



# MINUTES

## February 21, 2013

*La Crescenta Library Community Room*  
Meeting starts promptly at 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 at 7:02pm President Davis
2. Presentation of Colors by the CV High School JROTC & Flag Salute led by Carter Thomas (Troop 319) – 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Rosemont Middle School
3. Presentation to CVHS JROTC for their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Councilmembers Dickson and Cheung
4. Invocation Cheryl Davis
5. Roll Call Recording Secretary Cheung
  - a. All members present: Councilmembers Davis, Beyt, Erickson, Cheung, Battles, Leon, Suh, Claessens, Beatty, Thomas, Marshall, Dickson.
6. 710 Community Forum (February 27) Vice President Beyt
  - a. Community Forum with representatives from Anthony Portantino’s Office, Glendale City Council, La Canada City Council, etc.
7. R-1 Survey Councilmember Thomas
  - a. Survey currently online and requesting feedback from the community
8. Scholarships Councilmember Leon
  - a. Applications available at CVHS, deadline on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes to contribute available and requesting donations for the scholarship fund. Dedicated scholarships also available.
9. ASTER Senior Scam Stopper (April 18) Councilmember Battles
  - a. Event proposed by Assemblymember Mike Gatto’s office and supported by the Contractors State Licensing Board. Will be held at the La Canada YMCA.
10. Youth Town Council ~~Lori Mandjikian~~ Ben Campos
  - a. Filming supplemental video from March 2, 9am-2pm at St. Luke’s Church
  - b. College Information Night, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-9pm – information about setting up your dorm, “mom tips,” adjusting to college life, etc. targeted to students who have already been accepted. Partnering with Prom Plus and Firehouse
  - c. Email: [cvyouthtowncouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cvyouthtowncouncil@gmail.com)
11. Dennis Erdman, CV Water District
  - a. Currently having a disruption in the imported water supply that represents up to 40% of community’s water usage because of maintenance work in La Verne and in Eagle Rock. Began at 8pm this morning and will last 8 days. Asking not to water outdoors during this 8-day period. Ability to pump 3 million gallons a day from reservoirs. District is in good shape, but asking for cooperation to get through the outage period with good results.
12. Glendale Unified School District Board of Education Candidates (3-minute introductions)
  - a. **Daniel Cabrera:** Parent, Businessman, PTA President, and Teacher. 2 issues – safety, health and security of students and staff; and ensuring that we have the best teachers possible in our classrooms. Will advocate for positions to keep schools free of weapons, drugs, discrimination and bullying; and to partner less experienced teachers with more experienced ones. [www.dan4office.com](http://www.dan4office.com)

- b. **Greg Krikorian:** Ran first in 2001 and has been on GUSD Board since then. Fought development above Montrose 7-11 and Verdugo Hills Golf Course and fighting against 710 Freeway. Will fight for people in La Crescenta and continue successes on the school board. Visit [www.greg2013.com](http://www.greg2013.com) for more information
- c. **Armina Gharpetian:** Dentist and business owner for 13 years. Began with involvement as an active PTA member and member of the school site council, and also raised money for different school events/causes. Priorities will be: preventing class size increases, keeping schools and students safe through prevention and intervention, engaging the entire community by offering annual and semi-annual forums, keeping an eye on the budget, encourage business owners to become meaningful participants in our school, and closing communication gap between board and teachers' union.

13. Presentation to Ellie Pipes Councilmember Erickson

- a. For 50 years in the La Crescenta Women's Club, engagement with the community and for starting the Historical Society, and 40 years with the Glendale Patron's Club.

14. Introduction of Mike Keleshian by Arick Gevorkian (CV Armenian Community & Youth Center)

- a. Recognizing Arick Gevorkian For involvement with the Armenian Community Center as Chairman of the Board for last 2 years, and for being an integral part of organizing the first annual CV Prayer Breakfast and Korean-Armenian Festival
- b. Introducing new Chairman of the Board – Mike Keleshian

