



# MINUTES

## May 16, 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 7:00 PM President Davis
2. Presentation of Colors by the CV High School JROTC & Flag Salute led by Scouts from Troop 118 - Verdugo Woodlands, Troop 303 - St. James, and Troop 317 – Holy Redeemer
3. Invocation Pastor Paige Eaves, CV United Methodist Church  
Recognition of Pastor Paige Eaves for her dedication and service to the CV community.
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Cheung  
Councilmembers Davis, Beyt, Erickson, Battles, Cheung, Claessens, Suh, Beatty, Leon, Marshall present.  
Councilmembers Thomas and Dickson not present.
5. Approval of Agenda for May 16, 2013  
Motion by Councilmember Marshall, seconded by Councilmember Beyt. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2013  
Motion by Councilmember Leon, seconded by Councilmember Erickson. Approved unanimously.
7. Youth Council Lori Mandjikian (3 minutes)
  - 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at La Canada YMCA on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM, ages 10-18, \$10 pre-registration and \$15 on the day of.
  - Elections coming up for new members. Will be publicizing soon. Will be in June/July. Ages 13-18 may apply. Will have an application and interview process.
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CV Prayer Breakfast (Tue. May 21) Councilmember Leon
  - Will be taking place at the Mormon Church on Raymond and Rosemont. 12 clergy who will be praying. Keynote speaker is Mr. James Smiley. Tickets are \$10.
9. Foothill Blvd. Cleanup (Sat. May 18) Councilmember Marshall
  - Community cleanup on Foothill from Pennsylvania to Briggs. Meet at St. Luke's Church at 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Sandwiches and pizza will be provided!
10. Prom Plus & Firehouse Mary O'Keefe
  - Will be providing a safe place for students to play after prom. \$25,000 party with zip line, rock wall, full casino, drawings, etc. Students will be fed and well-taken care of. Theme: Zombie Prom
  - Firehouse open Tuesday 6-9 PM and every second Thursday from 6-9 PM. Also open Rosemont late start days for student drop-off.
11. Prepare for the Future Palooza 2013 Steve Park
  - Disaster preparedness and emergency response fair for the community. Event will be at Mormon Church on Saturday, 5/18 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
12. SCE Flash Communication for emergencies & widespread outages Ben Wong
  - Emergency Communication Field guide after late 2012 wind storms, trying to improve communication channels. On [www.sce.com/outage](http://www.sce.com/outage), there is information about outages, searchable by zip, address, city, including prognosis for outages. Also, [facebook.com/sce](http://facebook.com/sce), [twitter.com/sce](http://twitter.com/sce) with general updates and messages. 800-655-4555 number for community information, available 24/7.
  - *Councilmember Leon: Appreciate your extending your hand to the community, and hope this will continue. It was a very difficult connection between us and the community and appreciate your work. After the windstorm, an independent study was commissioned about what could be improved.*



15. 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
- Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council
  - Making progress where they are about to get funded for CV Ready – to get coalition of local agencies, businesses and individuals who can participate in the event of a disaster.
  - *Councilmember Erickson: Individual's dog was taken by a mountain lion off Briggs.*
  - There is not much that can be done once the mountain lion is on the property. Humane Society takes too long to arrive, Fish and Game was in San Diego, and Sheriffs cannot shoot because they are endangered species.
- Mike Baldwin, American Legion & Warren Spayth, VFW 1614, Two Strike Memorial Wall
  - Would like to invite public to Memorial Day Service on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at Two Strike Park. Wall will not be up, but a portion of it will be ready, and ceremony will be just to the right of where the wall sits. Lt. Col. Worley of CVHS JROTC will be keynote.
  - Hometown Heroes banners were recreated and will be displayed at Veteran's Day events.
  - *Councilmember Erickson: Last of military banners will stay up until Veteran's Day because there will definitely be a wall by then.*
- Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library
  - Would like to recognize Anna Sokolova, volunteered for over a year and was recently hired by the library
- Public Comments that do not pertain to Safety / First Responders

