

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, July 11, 2012 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), Clerk: Troy Fosberg (TF), Ed Porter (EP), Lou Vince (LV), Matt Wooten (MW)

Council Members Absent: Treasurer: Scott Griffin (SG)

Community Members: About 20 community members in attendance

TOPIC: DISCUSSION:	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:		
1. Call to order by President DH: 6:04		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted.	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 13, 2012 as submitted	M: LV S: TF	6-0-0
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report: Don Henry		
1). General: Meeting with Rosalind Wayman, 3 Sleepy Valley residents, Public Works staff, and Consultant regarding options for Sierra Highway Safety for slowing speed in their neighborhood. DH, LV, and MJ attended. Good brainstorming session with exchange of options. Consultant wants to evaluate all feedback from residents. Will be accepting feedback though August 1, 2012. Email to: gugonza@dpw.lacounty.gov		
2). Incoming Correspondence		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action: NONE		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice: NONE		
3). Outgoing Correspondence		
a. To Supervisor Antonovich: High Speed Rail Agua Dulce-Acton Community Survey Results sent 6-22-12		
4). Notice of Public Hearing: NONE		
B. Secretary Report: Mary Johnson		
1). Conflict of Interest Policy Annual Statement: Ed Porter signed		
2). Storage: Old Election Materials to be destroyed: Boxes to be opened in presence of at least 2 Council members: DH and one other member. Will be done at DH place of business prior to August meeting.		
C. Treasurer Report: Scott Griffin: Absent		

1). Balance: \$451.60		
MSP: In order to eliminate monthly bank service charges, I move to transfer the Agua Dulce Town Council checking account from Chase Bank to the Antelope Valley Bank, Acton Office, as a business checking account for non-profit entities, thereby eliminating monthly service charge.	M: MJ S: EP	6-0-0
2). Approval of Invoices: California Secretary of State Statement of Information Filing Fee: \$20 MSP: Move to submit Statement of Information Filing Form and pay \$20 fee and either send check via mail or reimburse treasurer if filed on-line.	M: MJ S: TF	6-0-0
D. High Speed Rail Update: Scott Griffin: Absent—No report		
E. Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC): Matt Wooten—ARTC on summer hiatus		
F. Other: Report from Lou Vince on Liability Insurance Research: Over-insured but premium is set at a minimum of \$500. Current rates would be \$750. Shopped around and we cannot get a lower rate. We will continue with State Farm.		
5. Committee Reports		
A. CSD Revision: Co-Chairs: Lorene Cangiano and Mary Johnson: Nothing to report. County Counsel working on final language, Regional Planning working with SCE. Anticipate consent item will be on BOS agenda in September 2012.		
B. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie		
1). Financial Report : Will contact EC Treasurer-Marie Richarz to get report on 2012 election		
C. Film: Chair: Lou Vince: Can we add a “Donate Now” button to website. MJ will check into website Paypal Donation process and work with our web server. EP has website connection. MSP: Review and pursue a “Donate” button to website not to exceed \$100 for web-server costs and find out fees and costs for Paypal administration.	M: TF S: EP	6-0-0
D. Land Use: Chair: Ed Porter: Responded to local Boy Scout interview regarding how to keep our area small and rural. EP pointed out our local Community Standards Districts and LA County-wide Dark Skies Ordinance.		
E. Parks and Trails: Chair: Mary Johnson: July 12, 2012, Hart Park, discussion of proposed usage changes to Placerita Canyon's Canyon Trail and Vasquez Rocks' Heritage Trail. Multi-use non-motorized or hiker and equestrian only.		
F. Water Stewardship: Chair: Don Henry: Quantity Well yield will be discussed at meeting next week. DH will recommend ½ gallon a minute. Change of regime within Health Department		
G. Ways & Means: Chair: Troy Fosberg: Wine mixer (meet and greet) last week of August. Country Fair Booth Game: Chicken poop game. Need all members to take a shift at the booth. Sept 22		
H. Disaster Planning: Chair: Gary Hebdon: Absent		
I. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: HSR Update from School Board legal team: They are looking to recommend SR14 Hybrid. Discussing what stance to take and evaluating coordinated community legal action. HS gym removal: Looking for free removal and turning material in for scrap. Bonding requires removal of foundation. Sealed bids were compromised, so process is being re-bid. Hoping to start construction by end of 2012. Construction of new campus is scheduled for 18 months; on schedule for opening 2014-2015 School year. On June 25 th High Desert School was honored by Buck McKeon as a “School to Watch.” VHS Graduation was June 19 th .		

