

**AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 11, 2013 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: Troy Fosberg (TF), Ed Porter (EP), Lou Vince (LV)

**Council Members Absent:** Clerk: Scott Keller (SK), Matt Wooten (MW)

**Community Members:** About 10 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/DECISION
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:17 PM</b>		
1. Call to order at		
2. <b>MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted</b>	<b>M: EP S: LV</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>
3. <b>MSP: Move to Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 10, 2013 as submitted Meeting of August 14, 2013 cancelled.</b>	<b>M: LV S: EP</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General: Nothing to report		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence: None		
b. Secretary Report: Nothing to report		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1291.37 after payment to eSolutions of \$17.00 for domain name renewal		
ii. Approval of Invoices: Determination of website web hosting fees <b>MSP: Move to approved Draft Letter to eSolutions as submitted disputing web hosting fees.</b>	<b>M: DH S: TF</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>
iii. AV Bank changing authorized signatures		
iv. Banking options: Need to go into bank and request the fees be waived		<b>TF to contact bank</b>
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: No Report MJ to attend Sept meeting.		
e. Other: CSD Update. CSD was presented to Airport Land Use Commission (Regional Planning Commission) since there is an airport within the boundaries. MJ discovered a couple of items missing from the document. According to Mitch Glazer of Regional Planning, the omissions were an oversight.		
5. Other Business		
<b>COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 7:00 PM</b>		
6. Call to order: Pledge of Allegiance: Flag Salute led by EP, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of 9-11 victims		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargus July Statistics: Collisions: 27, 15 with injuries; 3 DUI, 1 DUI with injury. Arrests: 12 DUI, 1 felony hit and run		

<p>involving bicycle  August Statistics: Collisions: 31, 12 with injuries; 3 DUI, 1 with injury. Arrests: 14 DUI, 1 felony DUI collision with major injuries.  Citations: July: 65 on Sierra Highway, 11 on Soledad Canyon, 32 other areas  Country Fair Parade Traffic Control: 6 volunteers, 2 officers working with Officer Vargus  Distribution of Publications: Senior Drivers, Young Drivers, Aggressive Drivers</p>		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: Absent		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: Absent		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey: New Hours starting in September based on community feedback: Monday-Saturday opening at 10 AM, Mondays and Tuesdays open until 8 PM. Outreach to local groups and events. Distribution of upcoming programs. Fundraisers for Friends of Library: Trivia Night-Saturday, Sept 28 6:30 PM, Used Book Sale, Oct 25, 26, 27, Parking Lot Junk in the Trunk Sale, Oct 27.		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Absent		
9. President's Report		
a. Incoming Correspondence for Action		
i. Land Sea Air: Agua Dulce Airport condition requirement for agenda <b>MSP: Move to send standard reply indicating the Council will not initiate agendizing the AD Airport</b>	<b>M: MJ S: EP</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>
ii. California Bank & Trust notice of monthly maintenance fees starting September 13, 2013: TF to investigate		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice		
i. State Farm Liability Insurance changes in policy language		
c. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings: Notice of Public Hearing concerning the revision of the Housing Element of the General Plan, October 9, 2013, Room 150, Hall of Records, 320 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012		
10. Presentations/Discussions		
a. Umbria Estates: Michael Lafferty of Lafferty Development & Jeannine Giem of Hunsaker & Associates Update the status of Tentative Map #70758: 70 acre/30 lot residential development adjacent to Agua Dulce Airport. Last presented to ADTC 3 years ago and hosted a grass roots community meeting. Project is still alive. Requirement of 2 wells; one existing well could not be used because it does not have a seal at the required depth. A second existing well produces 150 gpm. A third well was drilled that produces 53 gpm. The wells exceed the water yield and water quality. Entrance off Agua Dulce Canyon Rd. Net 2 acre lots, gated. Fulfilled Health Dept. requirements for water. Mutual water company for project has been established, HOA will take over water distribution. Water company will serve only the 30 home owners. Construction dust will be mitigated based on LA County requirements. Water conservation efforts include desert plants and proper plumbing receptacles. Individual septic systems have been approved by Public Health. As a solar contractor, Mr. Lafferty intends to use a solar plan to power infrastructure. All lots will be 2 acres net. Project is now going to allow horses. HOA will allow horses with strict guidelines. Previously, the project would prohibit horses. The community voiced their concerns about the prohibition, and the project has been changed to allow horses. There will be trails within the project, but streets will be gated. The public will not have access to the internal trails. As the project moves through the approval process, Mr. Lafferty requested support of the project and a letter of recommendation. Ms. Giem clarified the County does not require Council approval; they just want to know that the project was presented to the Council. Mr. Lafferty requests the approval letter. DH explained that in order to obtain community input, the project needs to be agendized for a future meeting so community members can attend the meeting and comment on the		

