



Minutes CVTC General Meeting February 19, 2015

La Crescenta Library Community Room
Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm

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1. 7:00 pm Call to Order & Welcome by President Battles
2. Flag Salute led by Vice President Leon
3. Invocation by Chaplain Mark Yaegar
4. Roll Call - Present: Battles, Leon, Claessens, Studebaker, Rabinov, Beatty, Dickson, Griffin Absent: Suh, Davis, Kevin Kang, Barnes
5. Approval of Agenda for February 19, 2015: Motion by Leon, Beatty
6. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2015:
7. First Responders
 - a. Los Angeles County Sheriff by Sergeant Gabriel - Neighborhood Watch
 - b. CHP - new website for each CHP office/area
8. Youth Town Council Report - Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow on Sunday, 9-3:30, Common Core discussion
9. Land Use Recommendations by Councilmember Claessens
 - a. Letter to County Planning on two projects (attached)
 - b. Motion by Leon for letter supporting waive of 2640 Prospect Avenue, La Crescenta Studebaker 2nd, no discussion, abstain by Beatty, passed.
 - c. Motion by Leon for letter supporting waiving 2326 Park Avenue, Montrose, 2nd Studebaker. no discussion, abstain by Beatty, passed.
10. Calif. High Speed Rail Presentation by Michelle Boehm
 - Connect Palmdale to Burbank - currently seeking routes, 2005 only SR-14 corridor. 2014 east corridor through mountains was introduced. 2 stations: one in Palmdale and one in Burbank. HSR Authority is still researching and looking for feedback. June 2015 HSR Authority will make a recommendation on what routes to study (natural resources, noise, parks, cultural resources, water resources, etc.) CHSRA Boarding Meeting: SAA Report.

- June 2016 Draft Environmental Doc.
- June 2017 Final Environmental Document.

Contact info:

www.hsr.ca.gov

(800) 630-

11. S.A.F.E Presentation by Dave DePinto

Save our Angeles Forest for Everyone (volunteer organization)

www.dontrailroad.us

- East corridor runs through Little Tujunga Canyon and affects ground water
- (Kagel Spring, Marken Spring, Hidden spring) into Hansen Dam.
- About 15% of our water supply.
- Endangered and threatened animals including Santa Ana Sucker (fish)
- 8 billion cubic yards of dirt would equal 1.3 million truck trips along Little Tujunga Rd
- Closure/dislocation of businesses along San Fernando Road
- From \$10 billion to now \$68 billion (Federal funding has been cut off and there is no private funding)
- Voted on “existing transportation and utility corridors”

Request from S.A.F.E.: Consider our position as your neighbor. Letter of opposition to proposed routes prior to EIR/EIS. Help protect water supply sources, community character, local economies.

COMMENTS:

Tutor Perini and Zachary and Parsons have been awarded the Package 1 contract \$198 million

Q: The train will go 220 miles per hour. Have you done a study on what happens when the train derails at 220?

A: Status system: continual sensor system

Q: 30 miles segments, SQR states you can't segment.

A: 2005 they cleared larger segments. Currently working on the Palmdale to Burbank

DePinto: \$37 million cost for 710 EIR

Q: Community outreach and 30 active lawsuits in the Central Valley. Did you do any outreach in the Central Valley?

A: City of Bakersfield was settled. 7 or 8 lawsuits in 2012, but only one remains. Outreach in the Central Valley was “not the best”.

Q: Who gave the approval to go through the national forest?

A: The tunnels will be hundreds to thousands of miles deep. We will study the water pressure.

Q: How is this going to help with existing

A: Transportation hubs with connectivity to peds, bikes, metrolink. At Burbank - adjacent to airport.

Q: What percentage was used for local public transport?

A: 500 million to go to connectivity “partner projects” of the 9.95 billion. New Tier 4 cars for metrolink. PTC system make is safer, regional connector in downtown LA - gold line to Long Beach or Santa Monica.

Q: Why can't we run on top of the 14 freeway?

