

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 11, 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), Clerk: Steve Cummings (SC) arrived at 6:54, Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller SK, Ed Porter EP

Community Members: About 10 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	DECISION/ RESULT
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations:		
1. Call to order at 6:45 PM		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: TF S: LV	4-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Regular Meeting of February 11, 2015 as submitted	M: LV S: TF	4-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General:		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
1. Thanks for Community Fundraiser (Country Journal, Acton-Agua Dulce News, Wayne and Connie Spears, Agua Dulce Airport Association, Al Hoffman)		
2. Land Sea Air: Agua Dulce Airport Agendizing Requirement		
3. Rosalind Wayman: Proposed Yard Sale Ordinance Response		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 9.a., b., and c.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail: Entrada North: Notice of Preparation of DEIR		
b. Secretary Report: Nothing to report		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1909.00		
ii. Fees:		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: February 26, 2015		
i. Regional Planning: Technical Update to Title 22. Volume I: Countywide Provisions, Volume II: CSDs, Volume III: Specific Plans. Reorganize, clarify, and simplify code language; combine info into logical sections, etc.		
ii. Renewable Energy Draft Ordinance regarding "small-scale" and "utility-scale" solar and wind energy facilities		
iii. Assemblyman Lackey introduced AB 262 putting in protections to rural communities regarding dangerous sexual predators.		
e. Other: CHSRA Acton-Agua Dulce Community Working Group meeting report: March 7, 2015: George Andrews from Assemblyman Lackey's office. He was an aide in Hanford when CHSR was started. Most annoying is the CHSRA is disrespectful to home and land owners. CHSR reps did not detailed routes prior to meeting to review. Seemed to be giving lip service. DH voiced Agua Dulce issues that the community is opposed to CHSR in general, opposed to above ground route near freeway, less opposed to forest route. Fundraiser March 14 at Acton Community Club, spaghetti dinner. Tickets		

available at Boston Henry and Agua Dulce Hardware Store. Proceeds to go to help the fight in Hanford to stop the train from proceeding. Court date for end of May. If they win the lawsuit, it may derail the train completely. Hanford case: funding set up needs to be complete by 2017.		
5. Other Business: GH: Contacted Mr. Goldman of KHTS. He agreed to run promos for CHSRA Spaghetti dinner. Year 3 of Acton and Agua Dulce Disaster Planning. Budget due to expire in June of 2015. Presented list of current projects: Request ADTC write letter to Acton TC sponsoring continuation. Open ended. Support the continued partnership between Acton and Agua Dulce even after the formal funding expires. Formal recognition of projects and bridge building between the 2 communities. MJ to draft letter for approval at April.		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations:		
6. Call to order: 7:15 PM Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by SC		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargas: January Stats: 16 Collisions: 6 injury, 3 DUI, 1 fatal (Rowher Flats). 5 DUI arrests. 1 reckless motorcycle misdemeanor, 1 pursuit-stolen vehicle, 1 stolen vehicle. February: 33 Collisions: 12 injury, 4 DUI. 8 DUI arrests, warrant misdemeanor, fail to use ignition device interlock.		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: February Stats: 4 reports: 2 burglary, 1 grand theft vehicle, 1 petty theft.		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: 29 reports: 1 mobile property fire, 19 EMS, 4 good intent calls, 5 false alarms. Chief has made a priority for firefighter active shooter response to get those injured.		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey: announcement of March programs and activities.		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: BOS: cat owners must spay and neuter. FD: installation of broadband for first responders for public safety. Monopoles at Fire Stations. Station 81. LARICS (multi agency for public safety). Fire Fee sending out invoices again. George Runner press release. Yard Sale Ordinance: no update at this point.		
9. President's Report		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
i. City of Santa Clarita CHSR working lunch: March 12, 2015, 12:00 PM Century Room, City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita. Alignment Corridors to protect our communities. Representatives to attend. DH, LV		
ii. Birthday greeting request. Certificate sent to Ms. Doris Hill		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Angeles National Forest Off-Highway Grant Funding For details: www.ohv.parks.ca.gov		
ii. Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP) DPEIR public comment extended through March 16, 2015		
c. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
i. BOS Public Hearing: LA County General Plan Update. March 24, 2015, 9:30 AM, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W Temple St, Los Angeles. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/		
ii. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance and Draft EIR: March 18, 2015, 1:00 PM, Antelope Valley Transit Authority, 42210 6 th Street West, Lancaster. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/energy		
10. Presentations/Discussions		
a. Regional Planning: Bruce Durbin, Supervising Planner for Ordinance Studies Section and Larry Jaramillo, Senior Regional Planning Assistant: Technical Update to Title 22. Reorganization LA County Zoning Code, clarify language, streamlining into logical section. Purpose of update is to reorganize, clarify, and simplify. Simply a restructure of existing code. Nothing new is being added. Format: Volume 1 is main document of countywide provisions, Volume 2 is Community Standards Districts, Volume 3 is Specific Plans. Planning code has not been updated since 1974. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/tu Agua Dulce CSD technical update amendments. Not a lot of changes for ADCSD because it was recently reviewed and		

