

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, May 13, 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) arrived at 6:45, Treasurer: Troy Fosberg (TF), Scott Keller (SK), Ed Porter (EP), Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent: Clerk: Steve Cummings (SC)

Community Members: About 20 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:		
1. Call to order at 6:40 PM		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: EP S: LV	5-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 8, 2015 as amended	M: LV S: SK	6-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General:		
1. CHSR: (Also see Item 11)		
A. Acton/Agua Dulce Community Working Group Meeting April 25, 2015:		
B. North L.A. County Communities Protection Coalition: April 27, 2015: Goal of presenting a unified regional front to urge the High-Speed Rail Authority to put the train underground wherever it runs. Rally was well attended. Our community is uniting with other communities impacted along the SR-14 route.		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
1. Regional Planning: ADTC Response to Renewable Energy Ordinance		
2. Acton Town Council: ADTC supports Acton/Agua Dulce Community Resiliency Coalition		
3. Assemblyman Wilk: ADTC supports AB 1138-High Speed Rail Farm & Homeowner Protection		
4. Assemblyman Wilk & Assembly Public Safety Committee Chair Bill Quirk: ADTC supports AB 262 Sex Offenders		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 9.a., b., and c.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
b. Secretary Report: IRS and FTB tax requirements filed.		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1,695.34		
ii. New Account at Union Bank in Canyon Country: Opened May 12, 2015 with \$100 deposit from MJ. Free Checking, check printing fee waived. DH and MJ are Contracting Officers and Signers and TF will be authorized signer.		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: April 29, 2015		
i. Renewable Energy Ordinance: MSP: Move to have ADTC support the ARTC proposed amendments	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0

ii. Release of Sexually Violent Predators		
iii. Title 22 Update		
iv. Animal Facility Ordinance Update		
v. Minimum Wage Increase		
e. Other:		
5. Other Business: LV running for Congress, 25 th District		
COMMUNITY MEETING:		
6. Call to order at 7:07 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargas: April stats: 34 Collisions: 18 with injury, 0 fatal, 5 DUI related. Arrests: 6 DUI, no misdemeanors, no felonies. Citations: 24 max speed, with 10 additional moving violations, 5 seat belts.		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: April Stats: 3 reports: vehicle theft, domestic violence-drunk in public, residence burglary. Citizen call for concern of speeders on Darling Road who hit and killed his dog.		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: Extended Absence Filling in is Division Chief, Greg Hiesl. April: 28 EMS calls. Be aware of brush clearance requirements. Neighbors were concerned about a residence that is having large unpermitted paid admission concerts/parties. They were encouraged to video tape to show proof of excessive nuisance.		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey: Absent		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Yard Sale Ordinance continued to May 26 at BOS. Minimum wage ordinance in process of studies for report back to BOS in June. Bouquet Canyon lack of water. State legislation is moving through the process to amend Fish and Game requirements to restore habitat for fish allowing the County to release water for the residents. Tickets available for arboretum concert with Pat Boone and Ford Theater tickets. Supervisor Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride, May 31, 2015, Tejon Ranch		
9. President's Report		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
i. Rim of the Valley Corridor Draft Special Resource Study & Environmental Assessment Report. The study evaluates whether portions of the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor are nationally significant, suitable, and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. The study also evaluates whether any portions of the corridor would be eligible for inclusion in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. For details: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=422&projectID=31945&documentID=65351 Comment period ends June 30, 2015. Comments can be sent via email to: pwr_rimofthevalley@nps.gov or via USPS to National Park Service, 570 W. Avenue 26, #175, Los Angeles, CA 90065 Jacki Ayer of Acton TC reviewed and has concerns about eminent domain issues. Alternate D. MJ to write a draft letter to be approved at the June meeting.		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Angeles National Forest Invasive Weed Management Plan. For details: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project+46486		
c. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings:		
i. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing: 2014 Draft Animal Facility Ordinance (Limits set on boarding and breeding facilities based on lot size): May 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m. Department of Regional Planning Downtown Office, 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/view/animal_facility_ordinance/ Comments can be sent via email to LJaramillo@planning.lacounty.gov or via USPS to Larry Jaramillo, LA County Dept of Regional Planning, 320 West Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Community Comments: A resident with A-1 property is interested in having a boarding facility. A Conditional Use		

