

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL
 Regular Meeting of February 11, 2009 – 7:00 pm
 Agua Dulce Women’s Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce
APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Mary Johnson **(MJ)**-President, Lorene Cangiano **(LC)**-Secretary, Don Henry **(DH)**-Treasurer, David Aiello **(DA)**, Annette Fortuna **(AF)** Gary Hebdon **(GH)**,

Council Members Absent: Donal MacAdam **(DM)**

Community Members: About 30 people in attendance in addition to presenters and Town Council Members

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	MOTIONS	RESULT/DECISION Approve-reject-abstain
1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance	Mary Johnson, President Regular meeting was called to order 7:20 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Aiello		
2. Approval of Agenda	MSP: Approve as submitted	M: DH S: GH	5-0-0 LC late
3. Approval of Minutes	1. MSP: Approve minutes of Regular Meeting of January 14, 2009 with two corrections: add under topic 1 speaker slips that “speakers have 3 minutes maximum to speak.” Add under topic 4e 6, and a survey mailed to each home owner “by Public Works”. Minutes approved with additions.	M: GH S: DH	5-0-0 LC Late
4. Agency Reports			
4.a. California Highway Patrol	Rick Milar: Not present Officer Burton: 242 traffic citations issued last month in Agua Dulce area. Hwy Patrol spent two days on AD Cyn. Rd. and issued numerous citations. Speed limit there is 35 mph. One driving under influence of drugs arrest. 10 arrests for marijuana and outstanding warrants.		Information Only
4.b. LA County Sheriff	Deputy Scott Short: (661) 272-2571 Not present		Information Only
4.c. LA County Sheriff Dept. (COPS)	Deputy Robert Ferrell: Not present		
4.d. LA County Fire Department	Carmen Mackey (Community Service Representative): Not present		
5. LA County Fifth District Deputy	Rosalind Wayman: 1. There will be community outreach meetings on 2/19/09 in Santa Clarita and 2/25/09 in Lancaster on the “Dark Skies’ exterior lighting proposals 2. March 25 th there will be “A Heroes Tribute” fund raiser for the families of Sheriff department employees who have been killed.		Information Only

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. A sample survey was received today for the Proposed Franchise Trash Collection System and Mary and Rosalind reviewed it and think it is thorough. This survey will be going out to the entire community. 4. Assemblyman Gaines (Roseville) has introduced legislation to repeal Assembly Bill 885 which would require residents with septic tanks to pay costly inspection fees. 5. There is a proposal before the Board of Supervisors to Require Private Schools to obtain a CUP on A2 property. Presently they are zoned for A2. RW would like the TC to write a letter to Regional Planning in support of this proposal. See below under land use for TC discussion. 6. RW (and others) met with the Department of Health to go over the arsenic policy. Just today RW received the edits to this policy which DH and GH need to review and then there will be a second meeting. 		
6. Council Reports			
6.a. President	<p>Mary Johnson: Attended the Association of Rural Town Council Meetings. Items on the agenda were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water litigation ongoing in the AV, 2. Presentation by a representative of Regional Planning who gave the proposed modifications to standards for small Winery's and Tasting Rooms (1000 gal or less produced per year) 3. AB 885 4. L.A County General Plan Rural definitions 5. Trucker's association representative stated that they were being targeted by NAT teams for parking on their own property. This information has been forwarded to the AD CSD/Land Use Committee to evaluate its impact on AD. <p>It is good rural information and MJ will report back after any meeting she attends.</p>		
6.b. Secretary	<p>Lorene Cangiano:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supplying copies of agenda's minutes, letters etc. to community and others. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agendas will be posted on the TC Web site at least 72 hours before the regular TC meeting. Minutes will posted after approved. Most pertinent correspondence will be scanned to the TC website. There will be a binder at each TC meeting with agenda, minutes and all received correspondence pertaining to the current month. This binder will then be available at Boston Henry Co. for viewing during the remainder of the month. Individual copies of any of these 		MJ will respond to community members request for documents

