

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, August 8, 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), Treasurer: Scott Griffin (SG), Clerk: Troy Fosberg (TF), Lou Vince (LV), Matt Wooten (MW)

Council Members Absent: Ed Porter (EP)

Community Members: About 17 community members in attendance

TOPIC: DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:		
1. Call to order: 6:06 PM		
2. MSP: Approval of Agenda adding Congressman Buck McKeon Presentation, BRRTP, CalFire Fire Prevention Fee, and Kathleen Trinity of Acton for Item 14. High Speed Rail	M: SG S: TF	6-0-0
3. MSP: Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 11, 2012 as submitted	M: LV S: MW	5-0-1(SG)
4. Council Reports		
A. President Report: Don Henry		
1). General		
2). Incoming Correspondence		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action: See Community Meeting		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice: See Community Meeting		
3). Outgoing Correspondence: None		
4). Notice of Public Hearing: Proposal amending Countywide Ordinance to allow Secondhand Retail Stores in Zone C-2 Regional Planning Commission, Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. In Room 150, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA Notice of Public Hearing available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/ord_secondhand_hearing-notice.pdf Case materials are available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/view/secondhand_store_ordinance Written comments may be sent to Ms. Alyson Stewart at: astewart@planning.lacounty.gov or by USPS at: 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 For consideration by Commissioners, comments must be received by August 21, 2012		
B. Secretary Report: Mary Johnson		
1). Secretary Statement of Destruction of Old Election Committee Ballot Materials.		

2). "Donate" Button to be added to ADTC website for secure transactions via PayPal: Will be functioning within the next few days		
C. Treasurer Report: Scott Griffin		
1). Balance: \$343.48		
Opening of nonprofit business checking account with Antelope Valley Bank in Acton. Chase account can't be closed because CA Secretary of State has not cashed last check. PayPal account linked to Antelope Valley Bank. Once account has been verified, we can add the "donate" button to website.		
2). Approval of Invoices: None		
D. High Speed Rail Update: Scott Griffin: see community meeting		
E. Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC): Matt Wooten: summer break		
F. Other:		
5. Committee Reports		
A. CSD Revision: Co-Chairs: Lorene Cangiano and Mary Johnson: County Counsel still working on final language		
B. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie: We have not heard from Committee. MJ will contact Lorna Leslie asking about details of upcoming election, committee members, and timeline		
1). Financial Report		
C. Film: Chair: Lou Vince: Nothing to report		
D. Land Use: Chair: Ed Porter: absent		
E. Parks and Trails: Chair: Mary Johnson		
1). Report on Los Angeles County Parks Department meeting on proposed usage changes to trails at Placerita Canyon Natural Area and Vasquez Rocks Natural Area. Trail assessment report recommendation is to allow mountain bikes on Canyon Trail in Placerita Canyon and NOT allow mountain bikes on Heritage Trail at Vasquez Rocks. Final determination rests with the County taking into consideration the report, staffing, budget, priority, and environment.		
2). Vasquez Rocks Interpretive Center Public Art Sculpture Artmaking Workshop, August 18-19, 9:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. Registration required. Contact: jenna@emanate or 323-913-0915 Docents will be doing a lunchtime program.		
F. Water Stewardship: Chair: Don Henry TAC meeting last month topic of lowering well yield minimum requirement. DH gave presentation on domestic water usage. 3 major cruise lines daily usage per day per person 56-66 gallons per person per day. Health Dept agreed, but wouldn't make any change to policy. However, they may allow individuals to petition with stats if they have ½ gallon per minute and an engineer statement that water source is stable. Policy has not changed, but they will review it. Ken Murray retired last week. Hopefully his replacement will follow in that direction.		

