

Agua Dulce Town Council May 14th 2014 MINUTES

ADMIN MEETING (PUBLIC)

1. Call to Order at **6:32 pm** Present: DH EP SK SC Absent: LV TF MJ
 2. Approval of Agenda... Moved by EP Seconded SK
Votes AYE: 4 NO: 0 Absent: 3
 3. Election of Secretary Pro Tem as EP 4 0 3
 4. Minutes approval EP SC 4 0 3
 5. Council Reports:
 - i Pres Report (presented later by DH at the community meeting portion)
 - ii Outgoing correspondence:
SC's letter to CHP will be proofread and submitted to MJ for finalization.
 - b. Sec Report – MJ Not Present
 - c. Treasurer's rep – TF Not Present
 - d. Assos of rural TC –No attendee
 - e. Other –None, Nothing to report on EWMP and CIMP
 6. Other business –None
- ADM Portion of Mtg adjourned at **6:56 pm**

COMMUNITY MEETIN (PUBLIC) Started at 7pm

7. Call to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by EP
8. Agency Reports
 - a. No Sheriff Report (Dept Scott Short made report later at 8:05pm)
 - b. No CHP report
 - c. No LACFD (LA Co Fire)
 - d. No Librarian (Report was done later upon arrival of Valerie Bailey)
9. No 5th District Report
10. President's report
 - a. Correspondence for action: None received
 - b. Incoming correspondence received about 8/23/14 Carousel Ranch Fundraiser
 - c. No notice received regarding public hearing or any community meetings

Note: Council member TF entered meeting at 7:08 pm

11. Presentations/Discussions

Suzan Tae and *Connie Chung* from Dept. of Regional Planning gave a presentation regarding the general plan followed by a community “open forum” Q&A. They explained how the County Plan works in unison with the Area Plan and in conjunction with the General Plan while incorporating the proper reach of the Significant Ecological Plan into the entire equation. The “General Plan” is a water and air quality, conservation, natural resource management, economic, parks & recreation, housing, suburban community, hillside, coastal & urban development “plan”, basically an all encompassing guideline for the goals and agendas of the county set forth through community and voter input plus expert oversight. *Suzan Tae* and *Connie Chung* both expressed that “they want to maintain our rural character and respect the collective wishes of the Acton – Agua Dulce communities”. EP expressed that the two communities have unique and distinctly

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different characteristics in regard to what they tolerate and accept in each respective community and urged the general plan overseers to recognize such nuances in lifestyle, atmosphere and aesthetics.

Tae and *Chung* continued the discussion by explaining the details of Hillside Development which is written in the Hillside Design Community Ordinance Guidelines Manuel. They said that “decision makers in the County will be more respectful of hillsides and contours in the future with focus on wildlife habitat preservation and general aesthetics aimed to be more blending with the current surroundings”. The County reps also expressed that boundaries of Community Standards Districts “CSD’s” will also be vigorously maintained according to said communities’ desires. “Conservation will be a center point of development with focus on environmental impact and lifestyle preservation”. Council president DH asked “whether new ordinances will be more prohibitive and restrictive in regard to property owners’ rights?” The County reps were polite yet somewhat vague in their answers. DH pressed the reps in regard to how this new version of the general plan effect the community and those in the audience vented similar concerns and some severe frustration. Lillian Smith, a member of the press and also a local resident asked why the word “rural” was taken out of certain language in the general plan and whether it could be re-entered. The answer by *Tae* and *Chung* was “Yes”... They also said that the General Plan is a countywide ordinance and that the CSD’s were more specific and “the two ordinances would work together”. A draft of the “General Plan” is posted online at the Co website.

LA Co Regional Planning’s “General Plan” presentation finished at 8:03pm

The meeting reverted to item **8 b** at 8:05 pm as Dept Scott Short came into attendance and presented his report:

- All Filming need permits, it’s a safety issue
- Illegal filming is happening and will be combated
- 11 instances reported last month including grand theft, grand auto theft, 2 narcotic arrests, assault and “good intention” reports
- No sleeping in roadside vehicle permitted.
- a sophisticated and modern 4G System that the County owns is now in effect for all 48 Co cities with Dept. Short as a key/expert user and operator.

The meeting continued onto cover item **8 d** at 8:19 pm as Librarian Valerie Bailey came into attendance and presented a list of future events at the library and handed out corresponding material to Council members and those in the audience.

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12. Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws Revision Committee LV, MJ –Not present
- b. CSD Committee -Inactive
- c. Election Committee Chair; Lorna Leslie –Not present
- d. Film: SC, -No report
- e. Land Use: EP –No report
- f. Parks & Trails: MJ –Not present
- g. Water use: DH -No report
- h. Ways and means: TF & SK –No report
- i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon reported a list of shelter arenas for horses during disaster emergency times (being AV Fairgrounds and Pierce College). SC offered his ranch as a temporary horse sanctuary in such emergency times. Gary reminded the public to think of horse trailers, equipment, escape routes and such matters during a disaster. He recommended having a sound communication method, coordinated, practiced and predetermined by horse owners.
- j. AADUSD Board Liaison: EP reported on an early May “groundbreaking” of VHS Construction (Vasquez High School) which is set to be finished for the 2015-2016 school year. EP explained the State’s current inability to match the High School \$13mil construction bond V which was passed by the community, however, we are still in line and approved as a candidate for future state match. Currently, Plan E is being built, with the remainder of the campus and the gym slated to begin once the state match is granted, hopefully in 2016.
- k. Acton TC Liaison: SK –No report
- l. Other –None

13. High Speed rail Update: Scott Griffin reported that pretty much all the 8 different maps presented at various CA High Speed Rail sponsored meetings are “vague” with the exception that all the proposed tracks MUST go through the spots marked in red.

14. Open Forum: Chris Yewdall of “Friends of Sleepy Valley” a 501 (c) made a presentation and requested the TC’s support regarding a potential water rights conflict if the Alamo property is sold in order to satisfy pending civil settlements against the Church. Yewdall expressed how dire the current water situation is and he alleged that “due to the severe drought and the resulting lower water table, wells are running dry and mature Oaks and other old trees are dying”. He made corresponding pictures available for council and public review. DH proposed the request to be agendized for the next meeting to allow for public input.

15. Announcements

- a. Assos of rural TC mtg: 5-28-14
- b. Next ADTC mtg: 6-11-14

16. Unfinished business: None to report

17. New Business: None to report

18. Future Agenda Items: Umbria States: Follow up to Jan ’14 meeting on 6-11-14

19. **Adjournment** at 9:57 pm: Motion by EP, Seconded by SC Vote: 5 0 2

Submitted by Secretary Pro-Tem: Ed Porter

Approved: June 11, 2014