A: Can't run on top of SR-14 because the freeway is built to 70 MPH geometry. But the rail is at 220 mph. Santa Clara will only be going 30 MPH due to turns. That's what's really hard about this project. Stops are further apart, not stopping in between.

Correspondence against HSR (read by Robbyn Battles):

- Bob Thompson, member of Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Board, Conservancy Board and long time resident
- Dede Mueller, Active in Boy Scouts of America, Verdugo Hills Council and long time resident

Motion by Harry Leon to support SAFE in opposition of High Speed Rail.

Motion by Desiree to table the motion, 2nd by Beatty

2nd by Dickson to Harry's Motion

Battles: we need to table until EC meeting due to time constraint

12. LA County Streets and Lighting by James Chon

- Street Light Petitions process - contact online or on the phone. If within the LA County lighting district area 5 - 6months to investigate if it is warranted. If it 60% or more of the people who are benefitting have to sign a petition and the area needs to be added to the LA County lighting district. Takes about 12 months once the petition is received.

- 47 petitions have been requested, 34 passed and of those 33 were annexed since 1920. 12 petitions failed due to lack of support since 1991. Only 50% of the petitions succeed.

- Sanborn north to Los Olivos on La Crescenta Ave is a current petition

QUESTIONS:

Q: Where is the LA County Lighting District? Can we see a map?

Q: Why is there not a process that encompasses the whole community?

A: Its \$5 per year to have a street light on your street.

Q: How do we get highway safety lights at 4-way stop signs?

A: Its a different process. If it's warranted, no annexing required.

Q: What keeps a person from going street by street to have lights installed? This doesn't work for our community. We need to be notified when there is a petition active.

Q: What percentage of a block is required? Early notification process is needed.

A: Minimum required is 60% of property owners on that street

Q: Rabinov would like a survey of how many people would like street lights?

A: maybe, we haven't done that.

Q: What happened to the Rabinov petition?

A: Rabinov petition died out because of private streets.

Q: New construction is told to add a street light. That will take up to 12-months delaying the construction.

A: New subdivision is a different process. Petition is not required. They just have to add the street light.

Q: If residents adjacent to street light petition don't want it. What is the process? Are they informed?

A: A community meeting is hosted after the petition is held.

Q: Do you put street lights on private streets?

A: No. An owner can.

Q: Instead of street lights at 4-way stop perhaps add a flashing light instead for pedestrians.

Q: Leon; can you let the CVTC know if a petition is up?

A: We are legally bound so I don't know if I can do that.

Q: If I am 2 streets down from street lights why wasn't I aware? It sounds disorganized.

Q: Studebaker; it sounds like each street can pick what kind of pole. That doesn't work well for aesthetic. It seems council should be involved in that.

A: You can look at CSD and can restrict street lights that way.

13. Public Comments

- a. Nayiri - announce that she won lawsuit to get on the April 7, 2015 BOE ballot

- b. Paula Devine - Glendale City Council, Pedestrian Safety, diagonal crosswalk at Honolulu and Ocean View
- 14. Council Business
 - a. Correspondence by Corresponding Secretary Davis - NONE
- 15. Adjournment 8:48 pm
- 16. Council Committee Reports (Informational only, no presentations)

Scholarships: Scholarship applications are available on the CV Town Council website www.thecvcouncil.com. Graduating seniors that live within the CV High School boundaries may apply. Students can attend any school they simply must reside within the aforementioned boundaries. Deadline to apply is March 2, 2015.

Youth Town Council: The very first Youth Entrepreneurial fair will be taking place at the Montrose Harvest market on Sunday, February 22 from 8:00-2:00. 18 young entrepreneurs will be selling items they have made. Please support our youth and stop by the parking lot next to 2349 Honolulu to shop the 20 youth vendors.

Earth Day: May 2 from 8:00am to noon. Located in the Rosemont parking lot. Residents can purchase 15 gallon trees of their choice on-line for \$10.00 per tree. Trees are to be picked up at our Earth Day event May 2, 2015 between 8:00- Noon. In addition Burrtec will be hosting an e-waste drop area and a FREE serve yourself bin of mulch. More details to follow on our website as the event draws closer. **Trees can be ordered between February 19th and March 24th on the CV Town Council website under Earth Day Trees.** One we have a total of 300 trees sold or reach March 24th trees orders will be cut off.

