

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 9, 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), Treasurer: Troy Fosberg (TF), Clerk: Steve Cummings (SC) arrived at 6:45 PM, Ed Porter (EP), Lou Vince (LV)

Council Members Absent: Scott Keller (SK)

Community Members: About 10 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations		
1. Call to order at 6:40 PM		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: EP S: TF	5-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 8, 2015 as submitted	M: LV S: EP	5-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report		
i. General:		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence: None		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: See Community Meeting, Item 10.a, b., c., and d.		
iv. Miscellaneous Incoming & Webmail:		
1. Permitted additions		
2. Public Works increases speed limit on Agua Dulce Canyon Road to 40 mph between Darling Road and Escondido Canyon Road: Not sure how this happened. ADTC was not involved. MSP: Move to have SC to contact LA County signage to investigate and report back.	M: EP S: MJ	6-0-0
3. Animal Facility community comments (2)		
4. LA County Draft General Plan (March 2015) Juniper Woodland identified as a rare woodland in need of conservation. Check with RW		
b. Secretary Report:		
i. Insurance Policy Declarations		
ii. Close out of Antelope Valley Bank account. Funds transferred to Union Bank. No fee checking. Paypal account has been updated. MJ to donate the \$100 used to set up the initial account.		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1,767.34		
ii. Union Bank closes branch on Soledad October 30, 2015. Newhall-Lyons Branch at 23620 Lyons Avenue		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: July 29, 2015 and August 26, 2015		
i. Tejon Ranch-Centennial		
ii. San Gabriel National Monument		
iii. Animal Facility Ordinance Update		
e. Other: Declaration of Incumbents for re-election: Members whose terms are up in December 2015 are Steve Cummings, Troy Fosberg, Mary Johnson, and Lou Vince. Troy Fosberg, Mary Johnson, and Lou Vince declared they will re-run.		