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	<p>items may be obtained by a detailed request and there will be an associated copying charge. The Country Journal will also be willing to publish pertinent documents</p> <p>2. Airport Agenda requirement from Land Sea Air</p> <p>a. See new business</p>		
6.c. Treasurer	Don Henry- Starting balance was \$597.60, Monies received \$540.00, Expenses \$0, final balance \$1137.60. Of the monies received \$350.00 was earmarked for the upcoming Town Hall on water/wells. This makes for a total donation of \$850.00 earmarked for the Town Hall.		Information only
6.e. Other			
7. Open Forum	<p>One community member presented a picture of a sign on Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd. which he feels is in violation of county code and requests that the TC get involved in having it removed since he has done all that he can dealing with the county. Another community member said that the sign gives a poor impression to out of town visitors, the sign looks very bad. There seemed to be significant agreement on this point by TC members and community members alike. LC researched the whole sign history last year and had communication with Zoning Department. She has obtained all of the county documents and will present it at the next TC mtg. This topic will be agendized for the next TC meeting.</p>		Agendize a discussion of the legality of the sign on Agua Dulce Cyn Rd
8. Committee Reports			
8 a. Water 1. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan a. Water Treatment Device Policy	<p>Chair: Don Henry:</p> <p>1. The Meeting with Environmental Health was held January 27th 2009. To discuss water well policies.</p> <p>a. Inconsistencies in the County water policy require further investigation.</p> <p>b. The County is not following its own policy found under utilities section of County Code and has inappropriately adopted state guidelines that don't apply. DH passed out a handout. (refer to handout)</p> <p>c. At the EH meeting GH addressed arsenic levels, back flush treatment devices, sampling methods, retrofitting of existing wells etc.</p> <p>d. County took the comments under advisement and will get back to the water committee.</p> <p>e. MJ read a letter received from environmental health in response to a letter the ADTC sent in January re: private well water quality and quantity. Some of their response is in conflict with present county code.(refer to letter)</p> <p>f. The attendance at the upcoming Town Hall on Water will give the</p>		Future meeting will be scheduled with Environmental Health

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	<p>ADTC some idea as to the community's concern or lack thereof and how to chart a course for future action whether that be possible litigation or any sort of follow-up.</p> <p>g. A response was received from Audra Strickland (in response to the ADTC letter regarding EH policy for private wells she was copied on) and she stated that she was going to introduce legislation to limit county environmental health authority.</p> <p>2. Mr. Nazir Kahn, a community member, advised DH that there will be two representatives presenting information from Pacific Legal Foundation, a Sacramento based public interest legal organization that litigates on behalf of property rights at the Town Hall. Jackie Ayers from the Acton TC will present as well.</p> <p>3. The Town Hall on Water is set for Monday, February 23, 2009, 7:00 PM at High Desert Middle School in Acton. It would be an opportunity to have attendees answer a survey on their views on the water issue as well as an opportunity to collect e-mail addresses for further communication with the community.</p> <p>4. Banner and flyers have been made for the meeting and will be posted.</p>		<p>Banners and flyers will be posted. Don and Annette will design a survey sheet for dissemination at the meeting.</p>
8.b. Ways & Means	<p>Chair: Dave Aiello: The Town Council fund raiser at the Agua Dulce airport on May 31st is in process of being organized. DA also wishes to apply some of the funds raised to a memorial "square" in front of Sweetwater Market for Dick Lang.</p>		
8.c. Land Use Community Standards District (CSD)	<p>Co-Chairs: Lorene Cangiano, Mary Johnson:</p> <p>1. The CSD Committee met and drafted a response to Regional Planning's county draft 3. We are close in agreement and hopefully community hearings will still be held this spring. Refer to minutes of last CSD/Land Use meeting for details.</p> <p>2. The Committee will now be meeting regularly the first Tuesday of each month so that issues that relate to Land Use can be addressed.</p> <p>3. There will be a board of Supervisors hearing on February 24th 2009 regarding Private schools in A2 property. (See RW presentation under 5th district report above). After much discussion, and a polling of those from the community in attendance, it was determined that there was insufficient support for this proposal at this time and the TC could not write a letter reflecting community support.</p> <p>4. Draft Winery ordinance (see Presidents report above). Referred to land use</p>		

