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August 15, 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 CV High School JROTC & Flag Salute led by Lt. Col. David Worley
 - a. Introduction of CVHS Junior ROTC – a citizenship program at Crescenta Valley High School that teaches students to be responsible, civic-minded leaders
3. Invocation Pastor Bill Flanders, First Baptist Church of La Crescenta
 - a. Invitation to Café Fuego to raise money for the CV Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition this Saturday, August 17th at 7 PM
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Cheung
 - a. Councilmembers Davis, Beyt, Battles, Erickson, Cheung, Leon, Suh, Thomas, Claessens, Beatty, Marshall, Dickson present. Councilmember Beatty not present.
5. Approval of Agenda for August 15, 2013. Motion by Councilmember Marshall, second by Councilmember Beyt. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2013. Motion by Councilmember Marshall, second by Councilmember Erickson. Approved unanimously.
7. Youth Town Council Lori Mandjikian, Not present
8. Eagle Scout Presentation Liam Huber, Boy Scout Troop 319
 - a. Will be organizing a blood drive at Dunsmore Elementary School on September 15th, 10 AM -4 PM. Asking members of the community to sign up and participate. More information by contacting beryang@att.net
9. American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 Mike Baldwin
 - a. Two Strike Park Memorial – Granite has arrived and will be installed in the coming weeks. There will also be a dedication ceremony after the memorial is completed.
 - b. Community BINGO Night on Friday, August 16th at 7 PM. Will be held at the Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Middle School (Montrose/Briggs)
 - c. September 20th is POW/MIA Day. Veterans will be getting together in Montrose from 5-7 PM.
- Mary O'Keefe, Prom Plus and Fire House
 - BBQ on August 22nd at CV High School during the Back to School Night. Prom Plus is celebrating its 20th year this year.
 - August 23-24th, Prom Plus students will be dressed at the Montrose Film Festival
 - September 7th, Prom Plus will be partnering with the Council of the Blind to do a Mud Strut at CV Park
 - Firehouse: average about 70 kids on Tuesday nights, where they feed them and give them things to do.
10. The Crescenta Valley Pancake Breakfast Vice President Frank Beyt
 - a. On Saturday, September 21st, in conjunction with CV High School, split ticket revenue with different community organizations. Try to get the best of everything. Lion's Club has a mobile eye unit where an optometrist will be present to give free eye exams to catch astigmatism, glaucoma, or other health problems.

11. First Responder's Reports

- a. **Los Angeles County Fire** **Stephanie English**
- i. 57 calls to the fire department this month in the La Crescenta area
 - ii. There are firefighters at the numerous fires in the region including Wrightwood, Forest Hill, Grass Valley, Humbolt, etc. Contract aircraft are in for the season already – 2 super scoopers and a heli-tanker. Over \$5M paid for a 90 day “rental” of that equipment.
 - iii. *Councilmember Erickson: Thank you for the wonderful tour of the firehouse. We learned a lot about how the fire department works. There are 25 stations in the area, and some councilmember have had a chance to visit some of those stations.*
 - iv. *Audience 1: When you have the aircraft on standby, are they available to the entire area, or just to LA County? It would have priority in LA County, and then to other areas where they might be needed.*
- b. **CHP** **Officer Kevin Denmon**
- i. *President Davis: Congratulations to Officer Denmon for his promotion to Sergeant.*
 - ii. Officer Tom Miller will be taking over as the public information officer out of the Altadena CHP Office. He has been with the CHP for 13 years and has been the COPS officer for 4 years with Officer Rodriguez.
 - iii. 12 traffic collisions and 16 citations in July 2013. Up from July 2012, but overall year-to-date number is down. 6 property damage only, 5 minor injury, 1 DUI related.
 - iv. September 5th, 6-9 PM will be the annual Tip a Chip event where they work in conjunction with Special Olympics at El Cholo Restaurant in Pasadena (260 East Colorado) to encourage the community to donate to the Special Olympics. CHP Officers will be serving food and taking orders at the restaurant.
 - v. DUI Checkpoint set up on August 23rd in Altadena
 - vi. Officer Miller will be taking over the child seat program that is continuing every Wednesday. Call the CHP office from 8AM -12PM on Wednesdays by appointment for help installing the car seat for free.
- c. **Los Angeles Sheriff** **Capt. Bill Song**
- i. Only 1 burglary in July – a business dispute between construction contractors. Part one crimes are all down this year. Dangerous individual who committed burglaries along the 210 corridor has been put away.