16. Measure R Funding and Projects

John Walker, LA County Public Works

- Up to \$10 million over 30 year period if the MTA Board approves. Intent is to take proposals before the MTA Board in June.
- Some proposed projects are: Sound Wall off 210 freeway; Bikeway Project to continue about 10.5 miles of additional bicycle lanes throughout the community; Interchange improvements on Pennsylvania/210, Foothill/Rosemont, and La Crescenta/210; Increase capacity on Pennsylvania onramp; Build 210W onramp at La Crescenta.
- *Councilmember Erickson: What would lanes look like for Foothill/Rosemont interchange improvements? Three lanes going south, right/left-turn only, and straight. One lane northbound.*
- *Councilmember Erickson: How much money do we have available to us? \$10 million over 30 years for the La Crescenta/Montrose area. How much would sound walls cost? \$5 million. Sound walls have been requested for many years.*
- *Councilmember Leon: Is there anything that can be done about the thru lane for the La Crescenta Ave. 210E onramp, or to expand the lane?*
- *Mrs. Murphy: Please take into consideration the student that was killed at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Altura.*
- *Councilmember Leon: They'll be developing 80 units on Pennsylvania and wondering how we can anticipate that development and congestion.*
- *Councilmember Beyt: Will we get a review of the outcome of the MTA meeting in June? Would be happy to share that with Councilmember Battles.*
- *Councilmember Claessens: Because bike lanes are not symmetrical, has been difficult for property owners (parking) and for traffic. Any project on this list is conceptual, and Public Works talks to the community first before implementing any design changes. What about planter mediums along Foothill Blvd. Will probably be a stretch to the use of Measure R.*
- *Councilmember Battles: Does congestion only apply to cars, or only pedestrians? Medians could apply to congestion because the medians could help pedestrians move. MTA would look at this as an aesthetic improvement.*

- *Councilmember Marshall: Is it similar to the "Road Diet" that they got rid of in the City of Glendale? Concept is not to reduce any traffic lanes. It may be that they may narrow roads.*
- *Mrs. Murphy: Seems that traffic calming like La Canada has been wonderfully done. Wondering if the Town Council could put together a proposal for what we want to put together and submit this to Metro.*
- *Councilmember Beatty: Supervisor Antonovich promised to put cement medians on Foothill Blvd. to carry three cities from La Canada, La Crescenta, through Glendale. Got opposition from Jay's Maintenance in Glendale. Was defeated in the City of Glendale. La Crescenta didn't want cement medians; wanted grass.*
- *Councilmember Battles: How does the planning board know the reasoning for a proposed project? We can submit these with the proposal to have them taken into consideration.*
- *Councilmember Marshall: How would these projects be scheduled? Would take place over several years. Would we decide the priority for those projects? Yes, Public Works would consult.*
- *Councilmember Battles: Are there other funds that we should be going after to help with other projects? Proposition A Funds are exclusively for public transit. We try to achieve a balance between pavement improvements, sidewalk repairs, and investing in bikeway system and pedestrian improvements.*
- *Councilmember Erickson: What about streetlights on La Crescenta and Orange? Don't fit in.*
- *Audience I: Are pedestrians allowed to walk at night on bike trails? Pedestrians are supposed to be on the sidewalk. We should communicate that to CHP and Sheriff's Department.*
- *Looking for a letter from the Town Council as soon as possible so that it could come before the board. MTA begins preparing board reports for next month.*

17. Council Business

- a. Correspondence Corresponding Secretary Battles
  - i. Public meeting about selling Verdugo Hills Hospital to USC
- b. April/May Treasurer's Report Treasurer Erickson
  - i. Motion to approve by Councilmember Beyt, seconded by Councilmember Battles. Approved unanimously.
- c. D&O Insurance President Davis
  - i. \$82 increase per year to \$817. Motion to approve by Councilmember Claessens, seconded by Councilmember Leon. Councilmembers Davis, Battles, Erickson, Leon, Suh, Claessens, Cheung. Opposed by Councilmember Beatty, Beyt.
  - ii. *Councilmember Battles: When Land Use Committee opens up, will they be covered by D&O insurance? Will verify, but they are not directors and officers. If Land Use Committee is not covered, we should ask about coverage.*

18. Committee Reports and Items from Council

- a. Land Use Committee
  - i. 2013 Land Use Committee Land Use Chair Frank Beyt
    - (1) Issue coming up on 2409 Florencita, Montrose Church. Requesting parking variance, which requires additional parking. They have made arrangements with Armenian sisters for parking. There is a complex process that they have to go through, including a public meeting for this purpose. Architect has not yet filed the proper paperwork. Will set up a paperwork after the paperwork is filed. Would like recommendation from Town Council.
    - (2) *Councilmember Erickson: Would like to add "or a licensed urban planner."* Trying to stay as close to the bone as possible to the issues that come before the Land Use Committee.
    - (3) *Councilmember Davis: Would like to clarify that this is only for the 2013-2014 year, which could be amended in the future.*



