



MINUTES IN-BRIEF

January 17, 2013, 7:00 – 9:15PM

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

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Formal Actions

- Councilmembers Thomas and Dickson formally sworn in.
- Motion to approve this week's agenda and last month's minutes. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to request that Parks Department present plans for the Skate Park to the community. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to recommend allowing the removal of the oak tree, regarding Land Use issue at 1941-1945 Waltonia Drive. Approved 6-2, with one abstention.
- Motion to discuss the January 10, 2013 Letter from Olaf Landsgaard regarding *Cleveland v. Co. of LA* at the EC meeting allowing sufficient time to read it in its entirety. Approved unanimously.
- Audit committee approved 2012 annual audit. Adopted unanimously.
- Motions to approve 2013 Committees and Chair assignments. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve the R1 Subcommittee Action Plan. Approved 6-3.

Presentations to the Council

- CVTC Proclamation recognizing 10th annual Korean American Day on January 13, 2013
- Eagle Scout Project presentation by Rhys Teff – beautification of empty lot on Rosemont Blvd/Orange Ave
- 710 Community Forum Announcement

Community Events Calendar:

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Week-long: February 21 – 28, CV Water District high conservation alert

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Sun May 5, Taste of Montrose at the Montrose Harvest Market

Sat-Sun May 11-12, Relay For Life at Clark Magnet HS

Sat May 18, CVHS prom and Prom Plus event at the YMCA

Recurring Community Events:

Mondays at 9:30am Weekly Tai Chi at the CV Library – everyone is welcome. Through April.

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1. Call to Order & Welcome President Davis at 7:02PM
2. Presentation of Colors by the CV High School JROTC and Flag Salute led by Rhys Teff
3. Invocation Ms. Nancy Stone
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Cheung
All Present except Councilmember Suh – Councilmembers Davis, Beyt, Battles, Beatty, Marshall, Dickson, Erickson, Thomas, Claessens, Leon, Cheung
5. Introduction of New 2013 Council members
Councilmembers Thomas, Claessens, Marshall, Dickson, Cheung welcomed. Councilmembers Thomas and Dickson sworn in.
6. Approval of Agenda for January 17, 2013
■ Councilmember Beyt motions to approve. Councilmember Battles seconds. All members in favor. None opposed.
7. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2012
■ Councilmember Erickson motions to approve. Councilmember Beyt seconds. All members in favor. None opposed.
8. CV Water District Announcement James Bodnar, President of the CVWD Board of Directors
2/21 – 2/28 ALL FOOTHILL AGENCIES will have a shutoff from a water source, but water service will not be interrupted for members of the community. They are asking that members of the community be on high alert to conserve water and to be prepared for this week of reduced supply. Water District has been prepared with tanks, wells and connection with City of Glendale. District asks that people refrain from outdoor irrigation (watering lawns), take shorter showers, do full loads of dishes and laundry. Updates available by visiting www.nixle.com including email and text updates.
9. Presentation proclaiming January 13, 2013 as 10th Anniversary of Korean-American Day - Sang Won Park, Ph.D., National President, KAF-USA and ~~Vincent Kim, Esq., President, KAF - Los Angeles, Ms. Jung Hee Lee, Vice President, KAF-USA, Pastor Abraham Choi, Board Member, KAF-USA~~
Proclamation given recognizing the tenth annual Korean-American Day on January 13, 2013. (See attachment A) Dr. Park presented a letter written by President Obama in recognition of Korean-American Day
10. Youth Council ~~Lori Mandjikian~~ President Cooper Iven
January 31, 2013 Financial Aid Fair to follow up on College Fair – will be held at Sadler Hall at St. Luke's Church
Working with Firehouse to get skate park in at CV Park – approved for building at CV Park. In process of scheduling community meetings. Seeking formal recommendation and approval for the Skate Park.

Thomas: *Where will it be built?* Will be built at CV Park near New York Ave. Have done environmental studies and approved – no oak trees will be cut down.

- Motion by Councilmember Beatty. Seconded by Councilmember Leon. Drafted by President Davis. Asking Parks Dept to do a formal presentation before the Town Council. Motion to request that Parks Department present plans for the Skate Park to the Community. All Councilmembers in favor. None opposed

11. Rhys Teff, Presentation of Eagle Scout Project

Lot on Rosemont Blvd/Orange Ave – clearing ivy near Monte Vista Elementary School (Slide presentation attached, Attachment B)

Audience A: *Will plants be small plants?* Examples brought – young, small plants and hoping that they will grow. Rocks available by the wash in Two Strike Park.

Audience B: *Will a sundial be installed in the lot?* Not installing an actual sundial, but will be arranging rocks

Davis: *What is the timeframe?* Will be completed over Spring Break in March.

