



# General Meeting Minutes October 15, 2015

La Crescenta Library Community Room 7:00 pm  
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*Welcome to the monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.  
Please turn off, or set to manner mode, cellular phones while inside the Council meeting*

1. Call to Order & Welcome President Battles
2. CV High School ROTC/Flag Salute
3. Invocation Pastor Randy Foster
4. Roll Call, Recording Secretary Dickson  
Present: Battles, Leon, Davis, Studebaker, Kang, Beatty, Rabinov, Suh, Claessens,  
Griffin, Dickson Absent: Barnes,
5. Approval of Agenda for October 15, 2015, 1st motion Rabinov, 2nd Leon, Unanimous
6. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2015, President Battles, 1st motion beatty,  
2nd Rabinov, Unanimous
7. First Responder's Reports
  - a) CHP, Officer Cooper
    - i) September: 8 traffic collisions, injury collision, 1 DUI, 96 YTD, 16 citations, 90 TYD citations, 0 fatalities, DUI arrests 2
  - b) Sheriff , Sgt. Gonzales
    - i) September: 1 robbery, 1 aggravated assault, 1 residential burglary, 3 vehicle larceny, 2 vehicle burglaries, 1 shoplifting, 1 petty theft,
    - ii) Car fishing - walking up and down the street looking for unlocked doors
    - iii) Haunted Jail, Oct 29-31, with family hours from 3-6 pm on October 31st
    - iv) Toy and Food Drive in November
  - c) CV Water District , DM Tom Love
    - i) 15% below the state mandated target. Saved 190 million gallons of water in CVWD,
    - ii) RockHaven well dedication will be coming up soon
    - iii) 2 day shut down on valve replacement project - no service interruptions
    - iv) La Verne February 29th for 10 days and water will be affected
    - v) Montrose and Ocean View, fire hydrant valve replacement
    - vi) El Nino - 50-60% wetter than normal winter
  - d) LA County Fire, Stephanie English
    - i) 64 responses in La Crescenta,
    - ii) Super Scoopers - there are 4 super scoopers in LA, normally there are only 2 retained by LAFCO
    - iii) Sand and Sandbags will be listed on the website
  - e) CERT - Great Shake Out today, October 15th. CV CERT celebrates 10th year.
    - i) Map your neighborhood, Map your street - Team Captains from your

- street can work with CERT in case of a disaster
    - ii) Next CERT class is in January
8. Youth Town Council, Alyssa Liaison for CVYTC, Movie Night on October 3rd, 6-9 pm. November 2nd, Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow Event
  9. Public Comments and Community Announcements
    - La Crescenta Library , Marta - Interactive bulletin board for Veteran's, book club survey, Senior Program on Mondays for the next 5 weeks.
    - CV Chamber, Aram and Mike Baldwin - Recognition banquet last week, November 5th Taste of the Foothills, October 24th, 9-12 Foothill Community Clean Up Day,
    - American Legion, Jerry Collins - Veteran's Day celebration November 11th at Two-Strike Park at 3 pm. Memorial Service
    - First Annual La Crescenta Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony December 4, 6:30 pm, Saturday, December 5th, 10am -2 pm Snow Day at Two-Strike Park, December 5th, 6:15 pm Montrose Christmas Parade
    - Scouting for Food, November 7th neighbors will receive a bag, November 14th bags will be collected. Food is delivered to American Legion on November 14th 8-2 pm
    - CV Community Assoc, Bill Weisman - possible development of Rockhaven Sanitarium
    - Prom Plus November 14th Boutique
    - Medians on Foothill
    - Pancake Breakfast results opportunity drawing winners.
  10. Public Works El Nino Preparation (Neighborhood & Resident Prep), Chris Stone
    - a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5K5qKnSx7g&feature=youtu.be>
    - b. 85-125% of rain average for the entire season
    - c. Clean out and remove debris from culverts and flood channels, clear out vegetation from soft bottomed channels, 64 miles (begin september 15 after bird nesting season)
    - d. maintain 14 dams and test valves, rubber dams and intake structures (can only clean out debris basins if they are over 25% full)
    - e. Be aware of hot spots and mudflow risk in your area.
    - f. Monitor rain, runoff, and water levels at dam, activate operations center to decide where to close roads or send resources.
    - g. [dpw.lacounty.gov/care](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/care)
    - h. Sign up for Alerts: <http://www.lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la/>
    - i. Christopher Stone, PE Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works [cstone@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:cstone@dpw.lacounty.gov) (626) 458-6100

## 11. CV Town Council Candidate Forum , President Battles

### **Opening Statements**

Mike Claessens:

Feels that govt agencies should do better outreach. A poor example of outreach is when GUSD put in solar panels at Monte Vista. He wants to ensure that the new Supervisor candidates come to CVTC when vying for Supervisor Antonovich's seat.