<p>Permit would be required. Sound issues at night in residential areas. What is the percentage of A-2 properties? How do the CSD dog requirements come into play? The CSD caps the number of dogs at 6. Why doesn't this "trump" the new proposed ordinance? The CSD is for personal pets, not boarding, breeding or rescues. There is a lot of A-2 property in Agua Dulce that is intermixed and near A-1 properties. Any animal facility that wants more than 50 animals should be required to go through a full conditional use property regardless of the zoning. Urban planners think 2 ½ acres is huge, when our minimum lot size is 2 acres. One irresponsible neighbor can wreak havoc. A maximum number of animals is being equated to lot size but the proposed lot size is too small. There is a potential for loss of property value when a kennel starts up next door. The existing facilities in Agua Dulce are responsible animal keepers. "Ranch" zoning may be appropriate.</p> <p>The lot sizes need to be substantially larger for the maximum number of dogs. If this ordinance goes through without any changes, we would seek to modify our CSD to address kennels, boarders, breeders, and rescues and set up our own matrix regarding lot size and maximum animals. A resident who lives next door to a responsible rescue on 2 ½ acres only has 12 dogs. The maximum number of dogs needs to be set as a conservative number. Letter to include: Opposed to ordinance as written. Not sure what the right numbers are, but the proposed numbers are excessive. This becomes a commercial use of property. Ministerial review doesn't work. Additional community outreach needs to be done to adequately research existing facilities. Disclose the studies that the proposed ordinance is based on. We need to have a representative attend the RPC hearing. Number of animals need to be site specific.</p>		
<p>MSP: Move to have ADTC send community comments requesting additional community outreach and indicating that as written we are opposed to the ordinance listing concerns stated at meeting.</p>	<p>M: DH S: SK</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>ii. BOS Public Hearing: Tree Planting Ordinance. Project No. R2007-02988 May 26, 2015, 1:00 PM, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012 For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/tree Comments can be sent via email to PublicHearing@bos.lacounty.gov or via USPS to Zoning Section, Executive Office of BOS, Room 383, 500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>		
<p>iii. Notice of Preparation of an EIR and Notice of Scoping Meeting: Hauled Water: Proposed Single-Family Residential Hauled Water Initiative for New Development. 195 parcels have been added to the study area. For details: http://planning.lacounty.gov/hauled Scoping meeting May 20, 2015 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550. Comments can be sent via email to dsakamoto@dpw.lacounty.gov or via USPS to Los Angeles County Dept of Public Works, Attn, Dale Sakamota, 900 S Fremont Ave, 11th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803. DH will attend.</p>		
<p>iv. California High Speed Rail Authority Palmdale to Burbank Section Community Meeting Series May 16-June 6, 2015. For full schedule: http://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/statewide_rail/proj_sections/Palmdale_Burbank/Palmdale_Burbank_Open_House_Meetings_Flyer_May_June_2015_050615.pdf Santa Clarita Valley: June 1, 2015, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Santa Clarita Activities Center, 20880 Center Pointe Pkwy, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. Acton/Agua Dulce: June 6, 9:30 to 12:30 PM High Desert Middle School, 3620 Antelope Woods Rd, Acton, CA 93510 For April 2015 route locations: http://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/statewide_rail/proj_sections/Palmdale_Burbank/Palmdale_Burbank_CWG_Board_Project_Section_Aerial_Background_April2015.pdf Pam Wolter Report: Dan Richards and Michelle Boehm met with Acton Town Council and HSR Coalition members and toured the Acton area where the routes are proposed to be physically located. CHSR Community Open House: June 6 meeting at High Desert Middle School, 9:30-12:30. June 9 CHSR Board meeting in Los Angeles, Ronald Reagan State Building Auditorium, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. DH & MJ to attend.</p>		