<p>6:50 – 7:45 PM Special Guest Speaker: Congressman Buck McKeon: What's happening in Washington, DC. Chairman of armed services committee. Spoke about the severe budget cuts for defense and the fallout from “sequestration” which will kick in January 2, 2013. Forced downsizing of defense personnel, equipment, education, etc. CEMEX: Has contract with BLM to mine 58 million tons of aggregate over 20 years off Soledad Canyon Rd. City of Santa Clarita has spent over \$10 million fighting the mining. 5-6 years ago, the Congressman worked with the city and Cemex to have a truce from the fighting. Concurrently, the Congressman introduced legislation that would involve a land swap with Victorville during previous sessions of Congress, but nothing got passed. Republicans established rules for the House after the 2010 elections. Voted to have no “earmarks” attached to any bills. Senator Boxer has introduced a similar bill, but no hearing has been set. Currently he is working on getting Cemex, BLM, and city of Santa Clarita together for a town hall meeting. Mitigation is in place for many of the environmental issues. High Speed Rail: CA does not have the money to make it happen. He is at the front of the line fighting with us. Introduced staff: Morris Thomas—District Director and J.D. Kennedy—Field Representative for AV and Veterans Affairs He will consider debate with democratic opponent, Lee Rogers Websites: www.mckeon.house.gov www.buckmckeon.com http://armedservices.house.gov/</p>		
<p>G. Ways & Means: Chair: Troy Fosberg 1). Country Fair: Would like commitment of 45 minutes per Council Member with some kind of game: Sept 22 Split with Women's Club. Game and get to know Council members. Chicken poop game, pie throwing, Troy needs game ideas for next meeting. 4-7:30 Agua Dulce Airport Community Fundraiser with some proceeds to ADTC: Sept 23 Looking for some volunteer time from the Council members.</p>		
<p>H. Disaster Planning: Chair: Gary Hebdon: Absent</p>		
<p>I. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Absent</p>		
<p>J. Acton Town Council Liaison: Scott Griffin: Nothing to Report</p>		
<p>6. Other Business: None</p>		
<p>COMMUNITY MEETING:</p>		
<p>7. Call to order: 7:50 PM Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Griffin</p>		
<p>8. President's Report</p>		
<p>A. Incoming Correspondence for Action:</p>		
<p>1). Land Sea Air: Agua Dulce Airport Permit Agenda Requirement for second half of 2012 MSP: Move to reply with standard draft response with correction of the date</p>	<p>M: MW S: LV</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>B. Incoming Correspondence for Community Notice and Announcement:</p>		
<p>1). Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project: Final EIS/EIR has been released and available for review at www.ladwp.com/barrenridge The Environmentally Superior Alternative and Federal Agency Preferred Alternative is Alternative 2, the Proposed Action. This project location does NOT impact the community of Agua Dulce.</p>		
<p>9. Agency Reports</p>		
<p>A. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Christopher Proper introduced Officer Vargus our new COPS rep: June:</p>		

