



MINUTES

March 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 President Davis at 7:02 PM
2. Presentation of Colors by Scout Troop 306 & Flag Salute led by Clara Fermanian
3. Invocation Pastor Bill Flanders, FBCLC (First Baptist Church of La Crescenta)
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Cheung
 - a. Council members Davis, Beyt, Erickson, Claessens, Leon, Suh, Beatty, Cheung, Thomas, Marshall present. Council members Battles and Dickson not present
5. R-1 Survey and Los Angeles County Planning presenting at the April 11 Land Use Meeting Councilmember Robert Thomas
 - a. Motion is made that based upon the community response to the 2012 R1 Survey and previous community concerns, the R1 Exploratory Committee recommends that the Crescenta Valley Town Council prepare to hold a Land Use Meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM, in which the Los Angeles County Planning Department will present R1 Zone information and also be prepared to answer questions from the community about concerns that they may have about nonconforming homes in their neighborhood. Seconded by Councilmember Beatty. Approved unanimously.
6. Scholarships Councilmember Harry Leon
 - a. Academic, post-secondary, academic, community service. Applications due March 28th.
7. ASTER Senior Scam Stopper (April 18) Councilmember Beyt
 - a. 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Free seminar on avoiding scams, sponsored by Assemblymember Mike Gatto at YMCA in La Canada.
8. Announcement from CV Water District Dennis _____
 - a. Issue that came before the CV Water District regarding a staff report about ATT asking for the district's cooperation to set up a wireless cellular antennae that is owned by the CV Water District. Proposed site is near the Oak Tree Reservoir. Asked that the motion be moved to two weeks. The board is inviting community input on the issue. If this goes forward, the application process for ATT takes about one year during which they would seek a conditional use permit from the county and permission from the Town Council.
 - b. Development of budget which begins in July 2013. Will be having public meetings to discuss and inform with the public. The Board of Directors gave direction to staff that they would like improvements on a continuing basis on the water system in the community. Funding level for these improvements is about \$2M/year. In the last 1-2 years, they have not had the same level of funding. Would like a continuing budget but would not like to go deeper into debt. Rate increases would allow for new projects to improve the infrastructure.
 - c. Board would like money made from litigation with oil companies as a result of leaking MTBE in the water system to be put into a holding fund to take care of the problem of MTBE that may arise in the future.
 - d. Councilmember Beatty: "Pay as you go" sounds great, but does not seem realistic. Bonds sound like a better option because they will be paid back with cheaper dollars and are municipal bonds with best rates and tax benefits.

- e. *Councilmember Marshall: Is there a way to get the MTBE out of the water? There are treatment plants that can do that, but none of the wells that we are operating have MTBE at levels that require treatment. But MTBE in soil that was tested is not near wells.*
- f. *Councilmember Erickson: Do we still owe money on bonds issued in the past? There are currently bonds that are being paid back. They are being paid at a 4-4.5% rate Can we refinance them at better rates? We will look at that option.*
- g. *Councilmember Leon: Is the MTBE from local gas stations or from larger gas companies? The department believes that they are a result of gas stations along Foothill Blvd. Do you have a plan to tackle the infrastructure restructuring that you are proposing? Yes, they have a plan. Looking at repairing water mains that are oldest and most prone to leaks. Currently looking at replacing mains on Santa Carlotta, which had 9 leaks over the past year. You are trying to say that we should tackle problems before they come up, and it will cost us more money if we don't do it early. Yes, the cost of prevention is much lower than the cost of putting "band aids."*

9. Youth Council Cooper Iven

- a. Working on a College Financial Aid Information Night on April 8th from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM with information about what students can do to afford college.