<p>1. MSP: Move to have ADTC community comments to be sent regarding SR-14 route indicating elevated and surface sections between Big Springs Road and Agua Dulce Canyon Road need to be tunneled.</p>	<p>M: MJ S: SK</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>10. Presentations/Discussions</p>		
<p>a. Action to announced and posted April 8, 2015</p>		
<p>i. Bylaws: Article 7: Elections and Installations: 8. Delete line: "Current Council Members shall remain seated until the Special Election(s) is/are concluded."</p>		
<p>ii. Bylaws: Article 8: Council Vacancies: 1. Change Special Election timeline from 45 days to 120 days.</p>		
<p>iii. Election Procedures: Section VIII: Application for Council Candidacy, C. Candidates vs. Number of Seats: Add the following line: 4. "If the Write-In Candidate deadline has passed and there are no eligible, verified Write-In Candidates; and eligible, verified candidates are unopposed or there is less than a full slate of candidates; those eligible, verified candidates shall be elected by acclamation and an election will not be held. A Special Election shall be held to fill vacancies created by a lack of a full slate of candidates."</p>		
<p>iv. Election Procedures: Section X. Town Council Vacancies A. Change Special Election timeline from 45 days to 120 days and delete the phrase ", and subsequent elections until the vacancy(s) is filled in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws.</p>		
<p>v. Election Timeline: 10 days prior to a Regular Election: "10 days prior to Regular Election:" Add in details for Write-in Candidates and add details for unopposed candidates.</p>		
<p>vi. Election Timeline: Special Election: Delete the word "expedited" and change 45 days to 120 days.</p>		
<p>MSP: Move to Approve Proposed Bylaw, Election Procedures, and Election Timeline amendments relating to Election Procedures for unopposed candidates</p>	<p>M: MJ S: LV</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>11. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin: See Item 9.c.iv.</p>		
<p>a. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting April 13, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM</p>		
<p>b. Acton/Agua Dulce Community Working Group Meeting April 25, 2015</p>		
<p>c. North L.A. County Communities Protection Coalition: April 27, 2015: Goal of presenting a unified regional front to urge the High-Speed Rail Authority to put the train underground wherever it runs.</p>		
<p>12. Committee Reports</p>		
<p>a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Next month MJ to present amendments requested by Election Committee regarding videotaping the ballot counting process and having only one polling place.</p>		
<p>b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller: Nothing to report</p>		
<p>c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie: Absent</p>		
<p>i. Election materials for storage</p>		
<p>d. Film: Steve Cummings: Absent</p>		
<p>e. Land Use: Ed Porter: \$731,000 average price of home up from \$660,000 a year ago. Average 63 days on market. 2 ½ % adjustable rate mortgages are available. "Juniper Woodland Habitat Mitigation" process: A local resident is splitting his 20 acre parcel into 3 lots. He will be clearing over 100 junipers. Regional Planning is requiring the applicant to buy land from a land bank in a preserve to replace the junipers he needs to clear. Regional Planning. Subdivision phase, not building permit. We need to request staff from Regional Planning come to a future meeting to explain the issues.</p>		
<p>f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Supervisor Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride, May 31, 2015, Tejon Ranch</p>		
<p>g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry</p>		
<p>i. Hauled Water: Concerned with the new scoping meeting with the addition of 195 new parcels. DH to attend meeting</p>		
<p>ii. TAC Health Dept</p>		
<p>h. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: Nothing to report</p>		

i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Nothing to report		
j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: School Board is reconsidering developer fees. Acquired \$14 million state matching funds. On schedule for construction completion-Phase 1. Class rooms and admin set for 2015-2016. Tragedy at High Desert School. Grief counseling for students has been provided. Moment of silence observed in honor of Jacob Hupp.		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Juniper trees, animal facility, CHSR		
l. Other:		
i. Student Representative(s): Purpose & Selection Process: Discussion is closed by consensus		
13. Open Forum: Many Sundays, some Saturdays, 9 hour concerts with amplified music on property on Barber Road. Neighbors have tried to talk with owners. Communication issues. They have called sheriff. DH recommended contacting Zoning Enforcement to issue notices of violation. ZE contacts the property owner. Rosalind Wayman will facilitate. Lillian Smith: Oasis Park CUP renewal. Is access for Briggs Roads residents being included in the CUP renewal?		
14. Announcements		
a. Thousand Trails Open House: May 16, 2015 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Soledad Canyon RV & Camping Resort, 4700 Crown Valley Rd, Acton, CA. Opening of new splash pad and fundraiser for Brittany Foundation.		
b. Association of Rural Town Councils: May 27, 2015, 7:00 PM, Fire Station 129, 42110 6 th St West, Lancaster, CA DH		
c. Supervisor Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride, May 31, 2015, Tejon Ranch		
d. Next regular ADTC meeting: June 10, 2015		
e. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting June 8, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM		
15. Unfinished Business: none		
16. New Business: none		
17. Future Agenda Items: Election Procedures revisions: One polling place and elimination of videotaping election counting process. Tree Policy Juniper Mitigation. EP to gather info and find out who can speak about this.		
18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:37	M: SK S: TF	6-0-0

Respectfully submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2015
APPROVED: June 10, 2015