



MINUTES

April 17, 2014

La Crescenta Library Community Room

Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm

- 7:03 pm: Call to Order & Welcome by President Battles
- Presentation of Colors by CV ROTC LT Col Worley
- Flag Salute by ROTC
- Invocation by Danette Erickson
- Roll Call by Recording Secretary Claessens (present: Robbyn Battles, Harry Leon, Danette Erickson, Mike Claessens, Charles Beatty, Kyle Studebaker, Dr. Suh, Leslie Dickson)
- Approval of Agenda for April 17, 2014 CB/HL
- Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2014 HL/CB
- CV Youth Town Council by CVYTC Representative
- Armenian Genocide Certificate Presentation by VP Leon
- L.A. County Library update
 - First Responder reports
 - CHP by Officer Manny Rodriguez: provided stats, reports that this month, CHP is focused on distracted driving; next month is National Bike Month and CHP will be focusing bike safety
 - CV Sheriff by Deputy Jorge Valdivia: provided stats, discussed this morning's police response to a false alarm "man w/ gun; person injured" call.
 - LA County Fire by Stephanie English: more CERT classes coming dates TBA
- Update from the City of La Canada by La Canada Council Member Laura Ohlasso
 - Territory transfer: LCUSD supports transfer, decision pending before GUSD. At neighborhood meeting most in support, minority concerned about future of Mountain Ave. Elementary. Plan is to cause transfer to occur gradually through Fall 2015.
 - Proposed 710 Tunnel: Metro announced that it was postponing latest EIR study indefinitely. La Canada part of a 5-city that will share costs and responsibilities for EIR response.
 - Sound Walls: CalTrans policy is that they will only install a sound wall if they are installing an HOV lane OR if a community comes up with a third of the cost, CalTrans will cover the other two-thirds. LA Canada convinced Metro to allow their share of Measure R funds to be used for sound wall construction. Sup. Antonovich may be working to obtain some funds for his district, but sound study and engineering required before funds will be approved.
- Magnolia Masonic Lodge: presented CVTC a check for scholarship fund
- National Charity League by Gabriel Mendham -- Twelve Oaks Lodge update: NCL has pro bono counsel White & case who has brought a lawsuit to quiet title and restore it to a "low-cost" living facility for seniors.
- SCEdison: will participate in Arbor Day tree giveaway, provided Govt. Emergency Info Guide
- Burrtec Trash update by Richard Nino: will provide \$500 to CVTC scholarship fund
- Public Comments and Community Announcements
 - Mary O'Keefe, Prom Plus & Fire House

- Mike Baldwin, VFW - donated funds to youth in the area including ROTC, Prom Plus, local scout groups and more. REceived Home Depot grant to remodel bathrooms and kitchen and looking for volunteers to assist with demolition.
 - CV Alliance, Leo ?? ABC signage (23 total signs) were put up in the La Crescenta and surrounding area.
 - CV Chamber, Steve Pierce - willing to fundraise for microphones for council member, update on lighting situation - the petition was not submitted

- Council Business

1. Correspondence by Robbyn Battles - fundraising for Officer Lee at CPK

710 Community Outreach committee meeting at 7:30 am

email from Sunland/Tujunga council concerned about the increase of semi-truck parking

email/phone call from Schiff regarding Rim of the Valley

draft for the 710 delayed again - does the council want to have someone present information about the 710?

Letter from Dr. Livingston giving thanks to keep the crossing guard.

2. March Treasurer Reports by Treasurer Erickson - 1st Harry, 2nd Dickson - passed (Harry Leon/Leslie Dickson) approved for audit

3. Arbor Day Committee by Councilmember Beatty

Last Arbor Day on May 31st after 15 years, speaker will be Dr. Sheehan

Trees will be available for free from Edison, you can order them on the website

6. Scholarship VP Leon - 21 applicants from CVHS

7. Prayer Breakfast VP Leon - 350 tickets have been sold \$10/adults, free for students. 6:30 - 8:30 am

8. By Law Changes Councilmember Erickson - second reading of By Law changes,

“Article VI Committees & Appointed Positions

B Special Committees

Special Committees will be designated by majority vote of the regular council members from time to time to address special purposes concerning the Council, and will terminate upon completion of that special purpose. The President shall appoint each committee chair subject to majority approval by all the regular members of the Council. These committees may include, but are not limited to: Land Use, By laws, streets and Roadways, public safety, youths and seniors, Arbor Day, scholarship and Crescenta Commons.”