<p>18 traffic collisions, 0 fatal 3 dui, July: 19 traffic collisions, 1 fatal (motorcycle), 3 dui SR 14 from 5 to Avenue H: DUI enforcement in Phase 2 19 car pile up SR 14 last month: no fatalities Canyon Country report of defunct police agency officer impersonating a peace officer.</p>		
<p>B. Los Angeles County Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: 14 reports: 3 burglaries, 1 grand theft, 3 grand theft vehicle (parolee—same guy), 1 misdemeanor vandalism, 1 suspected child abuse, 1 lost/recovered property, 1 suspicious circumstance, 1 mentally ill, 2 vehicles repossessed, 1 stolen license plate Current scam in AV: workers in uniform of alarm company. They indicate they are checking on false alarm of security company trying to gain entry into home. Check for photo ID</p>		
<p>C. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: absent</p>		
<p>D. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Darcy Hastings: Hard copies of BR RTP EIS/EIR available at library. Continuing adult education classes available on line. Distributed County of LA Emergency Survival Guide. More copies available at library.</p>		
<p>10. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Absent</p>		
<p>11. Notices of Public Hearing from Administrative Meeting: Proposal amending Countywide Ordinance to allow Secondhand Retail Stores in Zone C-2 Regional Planning Commission, Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. In Room 150, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA Notice of Public Hearing available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/ord_secondhand_hearing-notice.pdf Case materials are available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/view/secondhand_store_ordinance Written comments may be sent to Ms. Alyson Steward at: astewart@planning.lacounty.gov or by USPS at: 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 For consideration by Commissioners, comments must be received by August 21, 2012</p>		
<p>12. Committee Highlights from Administrative Meeting</p>		
<p>A. Parks and Trails: See Administrative Meeting Item 5.E.1. and 2.</p>		
<p>B. Water Stewardship: See Administrative Meeting Item 5.F.</p>		
<p>13. Presentations/Discussions</p>		
<p>A. Los Angeles County Department of Animal Control Proposed Changes to Los Angeles County Code for Roosters and Pot-Bellied Pigs 1). Roosters: Limits number of roosters allowed, requires containment in an acoustical structure between sunset and sunrise, and requires an animal facility license of \$100 2). Pot-Bellied Pigs: Limits number of pigs and adds requirements for keeping and breeding of pygmy pigs To view Animal Control's proposed changes on line: http://www.adtowncouncil.com/pdf/7-24-12AnimalControlRooster-PygmyFees.pdf Community Input: Fee is actually a tax, getting paperwork verifying pygmy pigs are spayed or neutered becomes a burden, worried about seizure of unlicensed animals. Because we live in a rural area, we take in abandoned pigs who would otherwise be destroyed. Requiring an annual Animal Facility License for those with more than 2 pigs is punitive to responsible pet owners. Roosters: The additional proposed requirements won't do anything to eliminate cockfighting.</p>		

<p>The requirement of separate acoustical structures for each rooster is an excessive and unnecessary requirement for agricultural zoning in a rural setting. These requirements will not enhance animal welfare nor public safety. Community members in attendance were polled and no one was supportive of the proposed changes. Rescues fall under a different category. Ordinance wording is confusing.</p> <p>MSP: Move to write a letter to Supervisor Antonovich indicating we discussed the proposed changes in detail and the overall consensus of the community members in attendance were not in favor of any of the proposed changes for roosters and pygmy pigs and did not want any more restrictions and/or additional fees.</p> <p>B. CalFire Fire Prevention Fee: \$150 with \$35 discount for those within the boundaries of a local fire protection agency. CalFire drew up maps indicating "State Responsibility Area (SRA) described as area of the State of CA that does not include lands within city boundaries or in federal ownership. More info from Assemblyman Jeff Gorell's office. Double taxation.</p>	<p>M: MJ S: SG</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>14. High Speed Rail Update: Scott Griffin: Kathleen Trinity of Red Rover Mine Road Area banded together(about 27 homes). HSR may be taking out 9 or 10 homes. Need to be aware of the massive size of this project. New organization is called Canyons and Valleys of Acton and Agua Dulce. Hiring an attorney to address community concerns and the EIR. EIR is due to come out by end of year. Blended route from supervisor's office—no response yet. Citizens for California High Speed Rail Accountability (CCHSRA) will host a free educational and informational workshop concerning the proposed Fresno-Bakersfield section of the California High-Speed Rail at First Baptist Church of Hanford from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 25th. http://www.cchsra.org/ We have not heard from Supervisor's Office about our letter to him regarding his proposed "blended" route. Need to follow up</p>		
<p>15. Open Forum: None</p>		
<p>16. Announcements: None</p>		
<p>17. Unfinished Business: None</p>		
<p>18. New Business: None</p>		
<p>19. Future Agenda Items: Discussion on Sleepy Valley area Sierra Highway options for reduction in speed based on concentration of residents and business REMOVE HSR Blended Route—info from Sup Antonovich office</p>		
<p>20. MSP: Move to Adjourn Time: 9:10 PM</p>	<p>M: SG S: TF</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>

Respectfully submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC 2012 Secretary

APPROVED: 9-12-12