15. First Responder's Reports

- a. CHP No Representatives Present
- b. Los Angeles Sheriff Lieutenant Edwards / Deputy Valdivia
  - i. Larceny thefts (mostly vehicle and school locker thefts) often caused by simple things like leaving cars open, keeping garage doors open, leaving doors unlocked, leaving valuables in plain view.
  - ii. 15 of 23 larceny thefts due to unlocked vehicles. 8 of 23 had smashed in windows because valuables were visible.
  - iii. If interested in Neighborhood Watch program, please contact the Sheriff
  - iv. Suffering from budget cutbacks and increasingly depending on the community to call the Sheriff with any suspicious activity.
- c. Los Angeles County Fire ~~Stephanie English~~ Not available

16. 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 the 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.*

- a. Public Comments that pertain to Safety / First Responders None
- b. Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council – Also operating as organization called “CVReady” – a coalition for CV readiness. Encouraging community to “know your neighbors – your life may depend on them” Forming sectors with grant money from the LA Dept. of Public Health.
- c. CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition Mary O'Keefe
  - i. March 14<sup>th</sup>, Community and Family Summit about 40 Developmental Assets at CVHS Auditorium. Clay Roberts, Consultant to 40 Developmental Assets Program, will be speaking from 7-9pm.
  - ii. Gathering students from Foothill area to talk about what is happening in the area and what students need.
- d. Prom Plus and Fire House Mary O'Keefe
  - i. Fire House designated a “Safe Place” that provides counselors and care for youth who are in trouble – can call the hotline and access resources
  - ii. \$20/kid/day for a leadership camp through the Firehouse
  - iii. Appreciation to Veterans, VFW, and American Legion for helping Providing information about enlisting in the military for students who are interested

- iv. CV Skate Park moving forward – setting up for community meetings, gathering letters of support from the community, and did an environmental study through the parks department. Done completely by students
- v. Teen Moves at CVHS – Universal and Six Flags, and Tournament of Roses and various community organizations present to present opportunities for work, volunteer work and internships
- vi. Prom Plus looking for 80 volunteers – meeting from 3:15-4:30 Friday to organize volunteers for the Montrose Centennial this weekend on Saturday/Sunday.
- vii. Also lead volunteers for Relay for Life – looking for donations and volunteers
- viii. *Race To Nowhere* is about the pressures that students face. Students wanted to provide positive alternatives and solutions and will be making a movie to present positive alternatives to the negative pressures discussed in the movie. Will be going to different organizations to tell them that they are available.
- e. American Legion, Two Strike Memorial Wall     Mike Baldwin
  - i. Fundraising goal is \$75,000 for the Memorial Wall – Raised amount from \$50,000 to \$60,000, and currently have \$61,500 available
  - ii. Will be meeting with the Parks Department on Monday. Will lay foundation, cinder block walls, and flagpoles, and other work will be done by the Legion
  - iii. April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am, Two Strike Memorial 5K Run fundraiser for the Memorial Wall – Sponsor and Participation Forms available.
- f. La Crescenta Library     Marta Wiggins
  - i. Community Library Manager at La Crescenta Library
  - ii. Did Valentine’s Day comments about “I <3 La Crescenta Library Because…” and candy handouts
  - iii. Mondays – Tai Chi at 9:30am in the parking lot before Library opens
  - iv. March 4<sup>th</sup> – Kids in Motion series for 9 weeks after Tai Chi for Toddlers - Preschool
  - v. Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:30 – Spa Day
  - vi. Taking entries for the community art contest – for all age groups
  - vii. Tax help also available through the library
- g. CV Chamber of Commerce     ~~Leonard Ghazarian~~ not present
- h. Public Comments that do not pertain to Safety / First Responders
  - i. Parks Department will be present at next meeting to present about the Skate Park
  - ii. CV Clean and Green Committee, presentation by the “Belly Buster Club” – (Richard Stewart) encouraging members of the community to pick up trash on once-a-day walks and help keep the community clean. “Adopt A Street” wherever you walk and volunteer to keep your block clean. Could also have an “all-hands” event for larger cleanups.
  - iii. Goodwill Fundraiser

