



General Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016

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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1. Call to Order & Welcome, President Dickson 7:02 PM
2. Flag Salute, AFJROTC, Lt. Col. Worley
3. Invocation, Kirby Smith, St. Luke's
4. Roll Call, Recording Secretary Cheryl Davis - **Present: Dickson, Leon, Davis, Rabinov, Griffin, Claessens, Ear, Ordubegian, Stupakis. Not Present: Barnes, Suh, Beatty.**
5. President's Remarks regarding falsely rumored Rosemont lights
6. Approval of March 17, 2016 Agenda – Motion by Ordubegian and seconded by Ear. Approved unanimously.
7. Approval of February 18, 2016 Minutes – Motion by Ear, seconded by Stupakis. Approved unanimously.
8. Robert Huff, Candidate for Supervisor 5th District – Concerns include public safety, getting around, creating jobs and tax incentives for film industry. Opposed AB 109 to transfer responsibility for inmates from the State to the County, resulting in early release. This may also be contributing to the homelessness. LA is again ranked near the top in traffic congestion. We need to put more money back into infrastructure. Has lived in unincorporated areas and understands the community needs someone at the Supervisory level to help meet your needs.
 - Q: What is your position on the 710? A: Historically, position has been in support. Teamed with Gil Cedeo to make the 710 an underground tunnel option for South Pasadena. Doesn't think it will ever be built and we need to look at what it will do Foothill Blvd., where the tunnel comes back out. Discussed when the 57/60 freeways meet so when there are issues on the freeway, traffic comes out onto the main boulevard.

- Q: Do you have a position on the Hahamonga Sediment Removal Project to desilt the dam near La Canada High School. A: He does not. Discussed sediment removal to increase capacity.
- Q: What is your position on the high speed rail? A: Co-author on an initiative (November ballot) for the unsold bonds to be used for water infrastructure, which will tank the high speed rail. It's a series of broken promises and it's way over budget. Water is #1 priority because we can get to San Francisco on a plane or in a car. There are petitions available.
- Q: Would you keep the CV Town Council? A: Absolutely. It's essential to get community input.
- Q: What if the Board of Supervisors decided to get all unincorporated areas to be part of one town or another or create townships? A: Doesn't think they would do it because they want to keep their areas of oversight. Diamond Bar has done well after incorporating.
- Q: Seems we have no water, traffic is a nightmare, yet we have large apartment buildings being built. Who regulates this? A: Government mandates a certain percentage of low cost housing. Property values are rising so people are moving to rural areas where housing is available. Housing is going vertical. Q: We're increasing the number of people living in our communities while resources are stretched. A: Public transit only recovers 25 cents per dollar so unless you have greater density like Hong Kong, you can't recover more
- Q: Where do you live now? San Dimas and has four kids.
- Q: What kind of small business do you have? A: Small commodity that sells soy beans, long grain rice and other non-perishable agricultural goods.

9. ~~Elan Carr, Candidate for Supervisor 5th District~~ – Unable to attend

10. Community Reports (3 min and questions)

a. Youth Town Council, Alexis

- Plan to move all wellness workshops to April and combine with the CACF. AP study session on 3/29, 6-9 pm, snacks.
- In combination with MSPA, May 1 Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow

b. GUSD, Dr. Maria Gandera

- Last night was the CVHS CVRA meeting regarding future Trustee areas. There is a special email for comments, trusteesareas@gusd.net. CVRA maps are on www.gusd.net. Public hearings on maps will be at April 5 and April 19 Board Meetings.

- Calendar meetings – had 2nd meeting and have looked at community forum and online survey results. They meet every two weeks and estimate they can give results to Board of Education in a month and a half regarding 2017-2018 calendar.
- April 24 student-free day has been in place for the last several years – it is a non-instructional day and will continue as the resolution was signed at the 3/15/16 Board Meeting.
- April 5, new Superintendent, Winfred Roberson starts. Mon 4/11, 4:30-6:00 pm Meet & Greet at the District office.
- Rosemont Lights – there has been no decision made to do anything with the field other than regular maintenance. Should any proposal be brought forward, they would have to determine any action as well as seek funding. Nothing else is happening other than regular maintenance. If something major were to happen, there would be community outreach conducted. Q: Are there more meetings going on behind the scenes? A: Can be meetings with principals and individuals, but no project has started. It has not gone to the Board of Education. E-mail mgandera@gusd.net if you have any questions.

c. Library, Marta Wiggins

- Attended BINGO at the American Legion and won a game
- Library's website is having technical issues. Call if you have any concerns or if you have difficulty renewing items. Hope to have it resolved by Monday and are working 24/7 on the issue.
- Book Club on Tuesday, Teen book club postponed due to spring break, Wed is family play date, the 4th Saturday is a Life Balance Book Club starting and spa day.

d. VFW/American Legion, Mike Baldwin

- Fundraiser for the CVHS AF JROTC – BINGO on Sat April 2, 6:00 pm at the American Legion Hall (4011 La Crescenta Ave.). The fundraising is to support the ROTC who will be travelling back east for a competition.
- Hometown Country Fair – Sat April 16, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at CV Park. The Armenian and Korean societies will be joining them along with a fair.

11. Public Comments (2 min. Please fill out a speaker card.)

- Grant Michaels, Starbuck's in Montrose – The CVCA meets next Thursday. Last month's discussion was regarding the public's appeal (granted) of Starbuck's

Evening Program. There are 3 in Southern CA and 50 in the state, so the Evenings Program will likely be raised at the former Burger King location on Foothill Blvd. This will be discussed at next week's meeting.

12. Council Business

- a. Correspondence, Lisa Griffin - None
- b. Committee Reports
 - i) Scholarships, Leon – Have 18 applications. Deadline was March 8. Trying to collect additional funds, have approximately \$3,200. Harry received an additional \$200 from Tires for Less. Interviews will be April 15.
 - ii) Treasurer's Report for February, Rabinov – Motion by Rabinov, seconded by Claessens. Approved unanimously.
 - iii) 2016 Budget, Rabinov – Rabinov, Claessens. Approved unanimously.
 - iv) 5th annual Prayer Breakfast, Leon – Sat April 23, 9:00-11:00 am at the Mormon Church. Keynote speaker is Carmen Trutanich. CVHS Jazz Band and Charismatics will perform. \$10 per person, free for young adults. Tickets available from Harry Leon and Jo Ann Stupakis.
 - v) Literary Evening, Griffin – last Sat 3/12 with the Friends of the Library. 8 local authors, great evening, no final numbers on attendance.

13. Adjourn at 8:06 p.m.