



General Meeting MINUTES

August 20, 2015

La Crescenta Library Community Room 7:00 pm
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Welcome to the monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

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Thank you so much to Todd Black from Electromotive for sound

1. Call to Order, 7:02 pm President Battles
2. Flag Salute, Harriet Hammons, Troop 303, St. James
3. Invocation
4. Roll Call: Present: Battles, Leon, Studebaker, Suh, Griffin, Beattie, Rabinov, Clasessens, Dickson. Absent: Davis, Barnes, Kang
- 5.
6. Approval of Agenda for August 20, 2015 motion Rabinov, 2nd Leon, Unanimous
7. Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2015 Motion Rabinov, 2nd Studebaker unanimous
8. First Responder's Reports
 - a. CHP, Officer Rodriguez
 - 80 collisions for the year: 51 of them are on main streets, of those 10 on Ocean View, 14 on Foothill Blvd.
 - School is back in session and we are patrolling around the schools. Major violations: U-turns from the curb, skipping the line, failure to yielding to crossing guards, 25 mph speed.
 - Speed studies for Foothill were just finished and they are raising the speed limit to 40 mph
 - b. Los Angeles County Fire, Stephanie English
 - July - 69 calls for service: no structure fires, 2 mobile property fires, 51 emergency medical, 1 hazardous conditions, 4 service calls, 5 good intent calls, 6 false alarms calls
 - (2) Super Scoopers are here (rented from Canada) August 15th went to work.
 - Be Prepared with an emergency kit. Practice escape from home before the incident occurs.
 - c. Sheriff, Sgt. Gonzales
 - 4 robberies, sliding glass door unlocked
 - 1 homicide, isolated incident, still being handled by bureau
 - Seminar in La Canada regarding phone and internet scams
 - Haunted Jail

- d. CV Water District, Ron Mitchell (CFO)
 - Water conservation, must conserve 24%.
 - Total conservation exceeded goal: June +6%, July +11%, August +6%
 - New well going on line near the Rockhaven property
- 9. CV Youth Town Council, recognition and new council, President Battles/Vice President Leon
- 10. Council Business second reading to change By-laws election Month
Recording Secretary Dickson

Current wording: “Town Council elections shall be held each year in the month of November.” to be changed to “April”

Dickson moves to approve the bylaw change, Studebaker 2nds the motion.

Discussion:

Leon opposed, Studebaker in favor, Suh in favor, Griffin in favor, Beattie opposed but thinks we should change the location, Rabinov a change is needed in favor, Claessens
Vote: 5 for the motion (Studebaker, Suh, Griffin, Rabinov, Dickson) and 3 against (Leon, Beattie, Claessens) Abstain (Battles). **Motion Failed**

- 11. LA County Tax Assessor Jeffery Prange
New assessor website including open data initiative on 2.6 million parcels
Using Cobalt programmers to update the parcel database, largely a paper system
Updating the system to become digital, will take 4-5 years to complete
Hall of Administration now has a tax collector available for issues at the counter
La Crescenta pays \$4.6 million in property taxes every year.

- 12. GUSD Superintendent Don Empey
Concern regarding school start date: committee a number of years ago looked into the issue and made the recommendation that school starts in August and school ends beginning of June. Over the last 3 years the early start date was phased in. Primary reason is for students to have more instructional time prior to spring tests (AP, state testing) and have the 1st semester completed before winter break.
BoE is going to look closer at the calendar in the September meeting. This is a negotiated calendar with the union so its possible that no changes can be made for next year. But BoE is still going to look into the matter.

Search for Superintendent: BoE (on Tuesday) decided to wait a little bit longer before deciding. They were not happy with the pool of candidates that the search firm discovered. The search and application period has been extended.

Very Fine School system: Utilization of technology, all students had their own computers while the teacher gave instructions.

Recommends that the successor comes to CVTC meetings and makes reports.
Quarterly meetings to include members of the

13. Public Comments and Community Announcements
 - a. Prom Plus, Lucas Marthos - executive committee beach day, rappelling at Devil's Gate dam, beach clean up day, BBQ on September 2nd (CVHS Back to School Night)
 - b. Montrose Shopping Park - lost 4,000 square feet of grass, a decision made by Glendale to adhere to Gov Brown drought policies. Glendale will be replanting, at their cost, with plumeria, gray and green grasses and lavender. Going in next week. Starting at Paradis. It will take a few years to establish.
 - Movies on Friday and Saturday, parking lot near Andersson Pets
 - Lack of handicap parking in montrose. Eventually a 2nd story will be added to parking lot behind Landry's
 - c. American Legion Bingo Night was a success
 - d. La Crescenta Library is #7 of 87 county libraries in terms of business.
 - e. Sharon Weisman, invitation to CVMA Meeting Thursday, August 27th
Topics: Verdugo Hills Golf Course. Waiting for results on comments on the EIR in 2009. Hope to keep that area open for recreational use.
 - Glendale Beautiful Dinner September 9th for Freeway Cap Park over the 134 freeway

14. Land Use Recommendation Options for Youth Paul Rabinov/Land Use
 - a. Motion by Claessens to adopt the recommendation of LUC not to support the Options for Youth application for a CUP. 2nd Leon. Vote: Yay 6, 1 abstain. Motion passes.
 - b. August 26th meeting at
 - c. Public Comments:
 - Robert Besedick (2662 Mary Street) opposed - I live in a residential area, not a school zone.
 - Troy Schlereth (360 Halstead, Pasadena), general manager for Lupine Properties. 25 MPH not required since it's not a judicial school. We can't force the kids to stay inside the building, but we can ask them to.
 - Kara Clifford (4439 Raymond) opposed
 - Options: Assistant Principal, property manager, landlord
 - Asst Principal, Vanessa O'Connell and Daniel Longoria

15. Council Business/Announcements
 - a. Correspondence -- none
 - b. Community Vision Committee, Councilmember Rabinov

- Motion to allow CVTC to pay \$250 or less for the development of an urban planning committee UCLA Master planning students with a matching grant as necessary. 2nd by Claessens. Vote: Unanimous, motion passed.
- c. Crescenta Commons, President Battles - August 28th, 6-8 pm
- d. Pancake Breakfast, Harry Leon - September 19th at CVHS
- e. ~~Treasurer Report~~ ~~Treasurer Studebaker~~
- f. Comments from Council

Adjournment in memory of US Forest Service Tom Zbyszewski, Andrew Zajac, Richard Wheeler and Annette M. 9:34 pm

Community events:

August 28th 6:00-8:00 pm Evening at the Commons- Come celebrate the installation of the tiles and final completion of Crescenta Commons on the corner of Orange and Rosemont in La Crescenta

September 11th 911 Remembrance parade. Please come out and acknowledge 911 as over 50 cars travel through the La Crescenta community in observance of 911. Route will be posted on-line

September 19th: CV Town Council 8th annual pancake breakfast in the CV Quad from 7:00- 11:00