12. Big Rig Parking Discussion

Pete Flores, LA County Public Works

- a. Pete Flores: Some commercial vehicle parking restrictions for 10,000 lbs. and over were established on certain parts of Foothill, Montrose, and Altura, done by resolution. No residential district parking. Was told that there is a problem on the Pennsylvania and Ramsdell overpass. There are some things that need to be figured out. Parking is restricted on bridges, but not on overpasses. There is also an ordinance in place that does not allow parking from 2-4 AM for periods longer than 30 minutes in certain areas.
- b. A resolution is possible, though it would take time. If the overpasses are defined as bridges, no vehicles will be allowed to park. An ordinance can be adopted to allow cars to park on the overpass, but there would have to be a separate resolution to prevent trucks from parking. The next public hearing would be the 4th Tuesday of every month. Another item that is possible is defining an area that involves a public hearing that would restrict commercial vehicle parking at any time through a “zone”-type restriction.
- c. There is also county code whereby certain streets have restrictions that prohibit parking over 30 minutes between 2AM-4AM. This is likely the quickest way. There is already no parking at any time in a residential district. Overpasses are not considered residential zones.
- d. *Councilmember Thomas: If you do determine that the overpasses are “bridges,” it could be an inconvenience to the community. I would not want them to be defined as bridges. It seems that posting signs would be the least inconvenient to the community.*
- e. *Councilmember Erickson: Don't we have a 72 hour parking restriction everywhere in the county? Yes. Who is responsible for enforcement? Not sure.*

- f. *Captain Song: Parking enforcement is done by the Sheriff's Department. If you notify the Sheriff's Department, they can direct more parking checks in the area along Rosemont, Foothill, and Ramsdell.*
- g. *Audience 1: Kids are always looking for spaces to park their cars, and 2-3 trucks are always parking on the bridge (in reference to Ramsdell overpass).*
- h. *Audience 2: Trucks on Ramsdell are there for multiple days.*
- i. *Captain Song: There is a fairly large loophole that allows them to "roll their tires" and move the tag on their tires.*
- j. *Cindy Cleghorn: If you monitor the activity of the trucks, whether they're loading or unloading. We have created a list to monitor some of that activity to ask why they're here, what they're doing, etc.*
- k. *Audience 3: Have lived on Mayfield Ave at Ramsdell. The trucks and cabs come and stay for up to 2 weeks. Coming out of Mayfield onto Ramsdell is very difficult. During graduation, there were five trucks on Ramsdell. There was an accident 2-3 weeks ago that was likely caused by the trucks being there.*
- l. *Officer Miller: There are similar problems in Altadena that involved campers and truck drivers. Go Public Works to adopt an ordinance that prohibited certain vehicles from parking at all in the city. As soon as that ordinance passed, he gave a warning for about 30 days and went around and gave out tickets for 2-3 months. Now, that is no longer an issue. Suggest the same thing here. Signs are posted on the main entrances to the city, not necessarily at every intersection.*
- m. *Councilmember Erickson: Trucks park all weekend from Monday through Friday and no one checks off hours. Deputies will also check the red tags and ticket if necessary. Members of the community should call to cite these vehicles.*
- n. *Councilmember Marshall: Are there any possible solutions to the big-rig parking challenge? Are there any locations where they could stop? It's not allowed to park off the freeway, and they don't want to pay for parking in Sylmar. There are places where they can pay and go (\$160 per night – cheaper to get a ticket)*
- o. *Councilmember Leon: Is there any way that we can have restrictions placed similarly to other cities like Glendale and Burbank? We already have residential parking restrictions, but the Ramsdell and Foothill streets are not considered "residential zones."*
- p. *Mary O'Keefe: It really is dangerous to have those trucks on Ramsdell in the school zone. Doing a study might be a good way to resolve this. Advised them to contact Homeland Security about having trucks on the bridge and so near a school zone. Overpass has strict rules both by County and Caltrans. They can look into installing some red zone along the corner of the street to increase visibility.*
- q. *Inez Chessum: Are the parking spots were actually to be painted on the street, would that restrict trucks from parking in that space? That is likely not enforceable. The 2AM-4AM bridge parking restriction can be posted. We can then look into adopting a separate ordinance.*
- r. *Audience 4: We need something like the no parking overnight rather than the individual bridge because they will move around.*
- s. *Susan Bolan: Would like to recommend to Council that there be two steps – posting signs and then separately working on an ordinance that will pass. In Sunland, the area that Councilmember Marshall was referring to had illicit behavior that we would not want to invite back by pushing truckers there.*
- t. *Councilmember Dickson: If we do want to get a public hearing to restrict all commercial parking on in La Crescenta, would we try to get a public hearing in September? We would like some kind of writing from the Council to make a formal recommendation to Public Works. What are the current RV laws in Crescenta Valley? 72 hours.*
- u. *Councilmember Claessens: We shouldn't be moving too quickly here. We need to do more significant outreach to the community before we do a formal letter. How do we weigh a truck? Wouldn't dimensions be easier? The citation officer has a computer that will tell them the weight of the truck.*