10. Glendale Unified School District Board of Education Candidates (3-minute introductions)

Daniel Cabrera (attended in February)	Ali Sadri
Joylene Wagner	Armina Gharpetian (attended in February)
Christine Walters	Jennifer Freemon
Greg Krikorian (attended in February)	

- a. Joylene Wagner: Came to the Board where pieces of her background came together. Proud of the district for long tradition of quality schools and attention to public education and student achievement as a whole. Look forward to continued partnerships within the district.
- b. Christine Walters: Finishing first term as President of the Board. Product of the Glendale schools. Is running on her record and is proud of the things that she was able to accomplish through the financial difficulties, without layoffs, furlough days, or salary reductions for staff. Looking forward to continuing these successes.
- c. Ali Sadri: Not a politician. All of the current board members are all great people and mean well, but they trust management too much. Sees the role of a board member as controlling waste in public contracts, especially during these difficult financial times.
- d. Jennifer Freemon: Passionate about public education. 3 children with two in Glendale elementary schools. Was a teacher at Toll MS and Hoover HS. There is so much happening in education right now, whether dual-immersion programs or common core, and believes that we need someone with a strong background in education who can guide the board in curriculum and instruction.
- e. *Councilmember Davis: Please vote on April 2nd with up to three votes for the School Board!*

11. Introduction of Glendale Community College Interim Superintendent/President, Jim Riggs

- a. Introduction by Glendale College Trustee, Ms. Ann Ransford.
- b. Glendale Community is very diverse. Working very closely with the school district. One of the most advanced robotics manufacturing programs in GCC. Breaking ground for a brand new building this summer with state funding. Bond money will be used to renovate older buildings. Has been in existence since 1937 for over 85 years. On April 25th, invited to meet the finalists for the presidency of the Glendale Community College.

12. First Responder's Reports

- a. Los Angeles Sheriff Deputy Jorge Valdivia
 - i. *Councilmember Davis: The Sheriff's Department has been running Community Academies which Councilmember Davis and Leon have been attending and have had the chance to go to the Men's Central Jail, Communications Center, Ride-along's, etc.*
 - ii. Want to make sure that the community understands what they do and why they do it. Wanting transparency with the Sheriff's Department and hoping to do more in the future.
 - iii. 2 robberies, 1 aggravated assault, 10 burglaries, 12 larceny-thefts, 1 motor vehicle thefts, 3 vandalism, and 6 narcotics. No homicides, rape, or arson.

