

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 10, 2010 MINUTES

Agua Dulce Women's Club

33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, CA

Council Members Present: Don Henry (DH) -President, Lianne Swanson (LS) -Secretary, David Aiello (DA) -Treasurer, Annette Fortuna (AF), Lorene Cangiano (LC), Alan DiFatta (AD), Donal MacAdam (DM)

Council Members Absent: Community Members: About 10 people in attendance

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING: Regular Council Operations: 6:00 PM

	Motions	Decision
1. Call to order: 18:07 by DH		
2. Agenda: Approval of Agenda: Correction: create 11 and 11A (Lafferty)	M:LC S:DA	7-0-0
3. MSP: Move to accept agenda with changes		
4. Minutes: Approval of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2010 Regular Meeting: MSP: Move to approve as corrected	M:DA S: AD	7-0-0
Council Reports		
5. President's Report		
Incoming Correspondence		
a. CUP Hearing March 10 th RV Storage, Davenport Rd – discussion, notification only, may be out of our area, industrial zoned, expansion. Mitigated neg dec. No action taken.		
b. High Speed Rail Authority Stakeholder Working Group, meeting on 16 th at Sports Complex. Calif voters passed as proposition. LA- SF then to Vegas. Environmental review phase. Palmdale to Sylmar section. AF will attend.		
c. Board of Supervisors - SCE Transmission Project: Letter to Sups, working with ATC, no action. ARTC may decide to write letter of support for ATC. Barren Ridge comes right through Agua Dulce along existing corridor. TRTP runs Angeles Crest/Soledad route. Board of Sups retracted legal action. ARTC will draft letter, and we can poll community on their views.		
d. Don Henry TAC Approval letter –LA County Public health. 1 st meeting tomorrow at 10 am in Baldwin Park.		
e. Letter regarding Audra Strickland's AB1041. AF spoke to Samuel Chung (Capitol Director) in Audra's office. Bill was let die due to opposition by DHS and other opposition. They are trying to work on a new bill which must be filed by Feb 19 th . Discussion of subject. Mary Johnson said EH was concerned about construction/location of wells and suggested that would be fine to be in the bill. DH said a study was done proving septic systems not the cause of water pollution so no danger downstream. MSP: Moved we pull supporting materials and information for Audra Strickland's office to use, and the same package to other interested legislators and resources. S: DM, vote 7-0-0.	M: LC S: DM	7-0-0
6. Outgoing Correspondence		
a. AF did not receive copy of LSA letter. LS to re-send LSA letter to AF...		
7. Assoc of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) - AF attended recent meeting. EH cancelled being at the meeting due to new items submitted to them by BOS they needed to review. Motorsports park – there is an issue that ARTC sent a letter and the community said there was not adequate community input. Over the butte from the poppy hill in AV.		
8. Tax Exempt application process- No update		

9. Other: Lillian Smith getting a lot of water survey responses. Wells are not sustainable water because they vary. What is the difference if there is hauled water? Hauled water is very reliable.		
10. Secretary Report- no report		
11. Treasurer Report- Ending balance 5203.70 after 116.91 in expenses.		
12. Committee Reports		
a. Election Committee – Nothing reported		
b. Water Committee- Meeting/presentation by EH will not happen in March.		
c. Land Use/CSD Revision Committee - LC discussed issue with allowing 2 nd units - removed by County from CSD. We may need to focus on our property rights.		
d. Disaster Planning- Nothing reported		
e. Parks and Trails – Nothing reported		
f. Ways and Means- DA mentioned that he discussed getting a new slurry seal on Agua Dulce Cyn Rd from Escondido to Sierra Hwy County will be coming out to inspect road, and then will report.		
g. Charter/Bylaws-Nothing reported		
h. Film - Nothing reported		
i. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison- Superintendent is on leave, interim administrator in charge, district short of money to match our bond as District goes ahead with High School.		
13. Other business		
a. Agua Dulce Town Council Web Site and Survey discussion, Motion to create focus group consisting of AF, LC, LS to investigate ways to go.	M:LC S:AF	7-0-0
b. Consensus that ARTC Announcements should be presented in announcements area of 7 pm meeting.		
14. Adjournment of Administrative Meeting: Motion to Adjourn MSP: Motion to Adjourn Administrative meeting at 18:56 pm	M:DA S:AD	7-0-0
COMMUNITY MEETING: Reports and Presentations: 13:05 PM with approx 15 community members present		
15. Call to order—Pledge of Allegiance DA		
16. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/COPS Team: Officer Burton- Statewide last year fatalities went down. 12-hour shift change happening, shifts overlap. Jan - 19 traffic collisions, (4 injury, 4 DUI-related) 0 fatalities – numbers seem to be decreasing. Better driving habits. 12 hour shifts. Described COPS (community oriented policing) team--assists community in responding to traffic complaints, serving warrants, and also officer safety training, drug recognition expertise (DRE) martial arts, terrorism and gang threat assessment, active shooter training, etc. Large geographic area to cover, lots of different things the team does. 4 member of the team.		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy: Deputy Scott Short-evacuated Acton during storms due to FEMA order. 49 people contacted, only 1 did -minimal damage. 18 crime reports, include. 1 burglary, 4 grand thefts (boats, planes, private residences), shoplifting, 3 vandalism, 1 embezzlement. Please do not leave laptops, iPods, phones, etc on seat of car, especially unlocked car. Happening on paved roads.		