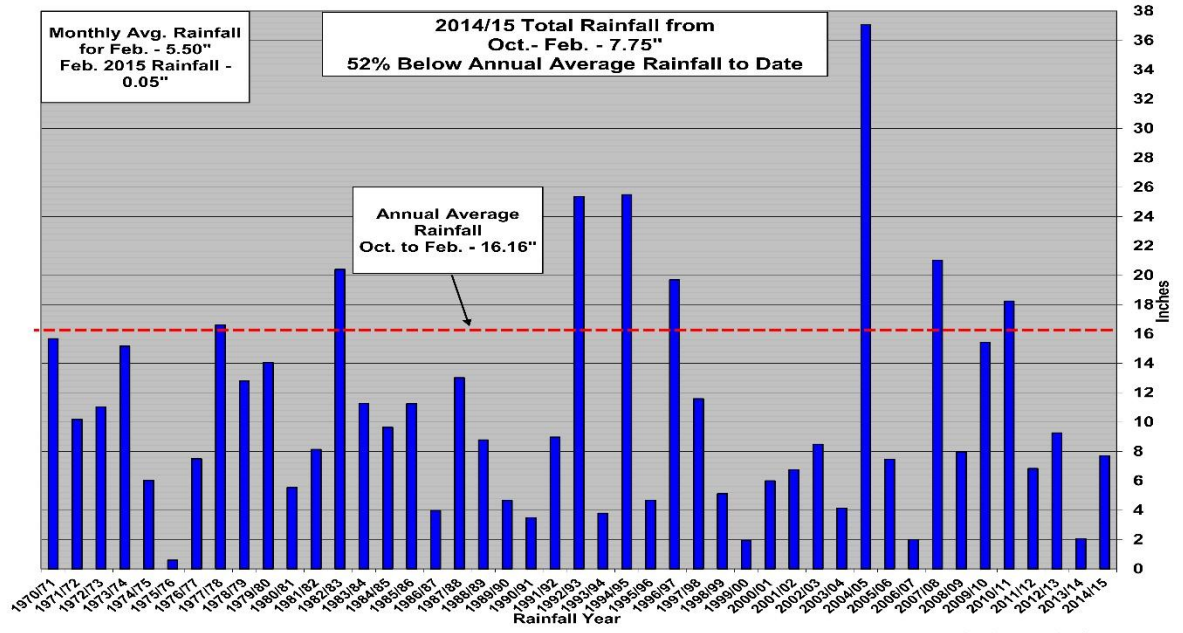
Crescenta Commons: Clean up day Saturday 2/21 from 9-10:00am. Come help us with some light weed pulling and clean-up. Tile installation update. Tiles will be installed over Spring break. The site will need to be roped off for a 3-4 day installation period and due to the enormous amount of use the site receives during school hours waiting for Spring break is a more prudent time for installations. FYI they look amazing.

General Community Announcements

Relay For Life: Clark Magnet High School, 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 11 until 9 a.m. Sunday morning, April 12. Contact The CV Weekly if you would like to sponsor a team or help at the event.

CV Water District:

Monthly Rainfall - 1970/71 - 2014/15 (Oct.- Feb.)



- 2/21 Crescenta Commons Clean-up. 9:00-10:00am. come pull a few weeds to help keep the Commons on the corner of Rosemont and Orange Ave. neat and tidy.
- 2/22 Youth Council Entrepreneurial fair Montrose Farmers market 9:00-2:00 in the parking lot next to Montrose travel 2349 Honolulu Ave.
- 2/28 La Crescenta Women’s Club authors luncheon. The event starts at 10am and promises to be full of fun and information. There will be a delicious lunch, a silent auction and door prizes.
- 3/14 American Legion post St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Silent Auction
- 3/19 CV Town Council General Meeting GUSD Board of Trustee Candidate debate
- 3/25 Smart-a-thon 11:30 at the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital 11:30 am contact CV Chamber for details