Erickson: In a month. How much money has been raised? \$600 in scout account and will be fundraising when plan is approved. Will start with hardscape, move onto plants, and then benches and monument.

Beatty: *Who does the lot currently belong to?* Belongs to the County. Have been in touch

Thomas: Who will be maintaining it? Mostly native plants. After establishing plants, they will mostly be taking care of themselves. Neighbors have also been helpful and will water. CVWD may install sprinklers.

Erickson: *Is Monte Vista in support of the project?* Talked to Principal at Monte Vista ES.

Dickson: *Flyer with donation needs?* Will be made.

12. 710 Community Forum (February 27) Vice President Beyt

Forum planned on February 27th at the Rosemont MS Auditorium. Who is present?

Susan Bolan: Studied for four years. California Assoc of Governments, CALTRANS, all in support. Alternatives analysis has four different ways that the gap can be bridged. Three separate Metro meetings on February 23, 24, 26th. www.no710.com – no 710 Committee website to see meetings that are happening. Councilmember Beyt expressed that the freeway will affect the community adversely

13. First Responder's Reports

a. Los Angeles Sheriff		Capt. Dave Silversparre Deputy Valdevia	
Homicide	0	Larceny – Theft	11
Robbery	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Rape	0	Arson	0
Aggravated Assault	3	Vandalism	5
Burglary	3	Narcotics	5

Crime stats down for fourth year in a row. 84% increase in auto theft, but while percentage increases are large, numbers are small. Most cars are being recovered in South Central and some in Vernon. Over the last few months, vehicles being broken into with cash, phones, vehicle documents, electronics, small items being removed from the car, usually from unlocked vehicles. Encouraging the community to lock vehicles. Third row seats in SUV's also being taken. Side view mirrors also being stolen. Arrests made over the month, some drug-related. Some professional thieves from outside of the town, and some drug addicts from in the town.

Erickson: *Do most happen in the middle of the night or day?* Most happen during the day, from 9am through the day hours (home burglaries). Varies in La Crescenta over the week. Fridays are a bad day for La Canada. *Cars?* 90% of the time is when they wake up, so it usually happens between 6pm and when they wake up. Usually done during the early morning hours.

Claessens: *Could you give a description of Narcotics arrests? Types of drugs, ages of people?* Cannot give specifics about types of drugs. Usually marijuana, some heroine and crystal meth. Not as rampant as other areas, but majority are related to marijuana. Some are juveniles and some adults. Local people.

Marshall: *Have there also been problems with medicinal drugs?* There was an arrest for medicinal drugs without prescriptions. Will be charged.

Thomas: *Are the increases because you're doing a better job or because more people are doing drugs?* Extra COPS team in the area. Not giving service calls, but just go around seeing what they could find. Spend time looking for drug use. Also have training officers at the stations.

Audience: *5pm at the middle school, there was an accident with law enforcement and emergency vehicles present. Can you comment?* Not sure, but CHP may be able to comment.

Deputy: Encourage community to check www.nixle.com. Issued a warning about a vendor that was going door to door, trends that are happening, etc. and the department is very active in updating. Also, another blood drive at the station from 10am-4pm on February 6, 2013 at the CV Sherriff's Station. Competing with other law enforcement agencies throughout the county.

b. Los Angeles County Fire ~~Stephanie English~~ not present

c. CHP Officer Kevin Denmon

December 2012 Traffic Collision Statistics for La Crescenta

Traffic collisions: 10 (8 property damage only, 2 minor injuries, 1 DUI related)

Year-to-Date: 149

Citations: 7

Year-to-Date: 330

Total fatalities: 0

DUI arrests: 0

Next Tuesday night at the firehouse, 6:30-7:30, traffic safety presentation for teen drivers – STARTsmart program. Talk about safe habits and preventing bad habits. Class given by court order but some insurance providers also offer discounts for attending and completing this class (certificate of completion given).

Thank you for supporting the Chips for Kids program – over 55,000 toys for kids in LA County. Comment on the lights at the entrance of the 210 freeway (in response to Councilmember Beatty in December '12). Used like traffic lights on the 605 to regulate traffic when needed.

Comment on entering lanes on the La Crescenta onramp for the 210 East (in response to audience comment in December '12). Information has been passed on to officers.

General increase in collisions because of increase in cars and some because of increased use of cell phones. Citations increased because officers are back.

Maximum Enforcement Period: During holidays, CHP deploys 80% of officers onto the field. Began on Friday, December 28th at 6pm and ran until midnight on New Year's. Statewide 41 (2012) deaths vs. 25 (2011). LA County. 3 people killed (2012) vs. 4 (2011). State-wide drunk driving arrests: 1405 (2012) vs. 1270 (2011). In LA County, 311 (2012) vs. 274 (2011).