5. Other Business: ADTC participation in the Agua Dulce Parade: TF offered the use of his Camaro. SC is participating in his own entry. LV is judging the horse entries. He may join us.		
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations		
6. Call to order at 7:10 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargas: Absent		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short: August stats: 20 incidents: 3 vehicle thefts, miscellaneous felony, found license plates, 1 burglary, 1 suicide attempt, 2 telephone annoyances, 2 fraud, 1 assault, 1 recovered property, 1 misdemeanor boating law for unlicensed driver, 1 mentally ill, 4 stolen motorcycles and parts from an rv from storage facility, 1 petty theft. Soledad campground area is where most theft reports are generated. Sierra highway accident-car vs. horse.		
c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English: August stats: 5 mobile property, 20 EMS, 1 haz mat, 6 good intent, 6 false alarms, 38 total calls. Ready Set Go.		
d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian John Elford: 400 participants in the summer programs. Announcement of September programs. Red Cross blood drive in December.		
8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Absent		
9. Presentations/Discussions		
10. President's Report		
a. General:		
i. Cemex: BLM terminates Cemex mining contracts. Appeals and legal recourse. MJ to invite Andy Fried to a future meeting to discuss what happens now.		
b. Incoming Correspondence for Action:		
c. Incoming Correspondence for Notice:		
i. California High Speed Rail: City of Santa Clarita unanimously supports only fully underground alignments for Palmdale to Burbank section.		
ii. Acton Town Council responds to Acton/Agua Dulce Community Resiliency Coalition: Proposes the coalition form an independent 501(c)3 tax exempt organization and outlines their proposal on Board of Directors formation. Mike Hughes from Acton Town Council was in attendance and stated they want to have board members appointed: 2 appointed by each the Acton and Agua Dulce Town Councils and then those 4 appoint 2 more people. ADTC has concerns of volunteer alienation if an independent group takes over. There are over 20 members of Coalition that have been working together over the last 3 years. Any decisions, elections, appointments should come from within that group. The longevity and sustainability of the group lies within the group. The Coalition should be an integral part of the decision of the structure of the continued Coalition. Acton TC proposed the structure to be by appointment not from within the Coalition. A member of the Coalition was in attendance and was not aware of any discussion of the idea of any change to the structure of the Coalition. ADTC wants the Coalition to reach a consensus on how to proceed. We want Gary Hebdon, as ADTC representative of the founding Coalition, to discuss the continued Coalition structure with the current Coalition volunteers and propose a structure for longevity and sustainability.		
d. 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): September 30,9:00 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		
1. Update and revised draft ordinance from Regional Planning		
2. Information from Animal Care and Control: Carlos Pineda (business license division) and Lt. Palafox. Working on revised complaint process. Revisions should come out within 12 months. Additional restrictions for commercial breeders were not accepted because County Counsel ruled the restrictions unconstitutional. No pending new applications. Most applicants are keenly aware of neighbor issues.		
3. Community Comments: There are thousands of animals euthanized every year, why allow any high volume breeders? EVAC plans? Questions regarding our CSD maximum of 6 dogs vs. the high numbers Animal Control allows. Regional Planning to develop a CUP process and lower numbers. Person pets vs. a lucrative business. CUP requirement. Maximum number of animal facilities in a certain area. MJ: The latest draft version of ordinance has removed all reference to the numbers of animals allowed from the ordinance. Currently LACC allows breeding only on M-1. Regional Planning is trying to bring Title 22 into alignment with Title 10. Instead of changing Title 22, Animal Control needs to abide by Title 22 land uses. Breeding needs to be excluded from all land uses except M-1. Just because Animal Control has issued breeding facilities on A-2, that doesn't make it correct, and they should stop allowing that use. DH: CUP requirement will allow the public and neighbors input for additional conditions. The Breeders Association has really lobbied to get this change executed. Off topic: MJ stated that our CSD allows 6 dogs and residents have problems licensing any more than 3.		
4. ADTC community comments to be sent. MSP: Move to send letter to Regional Planning outlining community comments in opposition to the draft ordinance language.	M: SC S: EP	6-0-0
5. ADTC representative to attend hearing and convey community concerns and issues MJ to attend		
11. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin:		
a. Coalition Against High-Speed Rail planning and strategy meeting September 14, 2015 at Acton Library, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM: DH to attend		
12. Committee Reports		
a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Amended bylaws distributed and posted on website		
b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Scott Keller:		
c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie: absent		
i. Election materials for storage		
d. Film: Steve Cummings: Nothing to report		
e. Land Use: Ed Porter: Nothing to report		
f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Vasquez Rocks Local History Series, September 26, 2015, 2:00-4:00 PM, Interpretive Center		
g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: nothing to report		
h. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: nothing to report		
i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: absent		
j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Dedication ceremony. Classes started on Sept 8 th . Phase 1 is finished. With matching funds available, gym will be completed next year. Good financial decisions have translated into a healthy budget and the ability to recruit good quality teachers.		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison: Lillian Smith: Mike Hughes: Animal Facility Ordinance, CHSRA board visit in September, Taco Bell, Elections, CHSRA Hanford case will go to court in February.		
l. Other:		
13. Open Forum: Kathleen Trinity: masses of people need to attend the animal facility		
14. Announcements		

a. Antelope Valley Mattress/Box Spring Recycling Event: September 12, 2015, 17341 East Avenue J, Lake Los Angeles		
b. Agua Dulce Parade and Country Fair: September 19, 2015 Parade starts at 4:00 PM followed by Country Fair at AD Women's Club		
c. Vasquez Rocks Local History Series, September 26, 2015, 2:00-4:00 PM, Interpretive Center		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: September 30, 2015, 7:00 PM, Fire Station 129, 42110 6 th St West, Lancaster, CA		
e. Next regular ADTC meeting: October 14, 2015		
15. Unfinished Business: None		
16. New Business: None		
17. Future Agenda Items: Cemex Andy Fried		
18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:07 PM	M: SC S: EP	6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2015
APPROVED: October 14, 2015

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