- (4) *Councilmember Beatty: Would like to add “or a licensed real estate broker”*
- (5) Motion to adopt the motion as presented by the Land Use Committee by Councilmember Claessens, seconded by Councilmember Leon. Councilmembers Beyt, Davis, Battles, Leon, Suh, Claessens, Cheung in favor. Councilmembers Beatty and Erickson opposed. Motion adopted.
- (6) *Councilmember Battles: Document says that the CSD guides everything, but believes that this is going in the wrong direction because some of the projects that are done outside of the CSD radius will affect the rest of the community.*
- (7) *Councilmember Beyt: Would reference Page 9, Paragraph 3 of the CSD: The people that are to be affected by this property are to be within a 200 foot radius of the property. They are the only people who can affect development.*
- (8) *Councilmember Beyt: Architects in the area have been contacted, with two people interested. A copy of the application will be posted on the website and a letter to the newspaper. Plan is to have applications in before the next Land Use meeting, must be received by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Applicants will be invited to the June 13<sup>th</sup> Land Use Meeting, where the Land Use Committee will make a recommendation to the Council.*
- (9) *Please send a copy of the blank application to council members.*

b. **Streets & Roads**

- i. Got a crossing guard for Rosemont Middle School on Los Amigos and Montrose starting on Monday. Supervisor’s office will be providing a crossing guard for 12 months. Will be having a site meeting with School Board and Supervisor’s office.
- ii. *Councilmember Battles: Would like to add some things to the Measure R list/letter – “Motion to support the existing proposals, with a list of supplemental projects.” Seconded by Councilmember Beatty. Motion approved unanimously.*
- iii. *Councilmember Battles: Will send an email, and please send revisions on the email.*

19. **Committee Reports**

- a. *Councilmember Marshall: Clean and Green Committee Cleanup this Saturday*
- b. *Councilmember Beatty: Arbor Day was a success. DVD will be available.*
- c. *Councilmember Suh: Recommending certificates to thank the hand chime group for performance at Arbor Day and Prayer Breakfast.*
- d. *Councilmember Cheung: Please add any community events to the Announcement page.*
- e. *Councilmember Leon: Tickets for the prayer breakfast available.*
- f. *Councilmember Erickson: Encouraging people to come out and take flyers.*
- g. *Councilmember Beyt: Had first pancake breakfast meeting and discussed several issues, including kitchen issues, which have been resolved. Pancake breakfast will be more expensive this year because there is difficulty getting things donated. September 21<sup>st</sup> 7-11 AM.*
- h. *Councilmember Davis: New magazine in town called “La Crescenta Life.” Please keep in mind.*

20. **Adjourn at 9:35 PM**

**Announcements**

- Saturday, May 18, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM – Clean & Green Committee’s Foothill Cleanup. Meet at St. Luke's at Foothill & Rosemont to get supplies and be directed to an area along Foothill. Bring: gloves! bags will be provided! Help clean out tree wells and pick up trash to beautify our boulevard! Food/snacks served afterward at staging area.

- Saturday May 18, 11:30 PM to Sunday May 19, 6:00 AM – Prom Plus at the YMCA of the Foothills
- **Tuesday 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, June 1, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM – CV Sheriff Volunteers Rummage Sale at the CV Station (4554 N. Briggs)
- Saturday, June 1, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sunday June 2, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – 30<sup>th</sup> annual Montrose Arts & Crafts Festival on the 2200, 2300, and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Ave.
- Saturday June 8, 8:30-9:15 AM – CV Chamber & CVTC Freeway off-ramp cleanup?
- Thursday, June 13, 6:30 PM – CVTC Land Use Meeting in the La Crescenta Library’s Community Room
- Thursday, June 20, 2013 6:00 PM – CV Youth Council General Meeting in the La Crescenta Library Community
- **Thursday, June 20, 7:00 PM - CVTC General Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room**
- Saturday, June 29, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Montrose’s Independence Block Party, Hot Rod & Classic Car Show on the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu. Admission is FREE.
- Thursday, July 4, Gates open 4:00 PM – CV Fireworks at La Crescenta Elementary. Tickets purchased before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July \$7.00 or \$10.00 the day of the event.