17. Update on the Rosemont Preserve

Paul Rabinov / Frank Colcord

- a. Friends of the Rosemont Preserve is an advisory panel to the AFC for preserving nature in the Foothill region. Acquired 7.7 acres above at the Rosemont Preserve, open space at the top of Rosemont Ave. When Arroyo Foothills Committee was raising money and support, made a commitment to keep the community informed on the preserve. Committed to creating a development plan for the property – the draft is in the works and will be available later this year on their website ([arroyosfoothills.org/Rosemont](http://arroyosfoothills.org/Rosemont), [rosemontfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rosemontfriends@gmail.com))
- b. Neighbors have been informed and outreach has been done through local press and civic organizations. 3-prong approach: Restoration, Education, Recreation.
- c. (*Audience 1*) *How was the property purchased?* The property was owned by a family that owns a school in La Canada. They had looked at a space to potentially build a school, and the parcel was sold at a significant discount.
- d. (*Audience 1*) *There is not as much flooding in this area as there is in the Pickens Canyon.* Pickens Canyon is a larger canyon than Goss Canyon, which is a box canyon.
- e. (*Audience 2*) *Is there significant poison oak?* There is much more poison oak in CV Park, and while there is some, it isn’t widespread.

- f. *(Councilmember Thomas) Where will the trail be going?* There is a significant upslope on the North face, and the base is the opening of Goss Canyon. The trail was originally planned to run  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the canyon for elementary school students to be able to hike in the area. There will also be stations along the way to present significant aspects of the property.
- g. *(Councilmember Marshall) Will the gate be closed for hiking even after the trail opens?* Yes, access will be limited to docent-led hikes because of concerns of the community and because the property is accessed by the CV Water District. The property is not a large property. The gate is also open 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays for public access. There are restoration days those days, but the public is welcome to come and see the property. There is a sign to delineate the end of the property toward the back of the property where the parcel becomes private.
- h. Community members are encouraged to become members of the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve – no cost and could just join the organization.

18. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Update

Paul Rabinov

- a. Served La Crescenta/Altadena for two consecutive terms. Santa Monica Conservancy owns 70,000 acres of open space and is the largest landholder in the Southern California area. Geographic area is determined to be the “Rim of the Valley Corridor.” Extends out to Altadena and our community is represented. There is a staff and a separate advisory board with representatives from the communities that the corridor connects to.
- b. In a tight budgetary period, the Conservancy was able to be extremely efficient with its resources. Land was received by lawsuit settlement in the Big Tujunga Wash. To the East, gave money to the Arroyo Conservancy to acquire property. The AFC acquired half of the Mallard Canyon and SMMC the other half.
- c. Most money that has to do with property comes from water. Decided to focus energies on watershed and restoration projects. One is in Studio City and the other in the Verdugo Hills Golf Course. Successful in becoming the only watershed and restoration opportunity that has gone before the Proposition O Board for consideration for funding. The next representative will need enthusiasm for open space and preservation

19. Tyler Wright, CEO, YMCA of the Foothills – “Your Y in 2013 and Beyond,” the Y’s strategic plan, including changes and initiatives which have recently been enacted or are coming soon.

- a. Planning partnerships to do community-based, service-oriented programs. Starting new initiatives – Youth Development: Every child knows how to swim and be water safe in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Planting services on campus to supplement PE services at schools, Teaching kids to live longer and stronger; Healthy Living: Rolled out chaplain services program (goal of 50 trained chaplains), Launching national program called “50 Moving Forward” for 50-64 year olds; Social Responsibility: International partnerships with YMCA of Armenia and Korea

20. CVTC/ATC Appointed Representative to the SMMC

- a. Term ends at the end of this month, but can continue until a new representative is selected
- b. Duties: 10 meetings per year, and in advance of those meetings, a significant number of documents are sent online for review. Staff generally makes recommendations, but a vote is made by the board. The Eastern Rim of the Valley area has an ad-hoc committee that meets quarterly for issues that pertain to open space that they would like to focus on. By understanding the needs of the local community, they are able to work together with other organizations to influence decisions. Meetings are held throughout the Southern California region and can involve a significant commute. Also periodic presentations to City/Town councils to keep them apprised of what is going on.
- c. *(Councilmember Claessens) What is your resume for an ideal candidate?* Passionate about open space, familiar with the types of issues that surround that, someone that can work with other people and listen to their needs, and someone who has experience in a bureaucratic system.
- d. *(Councilmember Davis) Will hear from candidates at the March Executive Committee meeting*

21. Council Business

- a. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2013 – Motion by Councilmember Beatty, Seconded by Councilmember Leon. Approved unanimously.
- b. Correspondence
  - i. Email complaining about a rise in water rates. Forwarded to the water district.

