

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

**APPROVED** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Scott Griffin (SG), Ed Porter (EP), Lianne Swanson (LS) – Secretary. Alan DiFatta (AD) and Dave Aiello (DA)-Treasurer joined the meeting in progress ,

Absent: Donal MacAdam (DM)

New Council Members present and installed at 7:10 PM: Troy Fosberg (TF), Mary Johnson (MJ), Matthew Wooten (MW), Lou Vince (LV)

Community Members: About 20 community members in attendance

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Vote</i>
1. Call to order 6:02 PM		
2. Agenda: <b>Approval of Agenda</b>	M: SG S: EP	4-0-1
<b>3. Minutes: a. Approval of Regular Meeting of February 8, 2012 with correction: Stephanie English – No Report. LS abstained due to absence.</b>	M: SG S: EP	4-0-1
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report		
1) Incoming Correspondence		
a. Regional Planning Commission Hearing: Comprehensive General Plan Update-Mar. 7. – Date has passed, no report.		
b. Chase Bank Statement Jan. 31. Discussion moved to Treasurer's Report, below.		
c. State Farm Insurance-Thank you for your business letter.		
d. USDA, Angeles National Forest: Requesting comments on their application to the State of California for the 2011-2012 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation grant funding cycle. There is a place to comment during Mar 6 –April 2, but comments should be individual due to timing. Website is <a href="http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov">www.ohv.parks.ca.gov</a> . WILL POST WEBSITE ON ADTC WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.:		
e. DRAFT Municipal Service Review for the City of Santa Clarita and notice of community meeting		
f. Countywide presentation on significant ecological and hillside management will be made before the RPC on April 25 <sup>th</sup> .		
g. Web Mail – A notice received from the High Desert Corridor Project, which is a highway project that will bypass Pearblossom. Interactive map can be found at <a href="http://interactive.metro.net/projects">interactive.metro.net/projects</a> . WILL POST ON ADTC WEBSITE.		
2.) Outgoing Correspondence – none		
B. High Speed Rail update – DH attended regional meeting at library which got a little heated as they suggested the routes that go through Acton. A joint committee has been formed with the ATC to create a community survey. Tabled for discussion at General meeting portion after 7 pm.		
C. ARTC Update – No Report		
D. Secretary Report – LS said it was a pleasure, and is pleased to pass along the responsibility to the new council..		
E. Treasurer Report – Current balance \$799.03 with no checks this month but service charge. Chase has announced that it will be changing the minimum requirement for free checking to a balance of \$25K. Also received a notice of class action suit involving Chase and non-profits,		

which may impact us. DA has enjoyed his term. He still wants to work on the Film Committee and fundraising.		
F. Other - none		
ALAN DIFATTA JOINED THE MEETING IN PROGRESS 6:16 PM		
5. Committee Reports		
A. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee: Report on Hearing before Regional Planning to General Meeting at 7 PM. Tentatively CSD is on schedule for BOS on May 22 <sup>nd</sup> .		
B. Water Committee – Have had no letters or responses to hauled water article published in the Country Journal. Will discuss at 7 PM portion.		
C. Disaster Planning – Gary Hebdon. Committee has finished neighborhood emergency plan, and final draft is being taken out to the neighborhoods now. Distributed printed copies to Council. Wants feedback, and will do full community rollout for feedback at next Council meeting in April.		
D. Parks and Trails: No Report.		
E. Ways and Means: Fundraiser Update, 3 months to go, DA will work on it.		
F. Charter/Bylaws – no report		
G. Film – no report		
H. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison – EP discussed the challenges the district was facing financially and some approaches to solutions. Trying to re-fi some debt, state budget shortfall, staff and union challenges, and a phased approach to building Vasquez High with 13 million bond issue.		
I. Acton Town Council Liaison – SG attended last meeting, and discussed hauled water, Town & Country plan, High Speed Rail. ATC is having Don Sepulveda attend next ATC meeting to explain “blended route” approach across Palmdale-Sylmar segment.		
6. Other Business – Women’s Club is having a funds drive to build a new Women’s Club building for the community. More information to come.		
<i>COMMUNITY MEETING: Report and Present: 7:00 PM</i>		
7. Call to order—Pledge of Allegiance: 7:05 PM		
8. Installation of new Councilmembers elected at the Special Election March 8, 2012 – Rosalind Wayman installed and administered the oath of office. She asked that departing councilmembers be present at the next meeting to receive the accolades due.  New Councilmembers were seated LS continued as (nonvoting) recording secretary for the meeting.		
9. Election of Officers for 2012 term – New Officers are:  President: Don Henry Secretary: Mary Johnson Treasurer: Scott Griffin Clerk: Troy Fosberg  All were elected by proclamation, unanimously.		
10. Agency Reports		
A. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English – introduced herself to the new council, mentioned there is still space in the upcoming 3-Saturday CERT class starting Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> . The introduced Capt. “Gordy” Buchan of FS81, who gave the report: 36 incidents in the last month, incl. 22 rescues, 1 hazmat, 7 false alarms, 2 unspecified. Spoke about the recent plane crash on March 11 who started a brush fire in the inaccessible area behind Steele Ave. Pilot and passenger were coptered to Henry Mayo and OK, fire was knocked down		