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	<p>committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Septic Systems, AB 885 is on hold but it would still be wise to send out the letter MJ drafted (see letter) opposing the regulations, and copy Assemblyman Gaines. 6. Motion made to send letter on AB 885 including a copy to Assemblyman Gaines 7. Barron Ridge Renewable Transmission project workshop on February 24,th Agua Dulce Elementary School and 25th in Saugus 8. Dark Skies Ordinance workshop February 19th Valencia Library and 25th in Lancaster 9. The owner of the shopping center, where Sweetwater Farms is, wishes to expand. DA advised him to present to the TC. 	<p>M: DH S: LC</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>8.d. Parks & Trails</p>	<p>Chair: Mary Johnson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LA County is putting out an off highway vehicle dialogue in Castaic today, Littlerock tomorrow February 13, 2009. MJ will attend meeting. 		
<p>8.e. Election Committee</p>	<p>Organizer: Julianne Feuerhelm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further clarification of the \$100.00 minimum \$500.00 maximum bank balance. Where would excess of 500.00 go and who guarantees the 100.00 minimum. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. At the last TC meeting it was determined that a minimum of \$100.00 was to be kept in the Election Committee bank account at all times. At the end of the election year, and at the time of closing the books and reporting to the Town Council (within 60 days of the election completion), the maximum balance to be kept in the Election Committee bank account is \$500.00. What was not clear was where would the money in excess of \$500.00 go (to the TC?) and who would guarantee the \$100.00 minimum. After much discussion it was determined that the Election Committee would handle their own monies: spending and balances. Along with this management responsibility would come the responsibility to obtain the necessary funds and keep the bank account open. b. The TC would like to know how much a typical election costs. c. Motion: Move to amend Election Procedures VI. B. to read: ...All funds collected for/by the Election Committee shall remain in their bank account. This account must maintain sufficient funds necessary to maintain an active account. 	<p>M: DA S: AF</p>	<p>5-1-0 (GH)</p>
<p>8.f. Charter/Bylaws</p>	<p>Chair: Lorene Cangiano The Bylaws committee was re-formed and the bylaws were modified to reflect the</p>		

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	<p>status change of the Election Committee from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee. The new officers are elected no later than 120 days prior to the elections and this begins the new election years. The officers will hold office for a full year until the next officers are elected. These changes can be reviewed in the Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>The changes however, upon reflection by the TC, are incomplete in that now the committee will be open to new members from the time the election committee closes its election year and gives its final report to the TC until the officers are elected no later than 120 days prior to the election. The timeline and the body of the election procedures needs to be revised to reflect this. Additionally, the timeline for incumbents to declare their candidacy (90 days prior to the regular election) is written in the timeline but not in the body of the election procedures.</p> <p>The TC elected to hold off on approving the changes to the Bylaws until the aforementioned changes have also been made.</p> <p>Motion: Table approval of the Bylaws changes until final language has been incorporated.</p>	<p>M: MJ S: AF</p>	<p>6-0-0</p> <p>Bylaws committee to complete these revisions at their next meeting and then present to the TC.</p>
8.g. Film	Chair: Dave Aiello: Nothing to report		
8.h. Acton-Agua Dulce School Board	David Aiello: Nothing to report		
14.i. Emergency Preparedness-Disaster Planning	Chair: Gary Hebdon: Handbook 40% done		
15. Unfinished Business			
16. New Business	<p>Letter from Civic Association Re: Airport Permit: The TC Members will respond in a letter to the Civic Association as follows:</p> <p>1. Dates for upcoming events The Airport is limited to 6 special events per year. The Temporary Use Permit (TUP) applications must be filed at least 60 days prior to the scheduled date. The Airport is required to give notice of all TUPs to the Agua Dulce Town Council. The Council includes this notice on the next regularly scheduled Council meeting agenda and opens the item up for community discussion. Our agendas are posted at various locations around town at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting. Additionally, you can check the Agua Dulce Town Council website: www.aquadulce-ca.com/AD_TC.html Current</p>		Mary Johnson will draft a letter to the Civic Association

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	<p>agendas are posted as are approved minutes from previous Town Council meetings showing the details of any proposed TUPs from the Airport. The actual application may be obtained from the Department of Regional Planning.</p> <p>2. Descriptions of upcoming events See response to Number 1 above.</p> <p>3. Projected starting date for building new structures SP 1404-(5) lists the authorized construction and development. Department of Regional Planning or Building and Safety can assist you on approval dates.</p> <p>4. Progress of building of helicopter pad See response to Number 3 above.</p> <p>5. Water sharing plan with the proposed Lafferty development. This is not included in SP 1404-(5).</p>		
17. Announcements			
18. Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billboard sign on Agua Dulce Cyn Rd. 		
19. Adjournment	MSP: Adjournment at 10:10 PM	M: DH S: DM	6-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Lorene Cangiano, Secretary, Agua Dulce Town Council 2009
APPROVED: 4-8-09