<p>c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English- no report.</p>		
<p>17. 5th District Report: Rosalind Wayman - Sat in 2-hr meeting with county task force on hauled water. Still many things in that report that Norm, Paul and Rosalind do not agree with. Water meetings in community will probably be a little later. Update on Vasquez Nature Center: details are with architects, drawings will come soon. Will find out about SCE transmission project updates.</p>		
<p>18. Committee Spotlights</p>		
<p>a. Water Committee: Water Committee – DH will have more to report after first meeting of TAC. Community Hauled Water presentation will not be March 24th, waiting to hear when County will be prepared to schedule this. County will be doing a postcard mailing to publicize meeting, and we may do banners/flyers (AF).</p>		
<p>b. Land Use/CSD Revision – purpose of CSD to allow community to have great codified input on how they would like to see their community built out (from Rosalind). CSD superseded County regulations in most cases. CSD has historically had second-units permitted in Agua Dulce. Mary Johnson will call Paul Novak to discuss whether CSD can continue to allow with historical community restrictions. Still on track for community meetings in March – outstanding issues in Trails and 2nd Unit regulations. In 2003 the County said no 2nd units in mountainous area or fire area unless a CUP is granted, and this applies to Agua Dulce. We want that option and we will fight that battle.</p>		
<p>19. Announcements</p>		
<p>a. DH thanked Lillian Smith for all her work on community concerns. b. Lillian discussed survey results, wants to discuss with Council using the responses to impress the community opinions upon Los Angeles County. Rosalind suggested tabulating and forwarding to the County under the auspices of the Town Council. They will continue to come in for the next few weeks.</p>		
<p>20. Lafferty Project: Umbria Estates, 30 unit residential development on 70 acres next to airport in Agua Dulce. Michael Lafferty and Jeanine Giem (Planner) presented the project, which is designed to be green in its approach, and to fit in with the community. 2 years in development. Update: Private streets, septic tanks approved, mutual water company formed, left turn lane SB on AD Cyn Rd, hydrology report submitted to County, Need to resubmit plans one more time, and would like our approval as well. Must redrill Well #1 and that is the delay in the project. Every home will have solar.</p>		
<p>21. Open Forum</p>		
<p>a. Concern expressed (Mary Johnson, audience members and councilmembers) about backbone trail connections through the Lafferty Project, which is a gated community. Also about the PCT and whether there is an access route.</p>		
<p>5. Lianne Swanson, Lorene Cangiano, and others expressed concern about building 30 residences where horse ownership is prohibited and introducing a block of 30 homes where no horse ownership is allowed and creating a block of voters who do not own horses. Concerned this could threaten the equestrian identity of the community.</p>		
<p>6. Dave Aiello asked about the change in proposed trails from</p>		

the first time Lafferty presented. It was a misstatement the first time, and could not be promised due to property restrictions.		
7. Scott Griffin asked a question about 2 acres with no horses..what will fill the space?		
8. Tana Lampton, 32-year resident of Agua Dulce, asked about the RV storage CUP. She expressed concern about the danger of ingress and egress there on Davenport.		
9. Anna Frutos-Sanchez from SCE – SCE has informational classes in solar March 30 th 6:30 pm, brought brochures.		
22. Unfinished Business		
a. Gary Hebdon asked Scott Short to give report, Bank acct unchanged, same board re-elected, working on getting people certified on Ham Radio.		
23. New Business		
a. Dave Aiello discussed picking up trash under the freeway, suggested trash bins under the underpass		
24. Future Agenda Items		
a. Disney Golden Oak Studio Presentation - March		
b. Continuing Dialog with EH		
c. Report from Focus Group on Website		
25. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Meeting MSP 20:27	M:LC S:AD	7-0-0