J. Acton Town Council Liaison: Scott Griffin: Absent		
6. Other Business		
COMMUNITY MEETING:		
7. Call to order by President DH at 7:04: Pledge of Allegiance let by Matt Wooten (MW)		
8. President's Report		
A. Incoming Correspondence for Action: NONE		
B. Incoming Correspondence for Community Notice and Announcement: NONE		
9. Agency Reports		
A. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Burton: CHP is working on education with Gentle Barn. Caltrans work continues on SR14. Stats for June: 14 traffic collisions-no fatalities, 9 injury involved, 5 property damage, 2 DUI traffic collisions, 1 hit and run, 1 possession of cocaine. Sizable amount of DUI arrests area-wide during holiday period. Officer Burton has been selected by the CHP Southern Division Headquarters Training Unit becoming a trainer. This is his last meeting with us. Replacement will be from COPS team.		
B. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: June stats: 7 reports, 2 grand theft, 1 felony vandalism, 1 vehicle repossessed, 1 noncriminal elder abuse, 1 burglary residence, 1 non-criminal suspicious circumstances. Sierra Vallejo area had 2 grand thefts.		
C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: Absent		
D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Darcy Hastings: Absent		
10. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman August 1 Frank Vargus will be replacing CHP Officer Burton. To report an accident call 323-982-4945 Direct number to CHP dispatch. Construction has resumed at Vasquez Rocks on July 10 th . Migrating nesting birds are gone. LA County Parks Department is hosting a Trail Assessment meeting of Placerita Canyon and Vasquez Rocks, meeting at 6:00 at Hart Park in Newhall. User groups (hikers, bikers, equestrians) will be there and there may be implications County-wide. Public Works proposed tax for Polluted runoff throughout the County. "Prop 218 vote." Mail in ballot only. No vote at a general election. Prop 218 is for lighting assessment, landscape maintenance districts, etc. When raising fees (taxes), only the majority of those responding is what carries the vote. LA County Commercial trash franchise agreement: Information presented at previous meeting was incorrect. All residential bins are included. Residents can and should negotiate. All contracts can be voided. 90 day notice required. Ask for breakdown of fees. Meeting with RW and Sleepy Valley residents and Public Works regarding options for Sierra Highway Safety for slowing speed in their neighborhood. Good brainstorming session with exchange of options. Thank you RW for facilitating. Feedback form available on website. Encouraged all residents to submit feedback. Consultant wants to evaluate all feedback from residents. Will be accepting feedback though August 1, 2012. Email to: gugonza@dpw.lacounty.gov		
11. Notices of Public Hearing from Administrative Meeting: NONE		
12. Committee Highlights from Administrative Meeting A. Parks and Trails: Chair: Mary Johnson: July 12, 2012, Hart Park, discussion of proposed usage changes to Placerita Canyon's Canyon Trail and Vasquez Rocks' Heritage Trail. Multi-use non-motorized or hiker and equestrian only.		

13. Presentations/Discussions		
A. Department of Veteran's Affairs: Norman Andrew: Absent-Will remove from future agendas until he reschedules		
14. High Speed Rail Update: Scott Griffin: Absent		
15. Open Forum: No public comment		
16. Announcements: Thank you to Supervisor Antonovich for his generous donation of \$1,000 to the Agua Dulce Women's Club for Casino Night. Money will to toward their building fund.		
17. Unfinished Business: None		
18. New Business: None		
19. Future Agenda Items: James Chon of Public Works: Discussion on Sleepy Valley area Sierra Highway options for reduction in speed based on concentration of residents and businesses		
20. MSP: Move to Adjourn Time: 7:54	M: EP S: MW	6-0-0

Respectfully submitted: Mary Johnson, Secretary
APPROVED: August 8, 2012