenter can hear the community concerns and have the opportunity to modify his project in consideration of any issues raised. All individuals can attend the Regional Planning Commission hearing on voice their specific individual concerns. 		
11. Committee Reports		
a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Lorene Cangiano: County Counsel still working on language. Latest items were weekend hours for home-based business and cargo container color.		
c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie		
i. Announcement of verified candidates: Lou Vince, Mary Johnson, Troy Fosberg, Steve Cummings Timeline: Candidates Forum will be cancelled. Candidates' statements will be published in Country Journal, website, Facebook, and various media. (All candidates are requested to send statements to LL electronically.) Election will go forward for November 5, 2013. Election location(s) still to be determined. Absentee Ballot applications due in by October 22.		
d. Film: Lou Vince: Nothing to report		
e. Land Use: Ed Porter: 32 homes on market. Average days on market 38. Average price is around \$600,000. 18% price increase since last year. Lenders are offering 100% financing. Zone changes resulting from OVOV approval.		
f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Oct 1 meeting with Animal Control regarding horse keeping was cancelled. The UC Davis document that the ordinance referenced is being revised.		
g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry		
i. Hauled Water		
ii. TAC Health Dept: DH meeting with TAC group this month, Oct 24th. Considering lowering the minimum yield amount of water required for building. Agreeing to evaluation on a case by case basis through the variance process. That is what is currently happening. Nothing new.		

h. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg: Nothing to report		
i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Gutter cleaning can help with fire protection. Trim trees up from bottom 3 feet.		
j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: AEA program is in place at Agua Dulce Elementary and Acton School and all is going smoothly. Vasquez High School: 2014 opening is off the table. Cost of site prep may be able to be reduced. That will allow the board to revisit the options for construction to be able to finance the entire cost for the project within the \$13 million bond.		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison:		
l. Other		
12. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin: No report		
13. Open Forum		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorene Cangiano: Wants to see exploration of alternative source of water • Susan Tarr: Supports GH comments regarding Umbria water issue. Opposes gated communities within Agua Dulce. Mr. Lafferty showed disrespect for not showing up for his presentation. Who owns the property of the development? Is concerned the Council will endorse the project without having issues cleared up. • Toni Pearlman: Consider the possibility of using building “moratorium” to address water issues. • DH: We, as a community might want to explore the possibility of establishing our own water district. • Sharon Richardson: Lafferty needs to open up trail so equestrians can ride through his property to Vasquez Rocks. 		
14. Announcements		
a. Community Day at Vasquez Rocks: October 13, 2013		
b. Last day for ADTC Election Committee receipt of absentee ballot application: October 22, 2013		
c. Candidate Forum: TBD		
d. Haunted House at Agua Dulce Women’s Club: October 25, 26, 27, 31, 2013		
e. Friends of Library Book Sale: October 26, 27, 2013		
f. Friends of Library Parking Lot Sale: October 27, 2013		
g. Supervisor Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride at Vasquez Rocks: November 3, 2013		
h. Election Day: November 5, 2013		
i. Next regular ADTC meeting: November 13, 2013		
j. Darrel Readmond Memorial Dedication at Vasquez Rocks: November 20, 2013		
15. Unfinished Business		
a. Sierra Highway AT&T cell tower: Applicant met with neighbor on 9/6 to discuss the project and go over the drawings and photo simulations for the revised location of the wireless facility. Neighbor reviewed the revised facility location and agreed the new location looked fine and confirmed by initialing the project drawings. Also, she agreed to write a letter indicating acknowledgment and acceptance of the facility relocation and endorsement of the project moving forward.		
16. New Business: Cory and Heidi Powell, 8620 Escondido Canyon Road. Filed a CUP with Regional Planning to put in a back yard and pool. Looking for a letter from the Council indicating they had presented. MSP: Move to send a letter to RP indicating the Powell’s had presented their project and there were no objections from the community members in attendance.	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0
17. Future Agenda Items:		
a. November: Environmental Health Hauled Water Update, Election Results		
b. December: No business—Holiday Celebration and Council Member Installation and Community Appreciation and Recognition		
c. January: Umbria Estates		

18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:15 PM	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0
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Respectfully Submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2013

APPROVED: November 13, 2013