We suggest dropping planning and review (which is now land use), Foothill design (CSD under land use), multi family(CSD under land use), library (was to build the library) and historical society (their own 501C3)

move by Danette, 2nd From Kyle. Passed unanimously
(unanimous approval)

9. Measure R Letter President Battles: Motion to re-send Measure R letter (Battles/Leon) unanimous approval

10. Motion to write letter to GUSD regarding transfer President Battles - more outreach to residents (not just parents), all board members visit Mountain Ave during pick up or drop off, submit plans about new programs coming to Mtn Ave, request a lifelong agreement that allow access to the park land Kyle 2nd. unanimously passed

Announcements:

4/26 9:00am-3:00pm Special Olympics Southern California Hosted by Crescenta Valley High School
2900 Community Ave. La Crescenta, CA 91214

4/26 2014 Conference on Aging hosted by Fritz Coleman 8:00 am First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 East Sierra Madre Boulevard, Pasadena CA FREE call to register [866-402-6797](tel:866-402-6797)

4/26 CV-Alliance DEA Drug take back: 10:00-2:00 Rite aid in La Crescenta, LA Canada and CV Sheriff station

5/4 Wags & Whiskers and Kids 'N' Kritters 9:00-2:00 Montrose Shopping Park

5/4 Prom Plus Fundraiser Taste of Montrose 11:00-2:00 Montrose Shopping Park tickets are \$20.00

5/6 Crescenta Valley Community Prayer Breakfast La Crescenta Baptist 6:30 am

5/8 CVTC Land Use meeting 6:30 La Crescenta Library Community Room

5/10 Golden Future 50+ Senior Expo at the Rose Bowl, parking and admission is FREE Lot F

5/10 La Crescenta Off-ramp cleanup 8:30 – 9:15

5/15 CVTC General Meeting Scholarship presentations. 7:00 pm La Crescenta Library Community Room

9:08 pm: **Adjournment.**

Committee Reports from Council: (get from Robbyn)

Prayer Breakfast:

Tuesday May 6th La Crescenta Baptist, Guest Speaker Roger Kamstra Theme “ Speaking life into the next Generation”

Location La Crescenta Baptist Church Doors open at 6:30 am

Tickets 10:00 donation for adults, students FREE. 14 churches have been invited.

Streets and Roads:

Update on the proposed crosswalk improvements at Rosemont Avenue and Los Amigos. Our Design Division has made us aware that the proposed bulb-outs will cause a flooding issue at the intersection during storms. Therefore, they recommend the installation of catch basins to collect the water and keep the intersection from flooding. We believe that it is in the best interest of the public for us to add the catch basins to minimize the flooding potential at this intersection. Unfortunately, this additional work will delay the project from being completed by July since the scope of work has changed. We had previously planned to construct the bulb-out by our own forces, however, due to the additional work, we will most likely have to contract this project out. We will come up with a new estimate and schedule for the project and inform you once available.

We can still proceed with the installation of the rectangular rapid flashing beacons at the intersection and complete their installation by July. We believe that the installation of the beacons as well as the existing crossing guard service at this location will provide adequate pedestrian safety at the intersection until the bulb outs can be completed.

Arbor Day: May 31 at Two Strike Park followed by a tour of the Rosemont Preserve. In addition Edison will be giving away 15 gallon trees. Trees must be ordered online and are FREE the list and order form will be posted by 4/19 orders must be placed no later than 5/20. A list and order form will be posted on the CV Town Council website to place orders.

Youth: GUSD territory transfer Two Board members have already stated in a public meeting that they support

the transfer. GUSD states they have not made up their mind and are still looking for public input. Several Board members are concerned residents in Sagebrush are unaware of the tax increase. Residents in La Crescenta are concerned about the future programs at the school should the transfer occur. On Board member stated that there was an overwhelming support for the transfer from Sagebrush along with an overwhelming amount of support to keep their kids at Mountain Ave.. According to a presentation from LA County office Education most school districts do not match City borders. It is only a few that feel they should, San Marino, Beverly Hills and now La Canada. The petition has not been sent to the LACOE this is what the two districts are negotiating.