- iv. Last month was hit hard with home burglaries, 4 were break-in's, a few were unlocked doors, a few were "distraction" burglaries. If something does not look right, please do not hesitate to call the Sheriff. They do not feel bothered.
 - v. One burglary turned into a robbery because the suspect was being chased and hit the
 - vi. Numbers are dropping because they are making a number of arrests.
 - vii. *Councilmember Claessens: What explains the spike in narcotics arrests? Most are due to traffic stops, and officers are being more aggressive in stopping these activities. Who should we call with something suspicious? Call the normal station number if there is something suspicious: 818-248-3464 Have you heard any word for a replacement for Captain Silversparre? Nothing officially, but Captain Silversparre is going to Communications Center and Transportation Fleet.*
 - viii. *Audience 1: What was the bomb threat on Briggs? Was not a bomb – got a call that a pipe bomb was thrown through a person's window. Turned out to be an old pipe that was propelled through a window by a passing car.*
 - ix. *Councilmember Cheung: Is there a pattern to the kinds of "groups" that are active in committing crimes in the area? There are crime rings that are going out committing these burglaries, both local and outside groups. Know the area well, but numbers of these incidents have gone down. Are there any common tactics that we should know of? Fishing in cars with smashed windows, for homes, all depends on how the house is fixed in the area. Will try to break through the side or back door and will take care of their business and leave in 5-10 minutes.*
 - x. *Councilmember Marshall: Are barking dogs an effective deterrent? Barking dogs are an effective deterrent. Do not want to be heard or seen.*
 - b. **Los Angeles County Fire** **Stephanie English**
 - i. 33 responses in La Crescenta with 20 being medical calls. Others were false alarms
 - ii. CERT class being held at Camp 2 facility on May 11, 18, 25th – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - iii. New Assistant Fire Chief, Dean MacGuire, starting, hoping to come by in April or May.
 - iv. Fire drills will be happening in April/May. Inter-agency "over-the-side" drill. Brush fire drill off of the 2 freeway.
 - v. Will be having an early fire season this year, most likely in May. Not as much moisture this year. Be ready for a wild land fire.
 - vi. Invitation to fire station dedication will be emailed to Council. Friday, March 29th, 10:00 AM – 5N to 14N off of Golden Valley Rd. Division 3 station and Battalion headquarters. Houses HAZMAT squad, 10-dorm station with battalion headquarters. In Santa Clarita, but inviting Council to the dedication.
 - c. **CHP** **Officer Kevin Denmon**
 - i. CHP is hiring again – need to pay attention online to take the written test. Had 30,000 applicants in this open season. Please let anyone interested visit <http://chp.ca.gov>
 - ii. With hiring, got ten new cadets, will see a dip in the enforcement activities.
 - iii. April is National Distracted Driving Month in the country – will be a HOT month to get ticketed for using a cell phone while driving. On April 3rd, CHP and Burbank PD will be doing a press conference to get message out about distracted driving.
 - iv. 12 traffic collisions (9 in 2012). Usually result from speeding because people are in a hurry, or distracted driving from using a cell phone. 3 citations (38 in 2012) because officer is in training. No fatalities in the area.
 - v. Today, a traffic fatality off of Pennsylvania Blvd. Gentleman ran off the freeway off-ramp going Westbound on the 210 freeway.
13. Introduction of Candidates for the CVTC/ATC Appointed Representative to the SMMC
- a. *Councilmember Davis: CVTC has a representative at the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, reporting to both CVTC and Altadena Town Council. Appointees serve two-year terms, and outgoing representative, Paul Rabinov, served a four-year term.*
 - b. Karen Buehler – Lived in La Crescenta for the last 8 years. Avid hiker, backpacker, and passionate about the outdoors. 25 years experience in purchasing, contracts and facilities management. Currently working for the County of Los Angeles. Certified Purchasing Manager

and has an MBA. 10-year Girl Scouts Troop Leader. Volunteered with Survivors After Suicide center, Teen Line, Sierra Club, Rosemont Preserve, and City of Glendale Dept of Parks.

c. Bob Thompson – Native of Crescenta Valley. Involved in Oakmont V, Rosemont Preserve, Sierra Club, Rockhaven, Mountain Oaks, and Verdugo Hills Golf Course. Participated in LA River, Glendale, and La Crescenta Offramp cleanups and Glendale Adopt-a-Block. Member of Nature Conservancy and Friends of the Library. Endorsed by Richard Toya.

d. By a vote of 7 to 2, Bob Thompson is appointed as the Crescenta Valley Town Council Representative to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