Alexandra Mirzakhanian

Resident for 9 years, preserve the past, invest in the youth, invest in the future of the children,

Charles K Beatty

Resident for 70 years, GUSD schools, grandchildren attended GUSD schools, Have been on CVTC since 1991, Served as president for 3 terms, assisted in getting a signal at Raymond,

Aram Ordubegian

Resident since 2000, product of GUSD schools, served on CV Chamber, currently the President of CV Chamber and serves on CVTC Land Use committee,

Kevin Kang

Resident for 22 years, lead Pastor of the Refuge Church, in college at Biola University. Last 5 years working with youth on GUSD campuses. Wants to begin working actively with Youth CVTC.

Joshua Wade

Grew up in the community, Monte Vista, UCLA and a Patent Lawyer. Goal is to incorporate La Crescenta as its own city, rather than having to go downtown for decisions. Currently the town is fractured. If we don't act then we will be annexed into Glendale and I propose we take care of our own destiny.

Lisa Griffin

Resident for 9 years from east coast, education/teaching background, civic leadership from PTA to AYSO, Taken on leadership at CVTC with an event at the library, quarterly meetings with GUSD, and co-chair of median committee. Sagebrush was the main reason she originally ran in 2014

Jo Ann Stupakis

Resident 25 years, students went through GUSD schools, looking forward to serving,

Sophal Ear

Parent of 4 children, concerned citizen of La Crescenta, currently sits on GUSD bond and measure s oversight committee, improve our schools, taxpayers deserve better local representation.

Incumbent questions:

**What is the one thing that council does that you feel that they should not do, should change or start doing?**

Mike: our interests are spread too thin and should only focus on our community interests, not focus so much on outside activities

Charlie: need to be more transparent, Exec meetings used to be open to the public and they are currently closed. The exec meetings should be open to the public again

Kevin: have council and youth council communicate more, not just a liaison

Lisa: Liaison with the business side of the community, have a seat for Chamber

**Where do you see yourself getting involved in in local community events?**

Alexandra: We need to be available to help, not earn a living, we are here to serve the community

Aram: continue to serve on LUC and beautify foothill and other areas, be that bridge between residents and Chamber. Many business owners are residents in CV area.

Josh: Primary focus is to incorporate the city. Also want to form a separate school district separate from GUSD

Jo Ann: I'm a doer. I want to volunteer for the events we are hosting so we are more visible.

Sophal: Treasurer, LUC needs to become a standing committee

**Should CSD be extended into R1:**

Mike: First question should be, does the community want to do this? First do a series of community workshops to see if the community supports it.

Aram: be careful on LUC as to what the mission is. LUC isn't a design review board.

Charlie: we tried this in 1994, we finally got it for the R3 and R4 properties. We need to go to the community first.

Josh: I would stay away from adding any additional restrictions to LUC.

Do you feel CVTC should only focus on unincorporated LC or reach out to neighboring cities?

Sophal: We need to be way more inclusive, although the bylaws say we only represent unincorporated.

Charlie: We should focus on ourselves, but recognize that it will affect our neighbors.

**How has the council given you the opportunity to serve this year?**

Kevin: I had issues with my schooling, but I can help them help with charity, world problems

Alexandra: We can inspire them, offer them more tools, see what they are missing and help them.

Lisa: There is a lot here for the youth. The Fire House project is a great resource for our kids. Lots of sports for our kids. We need to keep generating more programs because eventually you will hit the interests of all the kids.

Sophal: My kids are still young, the library has great activities.

**Historical initiatives you would like to pursue?**

Jo Ann: We should like to advocate for Rockhaven as a historical area/public park/community center. Currently pursuing the historical aspects of Rockhaven

**How does council help your goal of incorporating LC?**

Josh: Actually the council does very little to assist in my goal. I plan on continuing my goal of becoming a city.

**How will being Chamber President affect a spot on Council?**

Aram: I should be able to juggle both of them. I will be a past president and will be able to bring the expertise both Chamber and Council.

**Seasoned candidate, but how have you contributed in this past year?**

Charlie: Actually I haven't done very much because I am an alternate.

Mike: worked with Aram on LUC, LUC has been very effective process. Given blood, sweat and tears to Crescenta Commons and Pancake Breakfast

Kevin: I have done nothing as an alternate. My first year was an observing year. and I'm ready to go.

Lisa: Alternate this year, joint venture event between LC Library and CVTC coming up in the spring. UCLA graduate students are creating a vision and co-chair with Desiree.

**What can CVTC do to better mentor new candidates?**

Lisa: Each member should pick a new candidate and have them shadow on a particular event.

Kevin: I agree with everything she said, and give them some ideas of what to do

**Sagebrush, what else can CVTC do on this issue?**

Aram: maintaining what we have in our community with high standards. Without the community standing up GUSD would have sold us out by now.

Charlie: we are strong in this community and might want to persue setting up our own school district

Jo Ann: Will it be hard to serve on CVTC (work for asst super intendent for human resources) and work for GUSD? I'm not for or against anything. I don't have opinions on those kinds of things. I have had to make tough decisions in other areas. Its kind of uncomfortable, but something I can do.

Josh: Sagebrush: CV isn't ranked as high as LCHS, not because its not a good school, but because of the school district. If we have our own district then they won't want to leave.

Charlie: **breaking up into districts**, they need to have a CV district

**What parts of the sunland Tujunga would you take into your new city?**

Josh: I hear Mountain View is a good school, But I need more people to work with me and reach out and find out what the people want.

