

AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2014 APPROVED MINTUES

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), Scott Keller (SK), **Ed Porter (EP) arrived at 6:35 PM**

Council Members Absent: Lou Vince (LV)

Community Members: About 20 community members in attendance

TOPIC/DISCUSSION	MOTION	RESULT/ DECISION
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:		
1. Call to order at: 6:28 PM		
2. MSP: Move to Approve Agenda as submitted	M: SK S: SC	5-0-0
3. MSP: Move to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 11, 2013 as submitted	M: TF S: SK	5-0-0
4. Council Reports:		
a. President Report: Nothing to report		
i. General		
ii. Outgoing Correspondence:		
iii. Incoming Correspondence: Miscellaneous		
1. Wind energy regulations (Mr. Dongchul)		
b. Secretary Report: Nothing to report		
c. Treasurer's Report		
i. Balance: \$1,128.22 (\$6.99 reimbursement to MJ for SC name plate)		
ii. AV Bank electronic statements/service charges?		
d. Association of Rural Town Councils: Dark until January 29, 2014: TF to attend		
e. Other: Inventory of ADTC supplies by SC. Documents to be scanned or stored? Items were discussed and status was determined.		
5. Other Business: None		
COMMUNITY MEETING:		
6. Call to order at 7:04 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute led by EP		
7. Agency Reports		
a. California Highway Patrol/Cops Team: Officer Vargus Dec 2013 Stats: Collisions-30, 10 with injury, 6 DUI related (1 with injuries). Arrests: DUI-11, misdemeanor: 1 drug paraphernalia, 1 public intoxication. Felony: 2 stolen vehicles. New patrol vehicle-Ford Explorer New Year Holiday: 0 collisions, 0 DUI.		
b. Los Angeles County Sheriff Resident Deputy: Deputy Scott Short Unofficial Dec Stats: 3 reports: 1 burglary, 1 misdemeanor traffic offense, 1 lost or found property item. Golf carts not allowed on public roads. 3 rescue call outs. 1 at Vasquez Rocks. Dividing line between Palmdale and Santa Clarita Sheriff's Department areas of coverage is a straight line from LeChene south to the Soledad Tunnel.		

<p>c. Los Angeles County Fire Dept/Community Service Rep: Stephanie English Stats: Not Available Super Scoopers extended thru January 15. Los Angeles County Fire Department Division 3 Facebook page has current info. Kudos to Gary Hebdon of the AD Disaster Planning Committee for his work with the local Resiliency Coalition Committee.</p>		
<p>d. Acton-Agua Dulce Library: Librarian Valerie Bailey Announcements of upcoming programs.</p>		
<p>8. Fifth District Report: Rosalind Wayman: Sheriff Baca resigned effective end of January. BOS will appoint an interim chief in the next 6 to 9 weeks. Welfare fraud. Credit rating increased from AA to AA+. Voting system...working on getting it upgraded. Currently can only accommodate ballots 12 pages or less. Disney Ranch moving forward. Cross is being put back on the mission on the county seal.</p>		
<p>9. President's Report</p>		
<p>a. Incoming Correspondence for Action: American Towers LLC new communications tower facility at 6805 Sierra Highway, Agua Dulce—Impact of any historic places and/or archaeologically sensitive sites. MSP: Move to send a reply copying RP staff that ADTC does not have any determination in historical and/or archeologically sensitive sites. The site is in unincorporated Los Angeles County and to contact the proper agency within LA County.</p>	<p>M: MJ S: SC</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>
<p>b. Incoming Correspondence for Notice: Santa Clara Divide Road Hazard Tree Removal Project (See ADTC website "Updates" for details.</p>		
<p>c. Notice of Public Hearing/Community Meetings: None</p>		
<p>10. Presentations/Discussions</p>		
<p>a. Umbria Estates:</p>		
<p>i. Michael Lafferty of Lafferty Development & Jeannine Giem of Hunsaker Consultants Tentative Map #70758: 70 acre/30 lot residential development adjacent to Agua Dulce Airport. Mr. Lafferty apologized for not being able to attend the previously schedule meeting in October. 30 lots 2 acre net minimum on 70 acres currently being farmed with alfalfa crops. Project complies with CSD both current and revised versions. Water on property is usable, potable 200+ gpm with 90% recovery. Only need less than 50 gpm for the 30 home development. 350 gpm well does not have a proper seal...so can't be used for this project. Water yield and water quality have been submitted at the County level and State level. Water conservation: Design guidelines will make sure plant life is drought tolerant. Ground cover needed to reduce dust. Plumbing fixtures within the home will be water conserving. The wells produce 4 to10 times the water actually needed. Entitlement case not changing zoning. Entitling property rights. Initially wanted prohibit horses. Project has been modified and design guidelines will allow for horses. Walking paths and riding paths within the community. Solar power plant will be incorporated into project. Any common area lighting will be solar powered. Carbon footprint will be reduced. Low impact development. Current project status: Public Works with soils, geotechnical, septic, water. Regional Planning looking for letter from ADTC. Intends to attend future meetings during the planning, platting, and construction phases.</p>		
<p>ii. Community Comments and Input on proposed project Lampton: Underground Utilitites Deputy Short: Public or Private Roads Freeman: Ingress and Egress? How much water is being used by crops currently on property? Well recovery time increases when the alfalfa fields are being watered. Any mitigation plans if 50 gpm is too low an estimate and homeowners use more water? Estimated price range on homes? Will there be any</p>		