<p>in joint effort between LAFD and Angeles Forest Fire. Mentioned brush clearance and upcoming brush inspections.</p>		
<p>B. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton – last month there were 11 traffic collisions incl. 1 fatal (discussed at last meeting; motorcycle vs car involving passing on double yellow). Slight increase in hit and run areawide, so reviewed what to do in case of a collision. Reminder to update licence and registration information.</p>		
<p>C. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy: Deputy Scott Short – Last month 7 incidents, incl. 1 grand theft, 1 identity theft, 1 nonaggravated assault, 1 misc felony, 1 found person, 1 suspected child abuse, 1 possible criminal activity. In Acton, there have been at least 15 vehicle-related thefts, i.e. GPS, I Phone, etc. from unlocked cars or unlocked garages while occupants are home. Houses in isolated areas, up long driveways, climbing fences. Keys left in car or truck not a good idea any more. They are walking up long driveways. Some insurance companies do not cover thefts in or of unlocked cars. Report anything suspicious, i.e. people selling magazines etc door-to-door. They seem to know the streets here. Don't leave your gate openers in your car.</p>		
<p>11. 5<sup>th</sup> District Report – Rosalind Wayman – Discussed new federal cell tower laws that restrict the ability of local governments to delay the processing more than 90 days for additions, 120 days for new. No enough time for the County CUP process to complete. Also a new federal law that denies local governments the ability to restrict co-locations of cell equipment. Reported also that they did an unannounced visit to 1600 probationers lately. The state realignment has shifted prisoners to the County. Sheriff's Dept is taking over the fire camps. Less than 10 parolees are in Agua Dulce. Castaic Animal Shelter is getting a \$1.8 million renovation, CSD passed RPC, OVOV was approved last month. Introduced guest from Public Works, Martin Aiyetiwa (626. 458-3553) who explained that the County Trash franchises are for compliance with State recycling requirements, and they go into effect July 1 for businesses with bins more than 4 cubic yards. Most Agua Dulce resident has 3 CY bins or less, so will not be affected.</p>		
<p>12. Committees</p>		
<p>A. Election Committee: Election Report was read, naming poll watcher, vote counters and vote totals for the March 8 Special Election. 80 ballots were counted, videotaped proceedings, sealed vote box.</p>		
<p>B. Land Use/CSD: Report on Regional Planning Commission Hearing where proposed CSD revision was approved with staff recommended version. A few small changes will be discussed - where community does not agree with staff – regarding number of dogs, containers, commercial truck parking on A1 and A2, boundaries and lighting. Committee will talk with County and try to work these out. Discussed boundary issues next, with Rosie Heffley representing residents in the disputed area who wish to be included in the Agua Dulce CSD. Those resident will try to attend the next hearing and speak to the BOS.</p>		
<p>C. Water Committee – Last month, the hauled water response report was published in local papers with no comments from the community as a result. One item is still an issue: Item #5, for an existing property on sale of property, Needs more detail about conforming to codes and how that would work. <b>MSP: That the Town Council compose a letter saying there were no community comments positive or negative, and that we would like to see this move forward (with clarification of Item 5).</b></p>	<p>M: DH S: MJ</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>
<p>D. Disaster Planning Committee – Committee will be on agenda in April to officially release the Neighborhood Emergency Plan. MJ complimented the committee on its work.</p>		
<p>E. Other Committee Highlights - none</p>		
<p>13. High Speed Rail Update – SG reported that a joint ATC/ADTC committee has been set up to deal with the impact of HSR on both communities, and Ken Wipff is the unofficial chair. Informational letter published in the Country Journal last week. Proposing a joint community survey to poll community opinion on HSR</p>	<p>M: MJ S: MW</p>	<p>7-0-0</p>

<p>so that the councils can act. Survey will include a map of proposed routes, appear in all local media, and responses will be dropped off at collection points. Community groups will also be asked to complete the survey in an outreach program. Needs approval to go forward.</p> <p>Rosalind Wayman shared that next year, Supvr Antonovich will chair the Metrolink committee, and that he has 1.8B dollars to update Metrolink services, so next year will be a good year to discuss “blended” lines.</p> <p><b>MSP to approve informational survey as presented with better-delineated map and asking for name and address for statistical purposes only. Passed.</b></p>		
14. Announcements - none		
15. Open Forum – no speakers		
16. Unfinished Business – EP revised his earlier schools report to include mention of a recent 3-day field trip to Catalina Island Marine Center.		
17. New Business – none		
18. Future Agenda Items – Disaster Planning Committee in April, Women’s Club new building project in May.		
19. Adjournment – MSP	M: SG S: EP	7-0-0

Submitted by Lianne Swanson, ADTC Secretary 2011

**APPROVED: 4-11-12**