- ii. Resident on Cecilville about a concerns for pedestrians and students from Rosemont and Monte Vista
  - iii. Watch out for the 134/5 Freeway commute because they are building carpool lanes
  - iv. R-1 survey comments have been posted on the R-1 survey page
  - v. Call from resident on Olive Ave. about change from large to small trash receptacles. Allowed to have as many small receptacles as they want for the same price
  - vi. Upper Shields debris basin work – complaint about K-rails being used for the debris basin and they are working with local residents
- c. Approval of December 2012 and January/February 2013 Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Erickson – Motion by Councilmember Beatty, Seconded by Councilmember Beyt, Approved unanimously.
- d. 2013 Budget
- i. Motion by Councilmember Claessens, Second by Councilmember Beyt. Approved unanimously.
  - ii. Web Marketing (Councilmember Battles) – will be transitioning to another website with better email and easier access to different committees. Better communication to the public. Comments section will be added, people can register for a feed, will be updated constantly, etc. and will save council about \$350/year.
  - iii. *(Councilmember Beatty) How much was allocated to Arbor Day? \$300*
- e. 2013 Land Use Committee
- i. Description of Land Use Committee read
  - ii. *(Councilmember Dickson) What is the role of the co-chair, and are alternates eligible? Yes, alternates are eligible. The role would be to get involved with contacting Planning, property owners, architects and project professionals, and be able to work with drawings to work with project professionals.*
  - iii. Motion by Councilmember Battles that the Land Use Chair work with volunteers from council and the community to draft a proposal for community members to apply and be appointed to the Land Use Committee. For vote in the March Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Marshall. Aye: Davis, Battles, Cheung, Erickson / Abstain: Beatty / Nay: Suh, Leon, Claessens, Beyt
  - iv. Motion to approve the definition of the land use committee as presented by Councilmember Claessens, seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Nay: Cheung, Davis, Battles, Erickson / Abstain: Suh / Aye: Beyt, Claessens, Leon, Thomas
    1. *(Councilmember Claessens) Does not feel that it is appropriate for non-council members to join the Land Use committee. Mentioned the experience with the Tujunga Council which lost control of a committee on marijuana dispensaries.*
    2. *(Councilmember Battles) If our council comes up with guidelines to allow non-council members to present recommendations before the full council. Every year, we should decide on what committees should be open. Would like the council to spend a month to work out a compromise to allow members of the community to serve.*
    3. *(Councilmember Marshall) Opening up the committee to people who are knowledgeable would make it stronger and would allow our relationship with the community to become stronger*
    4. *(Councilmember Thomas) Against the proposal because we are representatives of the community and are voted in to stand in for them in Land Use decisions. This is an open meeting, which means that the community can come in and present their opinion on projects during these meetings without being on the Land Use Committee. A decision was made to keep the decision within the Council because it affects people’s lives so directly.*
    5. *(Councilmember Erickson) Does not support the motion because we are doing lots of things and we could use the help to make more informed decisions. Could make amendments to require that community members must live in the unincorporated area.*
    6. *(Councilmember Dickson) If we vote on the description every year, the change would only be for a year.*



7. (Councilmember Beyt) If you don't understand the code, council is responsible to ask somebody. The code is very clear and applies clearly to the decision.
8. (Councilmember Beatty) Are we concerned about how many members are on this committee, or are we concerned about additional input? If the latter, we could always ask the public.
9. (Councilmember Davis) Has always felt that non-councilmembers should have a chance to serve on the Land Use Committee. Has learned a lot, but does not know that town councilmembers come on council know what that commitment is.
10. (Councilmember Battles) There is a significant amount of time invested in land use, and you need some amount of basic knowledge. The problem with the land use committee is that there are twelve members in the committee, and only five members showed up. Shows that they are not representing the community properly. Feels that we are not representing the community as we should be. Frustrated that Land Use Committee has delayed projects at the cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- v. Motion by Councilmember Cheung to approve the definition of the Land Use Committee as presented by President Davis, with a request for the Land Use Committee to work with volunteers from council and the community to discuss a proposal for community members to apply and be appointed to the Land Use Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Beatty. Aye: Cheung, Beatty, Leon, Suh, Claessens / Nay: Beyt, Davis, Battles, Erickson. Motion approved.