<p>project. Because the project has changed, the Council needs to again seek community input. Project will be agendized for October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Comments: desert landscaping needs to be a priority, allowing horses is a good step, dust control, and water conservation is necessary. Custom homes will be built by Mr. Lafferty</p>		
<p>11. Committee Reports</p>		
<p>a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: No report</p>		
<p>b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Lorene Cangiano: See Item 4.e.</p>		
<p>c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie</p>		
<p>i. Declaration of incumbents</p>		
<p>ii. Timeline: Applications and fee must be in by Sept 21. Candidate verification on Sept 26</p>		
<p>d. Film: Lou Vince: Nothing to report</p>		
<p>e. Land Use: Ed Porter: 30 listings, 38 average days on market, 18% above 2012 prices, \$580,000 is average price of home on market; at height of market the average price was \$790,000. Assessor is accepting appeals on assessed values. Interest rates are rising. Percent of foreclosed homes on the market has decreased,</p>		
<p>f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Animal Control proposed ordinance relating to horse keeping. See Item 14.c. The proposed ordinance is referencing a UC Davis document that was developed as a teaching tool for animal control officers—not a document to be adopted into County Code.</p>		
<p>g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry</p>		
<p>i. Hauled Water</p>		
<p>ii. TAC Health Dept: Report from Health Dept scheduled for the November ADTC meeting.</p>		
<p>h. Ways &amp; Means: Troy Fosberg: Nothing to report</p>		
<p>i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Absent</p>		
<p>j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Enrollment in AADUSD is declining. In 2005 district had 2600 students. Today, there are only 1188 students. At the AD Elementary: in 2005 there were 16 teachers and 327 students. Today, there are only 135 students with 4 teachers. If student population falls below 900 students, the district could go into receivership—all students will be absorbed by other districts. Current estimates show 2200 student population in district. The Board is looking to create loyalty and sense of community to the district. AADUSD is sponsoring the highly regarded Albert Einstein Academy. For 2013-2014, they had 1300 applicants for 600 spots. City of SC halted construction on their building. AADUSD is allowing AEA to use vacant classrooms for K-2 at AD Elementary. Acton School is housing 3-6. Acton School has existing non-conforming DSA conditions, but that works for Charter Schools that only have to adhere to local building codes. Charter Schools don't usually take ESL students or special education students. The public school is required to provide access to all students. AADUSD is collecting rent from AEA for use of classrooms. AEA in Santa Clarita should be completed by end of 2013. Then all AEA students will attend the school in Santa Clarita. 2014-2015 AEA will have a dependent Charter School on the AD Elementary campus. One board position is open. Balance of term is 2 years. Board will appoint someone to that position. EP distributed a letter from LA County indicating no election will be held because 3 terms are expired and 3 candidates filed to run. A "Notice of Cancellation of Election" was issued. ADTC will use that as a guideline to revise bylaws.</p>		
<p>k. Acton Town Council Liaison:</p>		
<p>l. Other</p>		
<p>12. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin August 16, Sacramento Superior court ruled the HSRA abused its discretion by approving a funding plan that does not comply with requirements of the law. CA Legislature has appropriated \$1 Billion for first test section of 30 miles from Fresno to Madera. Prop 1A requires HSRA to identify and build initial operation section, Bakersfield to Merced-130 miles.</p>		

Trains must operate and carry passengers. This will cost \$26 Billion. HSRA has not identified the source of that money. Remedies are to be presented by HSRA. The second part of lawsuit will be heard later and explores the legality of HSRA meeting the requirements outlined in Prop 1A without subsidies. Draft EIR is anticipated to be released prior to the end of 2013.		
13. Open Forum Sierra Highway speed related accidents near Johnson Road September 21 Agua Dulce Parade and Fair—Come One Come All		
14. Announcements		
a. Last day for withdrawal of candidates for ADTC November election: <b>September 21, 2013</b>		
b. ADTC Election Committee Verification of Candidates: <b>September 26, 2013</b>		
c. Animal Control Community meeting regarding proposed ordinance relating to Horse Keeping: <b>October 1, 2013, 6:00 PM, William S Hart Regional Park-Hart Hall, 24151 Newhall Avenue, Newhall, CA 91321</b>		
d. Next regular ADTC meeting: <b>October 9, 2013</b>		
e. Last day for ADTC Election Committee receipt of absentee ballot application: <b>October 22, 2013</b>		
f. Candidate Forum: TBD		
g. Election Day: <b>November 5, 2013</b>		
15. Unfinished Business		
a. Sierra Highway AT&T cell tower: parties are working toward a different location that is acceptable to all.		
16. New Business		
17. Future Agenda Items:		
a. October: Sierra Highway Road Safety Audit, Umbria Estates looking for support of project and letter of recommendation to RPC.		
b. November: TAC Health Dept Update		
<b>18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:06 PM</b>	<b>M: MJ S: EP</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>

Respectfully submitted: Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2013

**APPROVED: October 9, 2013**