

**ACTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

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September 18, 2006 Regular Meeting
Acton Community Center

Called to Order 7:35 p.m. by President Ray Garwacki Jr.
All officers and members present.

The minutes of August 21, 2006 regular meeting approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report - Jim Connelly reported a balance of \$1352.52

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair reviewed the following correspondence:

- Silver anniversary celebration for Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council at Essex House Sept. 29.
- Notice regarding proposed California Regional Water Quality Control Board amendments. Public comment period ends Oct. 6.
- Letter regarding Antelope Valley transmission line project Segments 2 & 3, public meetings to be held. Jacki Ayer pointed out that this will involve significant widening of the corridor to Vincent Substation and encouraged residents to attend the meetings and let their concerns be known.
- A response to our letter to Supervisor Antonovich concerning the recent increase in posted speed limit on Crown Valley Rd. (Aug. 7, 2006 regular meeting)-No help. Jacki Ayer reported on delays encountered getting info to show Crown Valley Rd. as residential, needs Norm Hickling to call Dept of Regional Planning .

Michael Hughes reported on:

- High Speed Rail meeting scheduled for Sept. 27 in Sacramento .
- Fire Dept plans to expand CERT program.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Dennis Crane TM 52882 [Carson Mesa]. Presented changes to the project primarily involving drainage and water flow, hopefully to mitigate effects on adjacent properties. Trying to keep natural flow. Plan to dedicate fenced drainage course. Will be discussed further at Oct. 2 regular meeting and will return Nov. 20 Planning Meeting .
- Cedral project (TM60464) Joel McLafferty proposed changes resulting from meetings with residents. Horse trails will be provided on north (8 ft) and south (12ft) boundaries. Cedral will be moved north to provide for trail on south side of street..
- Carl Young raised questions regarding apparent encroachments on road easements. Jacki Ayer and Bill Davis have met with county and found that in some cases Los Angeles County has failed to acquire easements prior to issuance of Certificates of Compliance. County will try to correct the practice in future. Jacki Ayer will continue to work with County to try to resolve.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Coordinating Chair Dick Morris - Nothing to report

Finance, Ways and Means Chair Jim Connelly - Nothing to report

Bylaws Chair Jacki Ayer

- Michael Hughes indicated he would have draft amendment ready for next meeting.

Trails, Open Space & Recreation Chair Ray Billet - Nothing to report

Publicity Chair Mike Foster - Nothing to report

Utilities Chair Jim Connelly - Nothing to report

Community Standards Chair Michael Hughes - Nothing to report

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Chair Mike Foster - Nothing to report

Drainage and Roads Chair Carl Young - Nothing to report

Santa Clara River Steering Committee Liaison Ray Billet - Nothing to report

Friends of Acton Park Liaison Mike Foster

- From the gallery, Lynne Sickler announced free Air Force Band Concert Oct 15.

Community Club Liaison Dick Morris

- Comedy show will be presented Oct. 21.

Acton Chamber of Commerce Liaison Ray Billet - Nothing to report

Traffic Committee Chair Bill Davis

- Continuing to work on speed limit on Crown Valley Rd.
- From the gallery, question raised regarding process of removal of street lights between Aliso and Roberts Rd. The Chair indicated that petitions must be circulated, not simply mailed.

Library Committee Liaison Michael Hughes - Nothing to report

Emergency Response/Disaster Planning: Chair Michael Hughes

- Reported Los Angeles County now has 7000 CERT members. Acton group not active but planning to get them together possibly for some refresher training.

School Board Liaison Michael Hughes

- Board will interview candidates for replacement School Board member Sept 26. Have hired new principals for Vasquez High School & Agua Dulce Elementary.

Election Committee Chair Carl Young

- Eight applications received. Jacki Ayer, Bill Davis, Chris Demyen, Jim Connelly, Mike Foster, Dick Morris, Robt. Primeaux, & Michael Barnett. Carl Young Moved to disqualify Michael Barnett who failed to submit filing fee -Motion Carried . Carl Young Moved to accept the remainder of applicants -Motion Carried . Submitted form to apply for Absentee Ballot - Michael Hughes Moved to accept -Motion Carried . Forms to be available at Print Shop and Box at Acton Mkt. Submitted copy of press release - Approved with some changes. Polling place proposed to be Presbyterian Church will get permission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Suggested contact Norm Hickling to come to meetings. The Chair will send him nice Email.
- From the gallery, a resident expressed displeasure with the stark white color of the building rooftops at 2210-2280 Soledad Cyn Rd. Asked the Council to see if owner would be willing to change roof color. Dick Morris will contact Andy Klein.

OPEN FORUM

- From the gallery, Edie Jeske expressed concerns regarding bright lights illuminating arenas and other private facilities in violation of the Acton Community Standards Ordinance. The Chair suggested a letter be published as a reminder of the lighting provisions of Los Angeles County Ordinances. Bill Davis will draft and submit for Council approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair announced the next regular meeting to be held October 2, 2006, 7:30 p.m. Acton Community Center. Candidate forum to be held October 16, 2006 7:30 p.m. Acton Community Center

Meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Michael Hughes
Secretary