Encouraging community to designate a sober driver.

Responding to public comment about today's accident: two-car collision with minor injuries.

Highway Patrol and Sherriff responded phenomenally.

14. Public Comments and Community Announcements

Please submit a speaker card to the President or Vice President. Discussion is limited to items NOT a part of this agenda. Each speaker is allowed 3 minutes. Council may ask questions or respond to the

speaker but there will be no debate or decision. The President may refer the matter to the appropriate committee for investigation and report.

- Public Comments that pertain to Safety / First Responders
- Mike Baldwin, American Legion & Warren Spayth, VFW 1614, Two Strike Memorial Wall American Legion Post 288 sponsors Troop 288 and proud of the work being done. VP at Forest Lawn, Scott Dulay, will be donating bronze tablets for about \$12,000, including installation. Need to bump up the thermometer when the amount is set. Donation arranged by Senator Carol Liu's office. Met with the Park Department and hoping to begin work in February. Will be providing a timeline and an agreement to begin work soon. Hoping to have a significant part of the memorial done by Memorial Day.
5K fundraising run at CV Park before the CV Chamber's Country Fair on April 6th at 8:15am entirely within the CV Park to alleviate any conflict.
- Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library
Email her to be included on weekly newsletters to be kept up at the library

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- Holly Heurkins, CV Chamber of Commerce
Updates on events:
CVCC offers ribbon cutting events for new businesses in town.
Crossfit business open on Boston/Foothill, February 8th at noon. 6pm mixer.
Partners with the CV Town Council to clean the La Crescenta off-ramp, first Saturday/month.
Hometown Country Fair on April 6th at CV Park. Dog, pie eating, talent contests.
- Nancy Stone, CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition
Tuesday night parent sessions at the YMCA (7:15 – 8:30). Focusing in January on 40 Developmental Assets. CV is the root of the organization
Coalition meeting on January 25th 8-10am at the Verdugo Hills Hospital. Board has different committees with members from the community and organizations in the area.
Working on an Online speaker's bureau and Resource Guide (regulated quarterly)

Chairperson of the Youth and Family Committee (Nancy Stone):
March 14 evening, invited Clay Roberts at the CV auditorium to speak on the 40 Developmental Assets. Asks that CVTC partner for the event.
- ~~Mary O'Keefe~~ President Cheryl Davis, Prom Plus and Fire House
Prom Plus: Chamber installation dinner gave awards for the Mary Pinola Education Foundation with grants going to Prom Plus and the Fire House
Taste of Montrose on Sunday, May 5th at the Harvest Market (part of the Wags and Whiskers)
May 11th-12th Relay For Life event at Clark Magnet HS
May 18th CVHS prom and Prom Plus event at the YMCA
- Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council

2012 is regarded as the warmest year in recorded history. Fire season is now 12 months long, not 6 months. Affects water pack in the mountains.

Fire Safe Council selected to receive a grant as part of a coalition that involves law enforcement, fire, and county health, to bring together groups in dealing with emergency preparedness. Purpose to develop a meaningful way to bring emergency preparation and preparedness into the lives of community residents. **First meeting will occur on January 30th**. Efforts in a community like ours are funded by volunteers, but this project comes with money.

- Public Comments that do not pertain to Safety / First Responders
- Crescenta Valley Community Association, **meeting 4th Thursday of the month from 7-9pm at the library**. CVCA is a cross-jurisdictional group from Sunland/Tujunga through La Canada

~~15. Crescenta Valley Skate Park Youth Council President, Cooper Iven~~

16. Land Use Recommendation regarding 1941-1945 Waltonia 2012 Land Use Co-Chair Frank Beyt
Letter drafted to LA County Regional Planning to forward permit application back to the County because of the split on the Land Use Committee (see attachment C)

Erickson: *Can a compromise be reached so that a branch is cut off, and the driveway could be moved to the other side of the oak tree?*

William McKinley, Consulting Arborist: Based on present design of the project, the tree's canopy would be cut in half. 50% of the crown would be removed and the tree would be unbalanced. The proposed design is such that the building footing would excavate down and remove almost half the tree's roots.