updated. Final review to RPC on April 22, 2015. Animal Facility Draft Ordinance will be sent for our review. Regional Planning staff will be available to discuss if needed.		
b. Action to Approve Proposed Bylaw, Election Procedures, and Election Timeline amendments relating to Election Procedures for unopposed candidates announced and posted February 11, 2015		
i. Bylaws: Article 7: Elections and Installations		
ii. Election Procedures: Section VIII: Application for Council Candidacy, C. Candidates vs. Number of Seats		
iii. Election Timeline: 10 days prior to a Regular Election		
Election Committee held a special meeting and objected to proposed changes. Judy Bartlett of Committee read their comments: They state changes are detrimental to democratic process. Community will be less connected to ADTC. Concerns of multiple special elections. They feel the Council has taken domain over the Election Committee and taken decision making away from them. They also feel Council members SHOULD be required to remain seated until Special Elections are concluded. DH: Purpose of changes is to streamline...not to step on the Committee's toes. MJ: When there is no opposition, an election will not change the outcome. Some of the Election Committee did not agree with the objections raised. The Committee has concerns that there are not enough interested people to run for Council. Compliance with the Charter is required. SC: The Charter may need to be changed. LL: Multiple special elections...takes away control from the EC. Currently they think they have an option whether or not to hold elections or hold off for full slate of candidates. MJ: The Election Committee has never had an election without a full slate of candidates. LL: EC has discretion on the ability to hold an election LV: Candidates who file on time should not be penalized if they follow the rules. DH: There should be no discretion. Bylaws should state definitively. LL: You may run into quorum problems. The Council needs to be acutely aware of that issue. DH: Election Committee has concerns, so the Bylaws Committee needs to meet with the Election Committee to try to work out any concerns to come to a compromise.		
iv. MSP: Move to Table Proposed Amendments to Bylaws, Election Procedures, and Election Timeline relating to Election Procedures for unopposed candidates. Bylaws Committee to meet with Election Committee and report back.	M: MJ S: SC	5-0-0
c. Bylaws Review		
i. Term Limits: Members, Officers: SC: Purpose of term limits gives autonomy to ADTC. Each year in December we have an election of officers. Our current system is working. Voluntary officer rotation. We don't want to make it mandatory through a bylaws change.		
d. Student Representative(s)		
i. Purpose & Selection Process: SC Liability issue. EP should be included since the School Board uses a student rep. Offer a chance to parents for kids college application. Junior council member. Advisory role. Learning the civic process. Kids can research quicker and more efficiently then we can. MSP: Move to Table further discussion	M: MJ S: LV	5-0-0
11. Committee Reports		
a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson		
b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller:		
i. Prior to reactivating CSD Revision Committee for survey of Heffley area, ADTC to contact Acton Town Council to determine if they are even willing to consider boundary change. Attendees should include: Edel Vizcarra, Norm Hickling, Rosalind Wayman, Regional Planning Staff, Acton Town Council President, Chris Croisdale, ATC CSD Chair, Mike Hughes, and ADTC reps.		
c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie		
i. Election materials for storage		

d. Film: Steve Cummings: Dog and Pony show production starts April 11 and ends May 5. Will adhere to safety and speed limits.		
e. Land Use: Ed Porter: Absent		
f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Nothing to report		
i. Hauled Water: Ann Trussell wants to meet with DH to understand water issues		
ii. TAC Health Dept		
h. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: See Item 5		
j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Absent		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Medical marijuana dispensary withdrew application. Renewable Energy Ordinance concerns		
l. Other		
12. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin: Absent		
a. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting March 9, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM		
b. Acton-Agua Dulce Against High Speed Rail Fundraiser: March 14, 2015 at Acton Community Club, 5-10 PM		
13. Open Forum: None		
14. Announcements		
a. Acton-Agua Dulce Against High Speed Rail Fundraiser: March 14, 2015 at Acton Community Club, 5-10 PM		
b. Association of Rural Town Councils: March 25, 2015, 7:00 PM		
c. Free Movie and a Meal Night at Agua Dulce Women's Club: BIG HERO 6: March 28, 2015 5:30-8:00 PM.		
d. Next regular ADTC meeting: April 8, 2015		
e. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting April 13, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM		
15. Unfinished Business: None		
16. New Business: None		
17. Future Agenda Items: Disaster Planning letter, Bylaws		
18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 10:00	M: MJ S: SC	5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Johnson, Secretary 2015
APPROVED: April 8, 2015