- v. *Councilmember Thomas: The 2-4 AM ordinance is already in place. We would want to post something to let the public know. If we start citing based on the 2-4 AM region, we would need to cite all vehicles.*
 - w. *President Davis: Are we still investigating whether or not the Ramsdell overpass is a bridge? Is it a major process to find this out?*
13. Boy Scout Troop 288 is having a Taco Night Fundraiser on Saturday, August 17th at St. Luke's of the Mountains Church for *delicious tacos!*

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
- Kim Beattie, CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition
 - Café Del Fuego fundraiser will go to support Parent resource workshops, which will be continuing from at the YMCA. Begins September 3rd, featuring Pam Erdman. Also working on a series of community forums.
 - Thank you from the YMCA for a basketball tournament this Summer and for the support and partnership.
- Marta Wiggins, La Crescenta Library
 - 8 chili's and almost 100 people were there for the cookoff. Over 100 people signed up with over 750 book reviews submitted. Several hundred entries for the teens book club. There were thousands of children's readers, likely four to five hundred hours of volunteer work throughout the Summer.
 - Starting our "Seasons of the Earth" in partnership with the Rosemont Preserve, kicked off with a photo exhibit at the library on September 19th. Announcements and invitations will be sent out on that.
- Roger Young, CV Fire Safe Council
 - There are several organizations out there, but knowing your neighbors and community helps build resilience. We were selected as a pilot study by FEMA to look into building resilience in the community. Funds will be placed into facilitating the process of building a "community bulletin board" to come together and talk. They will be designating people and communities to accelerate that process and make it happen.
- Paul Rabinov, Rosemont Preserve
 - Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy purchased land that became the Rosemont Preserve. One of its main focuses is education. Partnered with Mountain Ave. Elementary School and provided third grade classes with hands-on nature work. Will also be expanding this year into sixth grade. Glendale Unified and Monte Vista are interested in involvement as well. Rosemont Preserve is looking for volunteers who might be willing to work as docents to lead kids on trips throughout the year.
 - *Councilmember Dickson: The Rosemont Preserve invited 40 Weeblos up this Summer – thank you! Can Boy Scouts be docents for weekend or afterschool trips? There isn't currently an age restriction, but trips will be held during school hours. Looking for individuals who have time during school hours. Can I do docent training and not be a docent? Yes, we'd be happy to have you come! We have a gentleman from the USGS and from JPL who do training.*
 - *Audience 1: Has any trail work been done? Yes, there was an Eagle Project over the Summer and the trail has been put in. If you have young men who are looking for Eagle Projects, there are plenty of opportunities in the Conservancy.*

- CV Community Association/No710 Susan Bolan
 - Would be happy to share anything with you about the 710 freeway. 180,000 cars projected on the freeway per day is too much to avoid pollution and congestion. Please email elected officials and reach out to let them know what we want.
- Public Comments that do not pertain to Safety / First Responders