Claessens: *The tree is located on the back third/quarter of the property and is not visible from the street. The tree is not visible for many neighbors and is not in very good shape. Restricting Oak Tree Permits could lead the community not to want to plant oak trees. Believes that the owner ought to have the right to develop his own property and remove the tree.*

Beatty: *Concern is that there was a lot of fill brought in to make the soil look like it was the original, and wondering if there is some duplicity in the situation. Would like to see the tree remain.*

Battles: *Would like to ask why the neighbors are opposed to the tree being removed. Neighbors like the tree and would not like to see it removed.*

- Motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Use Committee and to send the letter. Motion by Councilmember Beatty and Erickson. Seconded by Councilmember Beyt. 6-3, not accepting the letter.
- Motion to allow for the removal of the tree by Councilmember Claessen, seconded by Councilmember Beyt. Motion passes 6-2-1 (approve, opposed, abstention). CVTC's recommendation is to approve the removal of the oak tree.

17. Council Business

a. Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary Battles

i. January 10, 2013 Letter from Olaf Landsgaard re *Cleveland v. Co. of LA*

- Motion to discuss the letter at the EC meeting to allow sufficient time to read it in its entirety because it was received this morning, by Councilmember Battles, seconded by Councilmember Beatty. Motion approved unanimously.

ii. Responses to the 710 freeway forum:

Notes that the 710 will increase noise pollution.

Notes that population is growing and will eventually need to relieve congestion

Supports the tunnel which will relieve congestion.

b. ~~Approval of December 2012 – January 2013 Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Erickson~~

c. 2012 CVTC Audit

- Audit committee approved audit. Councilmember Beyt moves to approve, Councilmember Thomas seconds. Audit adopted by a unanimous vote.

d. Discussion of 2013 Budget (to be approved February 2013)
Will be discussed at the EC meeting

e. Announcement and approval of 2013 Council Committees & Chair Assignments

Will need to hold out on Land Use Committee and still unsure about who does not want to be a part of the committee.

- Councilmember Beatty motions to approve, Councilmember Claessens seconds. Committees approved by unanimous vote.

18. Committee Reports and Items from Council

Military Banner Committee:

Committee hopes to give back money that was contributed to the military banners (at least \$100). If everyone asks for money back, will amount to \$4000. Keep the Military Banner Fund going so that the American Legion can make cardboard signs that they could put up at several events to honor military members after 9/11/11. Thinking of removing all banners on the street after the Two Strike Memorial is completed. Will call 59 people and asking community to respond if they would like money back.

Arbor Day Committee:

Theme – “The Great Outdoors” to be focused on the environment, the Rosemont Preserve, and going green in our community. Having a difficult time keeping it in March because Supervisor Antonovitch will be with a delegation in New York. May need to move it into April. Meeting again tomorrow at 5:30pm. Lots going on in the community related to “The Great Outdoors.”

R1 Committee:

Created action plan to present a proposal to the CVTC by March EC meeting to determine a motion for a vote at the March Regular Meeting whether or not to present R1 zoning options to the community through the Land Use Committee. (See attachment D)

Battles: *People in 2011 surveys elected not to be contacted afterward so we cannot use their contact information or be in touch with them. Survey information is also on an account online that is no longer accessible by CVTC without paying.*

Erickson: *How much will it cost?*

Battles: *\$40 to pull data. Why are we not moving to ask the County to present an R1 plan now?*

Thomas: *Heads are cooler now and 130 people responded to the survey. If we change the R1 zone, it will affect a lot of people. Would like to get as large a community sample as possible.*

Davis: *What was the tally from the last survey?*

Thomas: *97 people responded that they would like to attend a meeting to change the R1, vs. 35 that would like to attend a meeting but would not like to change the R1 zoning.*

Battles: *We did survey two years ago when heads were hot. The County put in a lot of time to analyze what people said, and it doesn’t seem like inviting the County to present to the community with over 400 people from the community, will be changing R1. Information has sat with the council for 2 years, and we don’t want to disseminate the information unless the survey is sent.*

Erickson: *People at the last election are asking why they haven’t yet been informed or contacted about the R1 zoning regulations.*

Battles: *What is the point of the second survey?*

Thomas: *Would like to determine whether or not the community is still interested in this. Would like to see what can be done through the online survey. Will give as much information as possible and there is no rush to this.*

Beatty: *Information from two years ago is now stale. Things have changed.*

Dickson: *Did not take the 2011 survey and believes that we are not getting a good sample of people throughout the community. We may be making a decision based on the opinion of 1%*

Audience 1: *Agree with Councilmember Dickson that the sample size is insufficient.*

Audience 2: *Filled out the survey two years ago and feels that her investment into the survey has been ignored. There is a lack of connection and no information being presented to the public.*

Thomas: *We want to honor that response and get more people online and on March 1st, crunch the numbers, submit it to the Council, and decide what to do. In the public meeting, hoping to make a motion as to what to do with regard to that information in the county.*

Audience 3: *Submit through schools and newspaper*

- Motion to approve the Action Plan by Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Beatty seconds. Most people were promised that we would not be utilizing their contact information to get back to them. Motion passes 6-3.

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