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
- Paul Dutton, CV CERT – Not present
- Mike Baldwin, American Legion & Warren Spayth, VFW 1614, Two Strike Memorial Wall
 - Started work at Two Strike Park this week. Took one day to tear it all down and another day to put it into the bin. Hoping to have the monument completed by the Parks Department by May 1st. Will then have to finish the rock on top of the cinderblock. Has been six years, and in the last 1-2 years, gained support from people in the community and would like to thank those who helped.
 - Donations still being received: \$1500 donation from US Bank, \$5000 from 200+ Rosemont MS student “Walk For the Wall”
 - Next event is the Two Strike 5K “Run to Remember” on April 6th at 8:15 AM at CV Park, followed by a 1K Kid’s Run with the Junior ROTC unit, proceeds of the Kid’s Run going to the Firehouse.
 - April 13th at 8:00 AM at the Vietnam War Memorial – Welcome Home Vietnam Vets
- Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library
 - Library would like to support the community in all of its endeavors, be it art, Reading, education, etc.
 - Kids in Motion program is still popular with 25-30 kids on Monday at 11:00 AM
 - Preparing for Summer Reading program – will be offering a Kindle eReader each for Adult and Teen reading programs, among other prizes.
 - Earth Week in April with Wildlife company doing “Think Wild America” with animals found in the region. Will be screening *Earth*, a film. Polynesian Dancers, Thrift Store, Drum Circle – all to celebrate varied communities and our Earth.
 - Book club on the 4th Tuesday of each month
 - Sierra Club meets at the Library every 2nd Tuesday.
 - Can check out books on the Kindle, Nook, and almost all devices.
- Jean Mallucio, CV Chamber of Commerce
 - 25th Annual Smart-A-Thon on Wednesday
 - Hometown Country Fair on April 6th – car show, carnival, dunk tank, rides, rafters, and different food trucks coming in. Also offering any organization that brings a flyer in and buy a meal for \$5 – each flyer received will receive \$1 from the Chamber and \$2 from Lexus of Glendale for a total of \$3.
- Mary O’Keefe, Prom Plus and Fire House
 - President, Dyllan Sylvester; VP, Brianna Beck; President of MS Club, Jessie Sheldon
 - April 13th, Spring Boutique at St. Luke’s from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - May 5th, Taste of Montrose – for \$20, get food from local Montrose vendors
 - May 12th – Relay For Life team from Prom Plus
 - May 11th – Prom and Prom Plus at YMCA
 - Selling raffle tickets for an iPad drawing

- Firehouse has partnered with Youth Council for College Fair to present information about Financial Aid and how to get your room set up.
 - Has been working with the Glendale Unified School District to send a drug and alcohol survey for every tenth grader to take.
 - Public Comments that do not pertain to Safety / First Responders
 - Easter Egg Hunt at Two Strike Park this Sunday – Free with possibility of a special prize
15. Presentation of Proposed Skate Park at Crescenta Valley Park – Frank Gonzales, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation and Cooper Iven, President of the CV Youth Town Council and Fire House Action Committee
- a. Numerous letters of support from members of the La Crescenta and Glendale communities. Feasibility study has been completed, and will begin community outreach process now. Will be hiring a landscape architect consultant and has received funding to begin schematic design and cost estimates. Fifth District will also fund the remainder of the construction costs. Will be getting Supervisor approval.
 - b. *Councilmember Erickson: Will the parks be open from sunrise to sunset?* Most parks that have opened have had 10-20 foot fences.
 - c. *Councilmember Thomas: Will there be supervisors like there are at the Verdugo Skate Park?* No, there will not be a use fee, nor will there be a supervisor. Will actually decrease county liability.
 - d. *Councilmember Leon: Well done! Impressed from the first day that he joined the Youth Council.*
 - e. *Councilmember Thomas: When do you think you'll be in?* 3-4 months of community outreach, and because it is more structured than the dog park, hoping to have a ground-breaking in about one year and construction moving forward from there.
16. Council Business
- a. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2013
 - i. Motion to approve by Councilmember Leon, seconded by councilmember Beatty. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Correspondence Corresponding Secretary Battles
 - i. Corresponding Secretary Battles not present
 - c. February/March 2013 Treasurer's Report Treasurer Erickson
 - i. Motion to approve by Councilmember Beyt, seconded by Councilmember Leon. Approved unanimously.
17. Committee Reports and Items from Council
- a. Arbor Day (April 20, 10:00 AM) Councilmember Beatty
 - i. Speakers around four different topics. Flyers made, and commitments made for many community organizations to be represented. Would like to salute Captain Silversparre.
 - b. SCE Proposed Easement at Two Strike Park Vice President Beyt
 - i. Letter that will be sent to County Parks Department regarding SCE proposed easement to put transformers in Two Strike Park. Will be asking that no additional poles be added to the Rosemont Avenue or Two Strike Park. Edison is crafty folks and sneaky. Motion to approve sending of the letter by Councilmember Cheung, Seconded by Councilmember Leon. Approved unanimously.
 - c. Clean and Green Committee Councilmember Marshall
 - i. Working on a community cleanup for May 25th. Will be reaching out to organizations. Will be meeting on April 3rd at 7:00 PM at Paul Rabinov's house. Getting more interest from the community to get our neighborhood clean.
 - d. Crescenta Valley Prayer Breakfast Councilmember Leon
 - i. May 21st at 6:30 AM at the Church of Latter Day Saints. Keynote Speaker: Coach Jim Smiley, Crescenta Valley HS. Tickets will be issued in the next few weeks. Cost TBD.
 - e. *Councilmember Beatty: War Memorial was an idea from the Chamber of Commerce and looking forward to having it. 50th anniversary Glendale Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was a success, with Pat Boon as keynote speaker and 350 people present.*
 - f. *Councilmember Erickson: Fashion Show on April 6th with the Women's Club.*
 - g. *Councilmember Beyt: Finding difficulty with the kitchen itself for the Pancake Breakfast in working with various people to bring the kitchen back to life b/c kitchen is in bad shape.*