15. Council Business

- a. Correspondence Corresponding Secretary Battles
 - i. No correspondence
- b. July/August Treasurer's Report Treasurer Erickson
 - i. Was not received by Council
- c. Committee Reports and Items from Council
 - i. Councilmember Cheung: Youth Council selection/elections will be held in August. Need to live within the CV High School area.
 - ii. Councilmember Thomas: Believes that we should write a letter to the County asking them to enforce the existing regulations on parking overnight from 2-4 AM on Rosemont, Ramsdell, and Pennsylvania and asking them not to designate those overpasses as bridges.
 - (1) Councilmember Battles: Public Works has asked us to designate the problem areas for additional signage. Doesn't agree that we should bring up the issue of bridge/overpass. Thinks that Council should consider the problem more big-picture and plan out how we can approach the problem so that we're not just putting off the issue.
 - (2) Councilmember Thomas: Public Works will do it anyway. Council should send a follow-up letter. Let's see how this works, and if after a few months there is no difference, then let's go to the next step, but for now let's work with our current rules and regulations and see if they work.
 - (3) Councilmember Dickson: Posting signs seems a mistake. There are apartment buildings on Ramsdell and coming in on Pennsylvania. Posting signs will create other issues in the area. Doesn't believe that we should be limiting parking on just a few streets.
 - (4) Councilmember Marshall: If the letter is written, we should ask for red parking restrictions on streets like Ramsdell at Mayfield to increase line of sight.
 - (5) Councilmember Battles: The letter that should be written as simply to let the Supervisor know that we are currently handling this to look into what the best solution is in the long term.
 - (6) Motion withdrawn by Councilmember Thomas
 - iii. Audience 1: The big word is "Commercial" which would prohibit parking overnight.
 - iv. Audience 2: Red curb restriction on Ramsdell at Mayfield may be problematic because it reduces parking.
 - v. Councilmember Battles: If you add red-curb, students may lose more parking than they already have. Even 3-4 feet can be significant. **The process took 4-5 months, but settled the issue for the entire unincorporated area.**
 - vi. Councilmember Erickson: Believes that we need to follow up with something tonight.
 - vii. Motion by Councilmember Cheung to write a letter to the Supervisor indicating that we are looking into the parking situation and the best solution in the long term, including a mention about the public survey that has been collected. Second by Councilmember Battles. Councilmembers Cheung, Davis, Battles, Suh, Leon, Erickson, Beyt, and Thomas in favor. Councilmember Claessens opposed.

- d. Land Use Committee
- i. No Comments

Land Use Chair Frank Beyt

16. Adjourn at 9:05 PM

- a. Adjourned in memory of two beloved community members, Calvin Bayles and Monsignor Doyle

Announcements

- Friday, August 16, 7:00 PM – American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614’s Community BINGO Night at Holy Redeemer – Healy Hall (2361 Del Mar Rd, Montrose)
- Saturday, August 17, 7:00-9:00 PM – CVDAPC Concert Under the Stars at the First Baptist Church at La Crescenta
- Monday, August 19, 11:30 AM lunch and 1:00 PM Tee-Off - CV Sheriff’s Station Support Group 30th Annual Golf Classic at the La Canada County Club.
- Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24, 6:30 PM - Fourth Annual Montrose Film Festival, 6:30 - 10:45 "under the stars" in Anderson's Parking Lot.
- Saturday, September 7, 8:00 AM – CA Council of the Blind’s 3rd Mutt Strut 2K/5K at CV Park
- **Thursday, September 12, 6:30 PM – Regularly scheduled CVTC Land Use Meeting in the La Crescenta Library’s Community Room**
- **Saturday September 14, 8:30-9:15 AM – CV Chamber & CVTC Freeway off-ramp cleanup**
- Wednesday, September 18, 5:00-7:30 PM – Crescenta Valley, La Canada Flintridge and Montrose-Verdugo City Tri-Chamber Foothill Community Expo at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital 4th Floor Council Rooms
- Thursday, September 19, 6:00 PM - CV Youth Town Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room
- **Thursday, September 19, 7:00 PM - CVTC General Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room**
- **SAVE Saturday, September 21, 7:00 – 11:00 AM – The Crescenta Valley Pancake Breakfast**
- Saturday, September 28, 7:55 AM – CV Chamber’s Running the Foothills 5K starting at Two Strike Park