**Will you support the prayer breakfast?**

Unanimous yes.

**What exec position would you want?**

Sophal: treasurer

Jo Ann: recording secretary

Josh: president

Aram: not sure yet

Charlie: President

Alexandra: recording secretary

Mike: President

Lisa: Corresponding

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Jo Ann: open to the incorporating a city topic, I used to call myself a volunteer-a-holic, but now I call myself a servant

Lisa: I have gotten my feet wet on a few projects and I would like to continue to

Josh: democracy requires the public to be active, even if you don't vote for me, vote for someone

Kevin: Build a bigger and better La Crescenta

Aram: a bunch of great candidates and a microcosm of our great community. Focus on our schools and Sagebrush, if that means we go on our own, beautify for Foothills, watch out for the 710

Charlie: Traffic on Rosemont Ave is a nightmare, transparency in general meetings and executive meetings, and pursuing a position on GUSD and maybe form our own district

Alexandra: Thanks for letting me be heard. Civic duty is everyone's responsibility. I look forward to giving back

Mike: I have been a town council member for 4 years. Make sure our community is not forgotten in this crazy election for the new Supervisor. And that we are in touch with our candidates and they don't forget about us.

## 12. Council Business/Announcements

By-Law change make Land Use a standing committee (First reading) Recording Sec Dickson

1. We have to remove Land Use from "Special Committees"

2. We have to add Land Use as a Standing Committee. This is what I have from 2014 when we formed the current Land Use Committee. I removed alternates as Land Use discussed and would all like to be voting members. There is no residency requirement as we had actually invited a non-resident to interview, although he was a business owner in unincorporated.

*The Land Use Committee shall provide a public forum to review and deliberate discretionary\* projects in the unincorporated areas of La Crescenta and Montrose. Oak tree permits will not be heard unless it involves a Heritage Oak tree. The Committee is not a Design Review Board. The Committee takes instruction from the Town Council, reports to the Town Council after each Land Use meeting, and makes written recommendations to the Town Council, who then makes recommendations in writing to the appropriate Hearing Officer or Department of Regional Planning prior to any upcoming hearings. Prior to starting a project, the Land Use Committee shall present to Town Council and the Town Council shall vote whether or not the Land Use Committee has instruction to work on the project.*

*There will be ~~nine~~ seven members on this Committee and a quorum requires ~~five~~ four members. Members of this committee will serve a three year term and should consider the commitment involved including time, attendance at Land Use meetings, attendance at Hearing Officer/Regional Planning hearings, site visits, and the need to do significant community outreach including notifying*

*and speaking with neighbors affected by a proposed project prior to a Land Use Meeting or Hearing Officer/Regional Planning meeting. Land Use meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 PM, with a written recommendation being prepared and presented to the Town Council one week later at its monthly General meeting.*

**Member Qualification Requirements include:**

- Land Use candidates must be interviewed by the Interview Committee which includes the Land Use Chair and Co-Chairs.
- The Interview Committee will make recommendations to the Town Council to fill the Land Use Committee.
- One committee member will be appointed Recording Secretary who is the custodian of the Committee's records and minutes. The Recording Secretary shall call the rolls; ensure that minutes are taken and certify the correctness of the minutes of each regular meeting and enter them in the official minute book. In the event of their absence, the Recording Secretary is responsible for finding another Committee member to assume their responsibilities.
- Absenteeism amounting to two out of any six consecutive Land Use meetings without an excuse acceptable to the Land Use Chair shall indicate a lack of interest in serving. The Land Use Committee's Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping attendance records.
- The committee members must be approved by the regular Town Council membership at a General Meeting.
- In the event that a regular member of the Committee does not complete his/her term, including, but not limited to resignation, discipline, or removal from the Town Council or Land Use Committee, a replacement shall be appointed by the Land Use Chair and ratified by a majority vote of the regular members of the Town Council.
- The regular Town Council will appoint a minimum of one regular member to represent the Town Council at Regional Planning/Hearing Officer Hearings.

**Member Submission Requirement**

\*Discretionary: All items which require a hearing by either the Regional Planning Commission or Hearing Officer.

1st Cheryl, 2nd Lisa Griffin

Discussion see changes

Vote: 8 in favor, none opposed

Above text has been accepted as a first reading of the bylaw change, making LUC a standing committee.



f) Correspondence, Corresponding Secretary Davis

g) Treasurer Report, Treasurer Studebaker

1st Beatty, 2nd Lisa - unanimous

h) Election Committee Report Vice Pres. Leon

i) Parks and Rec, David, Battles, Dickson

Adjournment: **9:41 pm**

**Community events:**

**CV Town Council Election & Absentee Ballots**



6 Seats are available 3, 3 year terms and 3, 1 year alternate terms.

(You may vote for up to 3 candidates)

**Election will run from Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Friday 5:00-8:00 pm thru**

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm**

**Election Location: St. Luke's Church,**

**Sadler Hall**

**North/East corner of Rosemont/Foothill.**

**Absentee ballots are available on our website. [www.TheCVCouncil.com](http://www.TheCVCouncil.com)**