## 22. Committee Reports and Items from Council

- a. Arbor Day (April 20) Councilmember Beatty
  - i. Organizations, musical groups, honoring Rosemont preserve, dog park, and keynote speaker will be Sheriff Lee Baca. Supervisor Antonovich will be present. April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Two Strike Park.
- b. Clean and Green Committee Councilmember Marshall
  - i. Committee open to the public – next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Paul's House on Sunset Ave. Signup sheet also in the back of the room.
- c. Crescenta Valley Prayer Breakfast Councilmember Leon
  - i. Committee will be voting on who the speaker will be and the subject. Aiming for May 21<sup>st</sup>, which is also a Banking Day for CVHS. Will allow students to participate. Awaiting confirmation for a meeting with the Mormon Church on Rosemont Ave.
- d. Streets & Roads Pedestrian Improvements Corresponding Secretary Battles
  - i. Correspondence from Public Works to allow red curbing on Evelyn/Raymond, a block away from the high school. Sent correspondence to see if they had asked residents because most feedback was about putting a stop sign in because it is a busy intersection. Also asked public works for more communication and outreach so that there are no surprises. Los Amigos/Rosemont, did many studies and will have a proposal ready in a month or so for changes to make the intersection safer. Talking about changing beacons, adding a bulb-out for students to stand at. Laundry-list of things that Public Works is working on.
  - ii. *(Councilmember Leon) Any way of addressing the issue of trucks on Ramsdell Ave? County is already looking at it so that trucks cannot park overnight on Ramsdell Ave.*
- e. This weekend is the centennial of Montrose on Saturday (9am-9pm) and Sunday (9am-5pm). Free cake and politicians kissing babies! Honolulu Ave. will be closed.
- f. Night at the races with La Crescenta Women's Club.
- g. Please wear name badge at the 710 Freeway Forum
- h. Session closed in memory of the deputies who lost their lives and were injured as a result of the Christopher Dorner incident.

## 23. Adjourn at 9:59pm

## Announcements

- **Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 PM – 710 Community Forum at Rosemont Middle School**
- Thursday, February 28, 7:00 PM – CVCA Meeting in the La Crescenta Library’s Community Room
- Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 PM – CVTC Clean & Green Committee Meeting
- Saturday, March 9, 8:30-9:15 AM – Joint CV Chamber-CV Town Council freeway off-ramp cleanup
- Thursday, March 14, 6:30-8:30 PM – CVTC Land Use Committee Meeting at the La Crescenta Library’s Community Room
- Thursday, March 14, 7:00-9:00 PM – CVDAPC Community & Family Summit featuring Clay Roberts on the 40 Developmental Assets at CVHS, MacDonald Auditorium. FREE Admission.
- Sunday, March 17, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – CV Chamber’s Day at the Races
- Thursday, March 21, 2013 6:00 PM – CV Youth Council General Meeting in the La Crescenta Library Community
- **Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM - CVTC General Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room**
- Wednesday, March 27, 11:30 AM – Smart-A-Thon at Verdugo Hills Hospital
- Thursday, April 4, 5:00 PM – Prom Plus BBQ at CVHS for Open House
- Sat. April 6 (8AM-5PM), April 9-11 (6-9:30 PM), Sat. April 13 (9AM-3PM) - CV CERT Classes
- Saturday, April 6, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – La Crescenta Woman’s Club Fashion Show
- Saturday, April 6, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – CV Chamber’s Hometown Country Fair at CV Park
- Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – CV Youth Council College Information Night with information about setting up your dorm, “mom tips,” adjusting to college life, etc.
- Saturday, April 13, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Prom Plus Spring Boutique at St. Luke’s Sadler Hall
- Thursday, April 18, 4:00-5:30 PM - ASTER Senior Scam Stopper presented by Assemblymember Mike Gatto, the Contractors State License Board, and ASTER, FREE at YMCA of the Foothills.
- Saturday, April 20, 10:00 AM – CV Town Council’s Arbor Day Celebration at Two Strike Park
- Sunday, May 5 – Taste of Montrose with Wags N Whiskers at Montrose Harvest Market
- Saturday May 11 9:00 AM to Sunday May 12, 9:00 AM – Foothills Relay for Life at Clark Magnet High
- Saturday May 18 midnight to Sunday May 19 6:00 AM – Prom Plus at the YMCA of the Foothills