<p>“through” access to Vasquez Rocks for horse trails? Grey water systems? When do you expect to break ground? DH—Lack of rain has affected all wells. MJ—Developer does not control airport property for “through” access. Wood: Concern about gradual draw down of wells in the area. Traffic impact needs more consideration. Consider the character of the neighborhood Alch: Concerned about the high percentage of land use of 30 homes. Currently with crops, the land is pervious. Homes will increase the impervious surface. What is square footage of homes? Single story or two story? Will there be taxi ways in development? CSD compliance? Hauling water? Wants a guarantee that other wells will not be affected. DH—Curious about the “river that is feeding aquifer.” The high producing well is shallow. What is the source feeding that well? Historically, that water table has dropped. The water table in Agua Dulce has dropped drastically and the only hope of recovery is adequate rainfall. How do you determine when a community is in a condition of overdraft? Well production is tied directly to rainfall. Sierra Colony, North Trails Ranch, Asher Ranch all had adequate water when they developed the property. Now all three developments are suffering from lack of water. There is no “endless supply” of water. “Source” of water has not been proven or identified. Jennings: 1984 Water study states Agua Dulce is in a state of equilibrium. Rain water supports current usage. Watershed, basin. Main alluvial is adjacent to airport. When the Larwin tract and winery went in, the neighbors lost their water. There isn’t a multi home development in Agua Dulce that isn’t buying water. Developer is asking the Agua Dulce community to assume the risk of water shortage for the gain of the developer. Hebdon: CSD compliance with revised approved by BOS. Trails CSD compliance MJ—Pacific Crest Trail currently runs right along Agua Dulce Canyon Road Hebdon: Adjacent trails need to have a feeder trail from property to main trail. MJ: CSD trails was designed to have dedicated, unobstructed, with non-slip driveways Alch: Easements shown on plans do not indicate trails. Will that be part of the “net” acreage or part of the open space? Hebdon: Trails and trail compliance with CSD need to be clearly shown on plans. Airport access-Will it remain the same? What is our insurance policy that adjacent properties will not be adversely affected by the development? The size of the house doesn’t dictate the water usage...landscaping does.—Properly drafting CCRs should insure reasonable water usage. SC: Is this an “either/or” situation? Is there a possibility of 30 homes + alfalfa fields? Lampton: Outbuildings and their design</p>		
<p>iii. Request for support of the project and letter of recommendation to be sent by Council to Regional Planning Commission DH polled audience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is 100% in opposition of the proposed development: 1 opposed • Who is 100% in support of the proposed development: 0 support • Community concerns include: water sustainability, traffic, trails compliance with CSD, outbuildings, general CSD compliance. <p>GH presented petition with 74 signatures echoing the concerns stated at the meeting. MSP: Move to submit letter to Regional Planning staff indicating the developer presented the</p>	<p>M: EP</p>	<p>6-0-0</p>

project at the meeting. The ADTC neither supports nor opposes the project. Community concerns included water sustainability, traffic, trails compliance with the revised CSD, outbuildings, and general compliance with revised CSD.	S: MJ	
11. Committee Reports		
a. Bylaws Revision Committee: Lou Vince/Mary Johnson: Nothing		
b. CSD Revision Committee: Mary Johnson/Lorene Cangiano: Nothing		
c. Election Committee: Chair: Lorna Leslie: Absent		
d. Film: Steve Cummings: Looking to form a committee of 4. 2 pro filming , 2 concerned about filming		
e. Land Use: Ed Porter: no report		
f. Parks and Trails: Mary Johnson: Nothing to report		
g. Water Stewardship: Don Henry: Nothing to report		
i. Hauled Water		
ii. TAC Health Dept		
h. Ways & Means: Troy Fosberg/Scott Keller: nothing to report		
i. Disaster Planning: Gary Hebdon: Disaster Resiliency Meeting Jan 16 at Library. 6 pm to 8 pm. Inviting business and commercial organizations. Representatives from ADTC to attend: DH& SC		
j. Acton/Agua Dulce School Board Liaison: Ed Porter: Agua Dulce Elementary to switch to full charter. Other kids will go to Meadowlark. VHS bid by March 2014.		
k. Acton Town Council Liaison: Scott Keller: Nothing to report		
l. Other: Nothing		
12. High Speed Rail Update: Pam Wolter/Dale Bybee/Scott Griffin: Absent		
13. Open Forum: CSD final approval to be expedited. MJ to contact Edel Viscarra		
14. Announcements		
a. Next regular ADTC meeting: February 12, 2014		
15. Unfinished Business: None		
16. New Business: None		
17. Future Agenda Items:		
a. February: Environmental Health: Well permitting, yield, approvals, etc.		
b. March: New Palmdale Sheriff's Captain Don Ford.		
18. MSP: Move to Adjourn at 9:58 PM.	M: SK S: SC	6-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Mary Johnson, ADTC Secretary 2014

APPROVED: February 12, 2014