- i. *Councilmember Marshall: Is a different location possible? Will consider it.*
18. Adjourn at 9:12 PM

Announcements

- Sat., March 23, 1:00-2:30 PM – LA County Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at Two Strike Park (Ages 3 & under 1:00 PM; Ages 4-7 1:30 PM; Ages 8-11 2:00 PM; Ages 12-14 2:30 PM)
- Wednesday, March 27, 11:30 AM – Smart-A-Thon at Verdugo Hills Hospital
- Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM – CVCA Meeting in the La Crescenta Library’s Community Room featuring a candidate forum for GUSD Board of Education Candidates
- Tuesday, April 2 – Election for GUSD Board of Education
- Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 PM - CVTC Clean & Green Committee Mtg at Paul Rabinov’s
- Thursday, April 4, 5:00 PM – Prom Plus BBQ at CVHS 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, 8:15 AM – Veterans Memorial Wall Fund 5k “Run to Remember” will kick off the CV Hometown Country Fair at CV Park
- Saturday, April 6, 9:15 AM - Veterans Memorial Wall Fund “Kids Fun Run” at the CV Hometown Country Fair at CV Park
- 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, 6:00-9:00 PM – College Information Night presented by the CV Youth Town Council at St. Luke’s Church (corner of Rosemont and Foothill)
- Thursday, April 11, 6:30-8:30 PM – Regularly Scheduled CVTC Land Use Committee Meeting in the La Crescenta Library’s Community Room
- Saturday, April 13, 8:00 AM – Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony at the Vietnam War Memorial in Montrose (corner of Honolulu and Ocean View Blvd.)
- Saturday, April 13, 8:30-9:15 AM – Joint CV Chamber-CV Town Council freeway off-ramp cleanup
- 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.
- Thursday, April 18, 2013 6:00 PM – CV Youth Council General Meeting in the La Crescenta Library Community
- **Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM - CVTC General Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room**
- Saturday, April 20, 10:00 AM – CV Town Council’s Arbor Day Celebration at Two Strike Park
- Sat., April 27, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – CV CAN Special Olympics Track and Field Meet at CVHS
- Sun., May 5 – Prom Plus’ Taste of Montrose with Wags N Whiskers at Montrose Harvest Market
- Sat. May 11 9:00 AM to Sun. May 12, 9:00 AM – Foothills Relay for Life at Clark Magnet High
- Sat. May 18 midnight to Sun. May 19 6:00 AM – Prom Plus at the YMCA of the Foothills
- Tue., May 21, 7:00-8:30 AM – CV Prayer Breakfast “Stay Focused” at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (4550 Raymond Ave, La Crescenta, just south of Rosemont Middle School)
- Saturday, May 25 – Clean & Green Committee’s Foothill Cleanup (more info to follow)
- Saturday, June 1 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sunday June 2, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – 30th annual Montrose Arts & Crafts Festival on the 2200, 2300, and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Ave.